

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2020

**Registrations ESSENTIAL for ALL Masses — via Unanderra Parish Office:
unanderra@dow.org.au or 4271 1068**

Weekly Programme	Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA	St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG
Monday 10 August St Lawrence	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 11 August St Clare	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 12 August	Mass: 9.30am	*Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm * Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm.
Thursday 13 August	* Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm *Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm.	Mass: 7.45am
Friday 14 August St Maximilian Mary Kolbe	Mass: 7am # Mass: 7pm #Vigil Mass for the Assumption — registration essential — please email unanderra@dow.org.au	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday 15 August The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am
Sunday 16 August 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (also streamed online)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries

Clarice REID Ron GANDY
 Glennie JORDAN Joseph FENECH
 Clarence & Colleen SCHMITZER
 Please also pray for the sick and those unable to attend Mass



PARISH OFFICE HOURS

unanderra@dow.org.au / 4271 1068

Monday: 11am-3pm (Magda)
 Tuesday: Closed
 Wednesday: 9am-12noon (Sue)
 Thursday: 9am-12noon (Sue)
 Friday: 9am-12noon (Sue)

Message from Fr Duane

This Saturday (8 August) we celebrate the feast of St Mary MacKillop – the only Australian to be canonised, and patron saint of Australia (together with Our Lady Help of Christians). Taking the name “Mary of the Cross”, St Mary knew much struggle in her life, but faced every challenge with a deep trust in God, and a love of His will, even when it meant challenges for herself. She had a deep love for the poor and for children, and is famous for the saying “never see a need without doing something about it” – among much other spiritual wisdom. May her faith inspire us in challenging times, and her prayers guide us to an ever deeper love for the will of God in our lives, whatever it may bring our way – as she said, “the will of God is a dear book which I never tire of reading”.

Next Saturday (15 August) is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is usually a “Holy Day of Obligation”, where the whole Church is called together to celebrate our Blessed Mother, but this year given the unusual circumstances there is no obligation to attend Mass. However, since many would still wish to come to Mass for that Feast day, and since Immaculate Conception Church at Unanderra is the Diocesan Marian Shrine, I will celebrate a special Vigil Mass for the Assumption at Unanderra at 7pm on Friday 14 August. The Saturday morning Masses will be at the usual times, for the Assumption. (Pre-registration is essential for Assumption Masses — please email unanderra@dow.org.au).

This coming week we will have our first information sessions for parents wishing for their children to receive First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation this year. I wish to especially thank our Sacramental Team across the parishes of West Wollongong and Unanderra – Sister Kerry Gardiner, Rogee Pe-Pua, Patricia Staff, Renee Maguire and Lauren Hall – who have taken up the challenge of planning Sacramental preparation and celebrations for the remainder of 2020. We have had to change our initial plans, and some ongoing flexibility will be needed from all involved to ensure that we are complying with regulations, while making it possible for our children to celebrate their Sacraments this year. If anyone would like their child to receive these Sacraments this year, and has not received any information yet through the school, please contact me at duane.fernandez@dow.org.au or 0414 626 357 (preferably SMS).



Sunday 5pm Mass at West Wollongong continues to be live-streamed every week:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ICASTImmaculateConceptionStThereseParishes>

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest



CAN'T COME TO MASS BUT WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE COMMUNION OR ANOINTING OF THE SICK?

With Covid-19 still having a huge impact on so many still not being able to return to Sunday Mass, please contact the parish office or Sr Kerry if you would like to receive Communion in your home. Our present directives state that one must not be suffering from an illness for our Ministers of Communion to visit you. Any further enquiries, please contact Sr Kerry. If you do need a priest for the Anointing of the Sick, Fr Duane would be very happy for you to contact him.

Sr Kerry: Kerry.Gardiner@sosj.org.au / 0421 463 871

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REGISTRATION PROCESS - BOTH UNANDERRA & WEST WOLLONGONG

Registrations are ESSENTIAL for ALL Masses at both Unanderra and West Wollongong — ALL registrations must be via the Unanderra Parish Office: unanderra@dow.org.au or 4271 1068 (please only call during office hours, shown in pink box on front page of bulletin). Please include the name of all family members who will be attending, contact phone number, email address and the day/time/church of your preferred Mass(es), both weekday and weekend. For weekend Masses, please await a confirmation email from Fr Duane approximately 24 hours prior to the Mass time, before attending the church.

