

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2020

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

| Weekly Programme                                        | Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA                                                                               | St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG                                                                                    |
|---------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday<br>24 August<br>St Bartholomew                   | Mass: 7am                                                                                                     |                                                                                                               |
| Tuesday<br>25 August                                    | Mass: 5.30pm                                                                                                  | Mass: 7.45am                                                                                                  |
| Wednesday<br>26 August                                  | Mass: 9.30am                                                                                                  | *Adoration: 4.30pm<br>Mass: 5.30pm<br>* Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm. |
| Thursday<br>27 August<br>St Monica                      | * Adoration: 4.30pm<br>Mass: 5.30pm<br>*Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm. | Mass: 7.45am                                                                                                  |
| Friday<br>28 August<br>St Augustine                     | Mass: 7am                                                                                                     | Mass: 9.30am                                                                                                  |
| Saturday<br>29 August<br>Passion of St John the Baptist | Rosary: 7.15am<br>Mass: 7.30am<br>Vigil Mass: 6pm                                                             | Mass: 9am                                                                                                     |
| Sunday<br>30 August<br>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time     | Mass: 8am<br>Mass: 10am ( <u>Polish</u> )                                                                     | Mass: 10am<br>Mass: 5pm (also streamed online)                                                                |

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Anniversaries

Umberto CORRADINI

Nancy BUGEJA

Joseph DAVIS



Thomas BROWN

Mary EVANS

Romo ZAMPA

Please also pray for the sick and those unable to attend Mass

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

[unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) / 4271 1068

Monday: 11am-3pm (Magda)

Tuesday: Closed

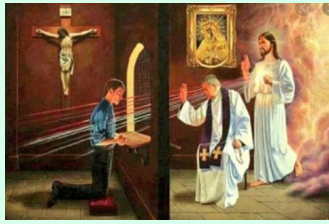
Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 9am-3pm (Magda)

Friday: 8am-1pm (Sue)

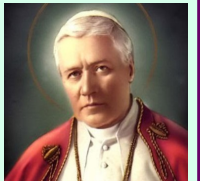
## Message from Fr Duane

You may be aware that according to the current Diocesan directives relating to minimising the risk of Coronavirus transmission, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is available only by appointment. I want to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to please not hesitate to ask for an appointment for this Sacrament. I have celebrated this Sacrament for many people during these past months, always safely socially distanced. I do love celebrating it (and receiving it for myself in my own time), as it is a wonderful opportunity to encounter our merciful God and receive the healing and peace that we all need more of in our lives. You can contact me by email or phone (preferably via text message), and if I don't reply promptly (as sometimes is the case) please don't hesitate to follow up with a reminder message.



### FEAST OF ST PIUS X — AND OUR WONDERFUL CATHOLIC SCHOOL!

On Friday 21 August the Church celebrates the feast of St Pius X. He was Pope from 1903 to 1914, and during his leadership he served the poor and refugees, even making a place for them in his own residence after a large earthquake; he renewed a sense of active participation in the Mass, encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion; and he lowered the age of First Holy Communion from about 12 to about 8, as it is today. When he made that decision he wrote: "The pages of the Gospel show clearly how special was that love for children which Christ showed while He was on earth. It was His delight to be in their midst ... He embraced them; and He blessed them. At the same time He was not pleased when they would be driven away by the disciples, whom He rebuked gravely with these words: 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for of such is the kingdom of God'."



I make special mention of this because of our wonderful connection with St Pius X Catholic School, Unanderra. It has been wonderful to work with the staff and students there during my time in this Parish so far, and under the leadership of Principal Pauline Chrostowski this year the connection between school and parish has continued to deepen. Let us pray God's blessings upon the staff and students, especially during this difficult year, and seek to continue to deepen the relationship between the Parish and its local Catholic school.

*Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest*



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

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



### 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.

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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](mailto: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 29 Aug             | Church Cleaning | G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams                       |
|                        | Lectors         | Lawns — Sat 29 August                            |
| Sat 29 Aug<br>6pm Mass | A Kelly         | (There are no lawnmowing<br>duties this weekend) |
| Sun 30 Aug<br>8am Mass | M Walsh         |                                                  |

### ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

**Fr Duane Fernandez**

**0414 626 357**

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## PARISH WALKING GROUP

The other week, 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 time, we are planning another walk on

**Thursday 27 August.**

We will meet at **9.30am**  
on the corner of

Cordeaux Road and Booreea Boulevard.

*Please bring water and a snack with you.*



## A VOCATION VIEW

“Who do you say that I am?”.

We confess with Peter that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God.

*(Matthew 16:13-20)*



If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director,

Fr Duane Fernandez, at:

**vocations@dow.org.au**

## AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

In response to the horrific explosion in Beirut, Aid to the Church in Need Australia is running a national emergency appeal to support the people of Lebanon.

To help the appeal, please visit

**[www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon](http://www.aidtochurch.org/lebanon)**

or call

**1800 101 201**

(Mon-Fri 8am-5pm AEST)



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## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2020 –

This week we have Fr Mark De Battista giving us a Gospel reflection for this Sunday; some brilliant music; and short talks from some of Australia's best Catholic presenters, including Darren McDowell with a great input on Leadership for Mission.



**The Journey is available from Friday every week for free download at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)**

## MENALIVE MEN'S MINISTRY

**CALLING ALL MEN...**

**to join in our menALIVE men's ministry!**



We meet once a fortnight (currently via a Zoom meeting) on a Monday night to catch up on what is happening in our lives, offering each other support and advice, along with some fun.

Hosted by the St Mary's Berkeley for ALL men!!

The next meeting will be **Monday 31 August at 7pm.**

*Interested?* Please email us at:

**[berkeleypastoralcouncil@dow.org.au](mailto:berkeleypastoralcouncil@dow.org.au)**

for an invitation with a link to the meeting.

For more info call Lawrie Burns on 0418 363 315.

## 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."***

## SUNDAY 23 AUGUST 2020 — 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

**First Reading** — Isaiah 22:19-23 — *I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.*

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

**Responsorial Psalm** — *Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. *R.*
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love,  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. *R.*
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. *R.*



**Second Reading** — Romans 11:33-36 — *From him, through him, and in him are all things.*

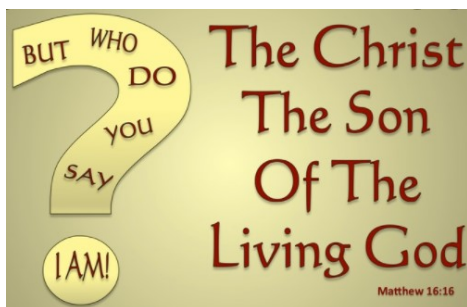
How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

**Gospel** — Matthew 16:13-20 — *You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.*

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



## 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](mailto:duane.fernandez@dow.org.au) or 0414 626 357.