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

August	Church Washing	Helen Murphy
Sat 15 Aug	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, S Walsh
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 15 August
Sat 15 Aug 6pm Mass	A Kelly	(There are no lawnmowing duties this weekend)
Sun 16 Aug 8am Mass	M Walsh	

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

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A VOCATION VIEW

"Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid."

By keeping our eyes set on Jesus, we are able to do marvellous things. Trust that he will not allow you to stumble or fall. (*Matthew 14:23*)



If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez, at: vocations@dow.org.au

RAISING YOUR CHILD IN A DIGITAL WORLD

Edmund Rice College invites local families to discuss raising children in the digital world through an open webinar **6pm-7pm on Thursday 27 August 2020** with Dr Tania McMahon, a clinical psychologist and leading expert, hosted by the College Pastoral Care Team. In this free webinar Dr McMahon will present information to help support parents on:

- The biological basis of behavioural addictions
- Benefits of games
- How technology is addictive by design
- The latest research on screen time
- Warning signs of addictions
- The impact of technology on mental health
- How to have conversations about technology
- Strategies for managing screen time at home
- Encouraging positive and shared screen time

You'll find the webinar 'Zoom' link at:

<https://zoom.us/j/96509520276>

"Children spend approximately 50% of their waking hours online, with 20% of this time being at school."

PARISH WALKING GROUP

Last Thursday, 8 parishioners (6 ladies and 2 men) went for a lovely walk up the Mt Kembla Track.

It was a beautiful sunny day and everyone enjoyed the exercise and a chat while social distancing.

For those unable to join us last Thursday, we are planning another walk on **Thursday 27 August**.

Put the date in your calendar. Everyone is most welcome to join us. More details about the meeting place will be in the bulletin next week.



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2020 –

This week we have Fr Mike Delaney giving us the Gospel reflection for this Sunday, some brilliant music, and short talks from some of Australia's best Catholic presenters.



The Journey is available every Friday for free download at www.jcr.org.au

YOUTH MINISTRY ONLINE

The Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong (CYMW) has launched 'LIVE Online With CYMW'. Check it out at:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdC-Q7_-OVY

This is a great way for young people to build not only your faith but to build lasting friendships. To get in touch with the NET team and be part of this, simply follow the "CYMW" Facebook page or by Instagram at "wollongongnetteam".



VIRTUAL NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING

Saturday 15 August 2020

This free half-day gathering will look to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship four sessions with inputs from Australian Bishops and lay leaders to inspire and renew men in the Church for mission.

Participate individually but also in approx 30 locations around Australia — four in Diocese of Wollongong.

Simply register at www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

The Diocese will bring men together in four locations on Saturday 15 August from 9.30am-2.30pm:

Wollongong: Venue - Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour St

Host - Peter Crowe (0407 913 696)

Macarthur: Venue - Our Lady of Mt Carmel Varroville

Host - Eddie Ferry (0417 049 418)

Nowra: Venue - St Michael's Parish Nowra

Host - Nigel Porter (0430 365 383)

Sthn Highlands: Venue - St Anthony's Tahmoor

Host - James Glynn (0431 636 027)



SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2020 — 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

First Reading — Kings 19:9, 11-13 — *Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm — *Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.*

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. *R.*
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. *R.*
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. *R.*



Second Reading — Romans 9:1-5 — *I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.*

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

Gospel — Matthew 14:22-33 — *Command me to come to you over the water.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was



there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

BAPTISMS AND RECONCILIATION

The Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation are available again, by appointment with Fr Duane.

NB: There are no set times for either of these Sacraments at this point, and appointments for Reconciliation should be made away from Mass times, so as not to complicate the monitoring system for Masses. Please contact Fr Duane: duane.fernandez@dow.org.au or **0414 626 357**.