

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 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 12 October	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 13 October	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 14 October	Mass: 9.30am	*Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm * Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm.
Thursday 15 October St Teresa of Jesus	* Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm *Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm.	Mass: 7.45am
Friday 16 October	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday 17 October St Ignatius of Antioch	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am
Sunday 18 October 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am ( <u>Polish</u> )	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (also streamed online)

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Anniversaries

Lawrence MOLONEY

Walter VAN DER LINDEN

Jan POWELL

Kevin KEARNEY

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-12noon (Sue)

## Message from Fr Duane

This week the Parish Finance Council has provided a message to all parishioners, which I encourage you to read in full, provided as a separate attachment to the bulletin. It outlines the big picture of the year so far in terms of Parish finances, and some upcoming changes to our collection practices at church, which have been decided by the Parish Finance Council in collaboration with Diocesan advice.

I want to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful Parish Finance Council members who have volunteered their time, energy and wisdom to so effectively navigate these difficult financial times on behalf of our Parish community.

I wish also to reiterate the gratitude expressed by the Parish Finance Council to you all in their message, for your generosity (financially and otherwise) throughout this difficult year.

Let us also keep seeking to help all in our communities and beyond who are struggling financially by our prayers and practical action, especially during this "Anti-Poverty week" (11-17 October).



**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.

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

**Fr Duane: Duane.Fernandez@dow.org.au / 0414 626 357**

#### 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

October	Church Washing	Barbara Farroway
Sat 17 Oct	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 17 Oct
Sat 17 Oct 6pm Mass	M Gillis	Winner Family, P Briscoe, M Walsh
Sun 18 Oct 8am Mass	A Kelly	

#### ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

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## CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL

Next weekend (17-18 Oct) our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission Church Appeal.



This year we are invited to partner with the Church in Cambodia, which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability and giving them hope and support to live a fulfilling life.

Chen was just 16 years old when he lost both his legs in a landmine accident. Knowing that his life would never be the same, he felt hopeless, until he and his family were approached by the Arrupe Centre. Led by Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez, the Arrupe Centre provides children like Chen with support and opportunities they may not access otherwise.



Next week you will be offered the opportunity to personally partner with the Church in Cambodia as a monthly giving partner, with all gifts specifically directed to support community and child-focused programs in Cambodia.

Please come prepared to give generously.

**You can donate at either**

**Freecall 1800 257 296**

**or online at**

**[catholicmission.org.au/cambodia](http://catholicmission.org.au/cambodia)**

## VOCATIONS

“The Lord of hosts will provide a feast of rich food.”  
Let us look only to the Lord for our salvation and peace, for the things of this world pass away.

*(Isaiah 25:6)*

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

Diocesan Vocations Director,  
Fr Duane Fernandez, at:  
**[vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)**



## MONTHLY PARISH WALK

Just a reminder that our next parish walk will be on **Thursday 29 October**, meeting at Aish's Seafood in Berkeley at **9.30am**. It's a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners during these Covid times! Please bring water and a snack.



## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2020 –

Make sure you don't miss the great music, stories and God spots on our weekly Podcast.

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



## FORMED

Would you like to nurture your faith at home, in your own time and at your own pace?

FORMED.org is a large Faith Formation Resource library website containing

thousands of faith formation documentaries, courses, movies, audio and books covering all aspects of our Catholic faith. Materials for both adults and children. Sign up for free using our Diocesan Subscription by contacting either **[darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au](mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au)** or **[helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au)**

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

**20–22 November 2020**

at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville

Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!



Book online at **[www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au)**  
Alternatively contact  
Christine & Terry Mahony  
on **0490 774 419** or email  
**[nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au)**

## PARISH RENEWAL

Reflecting on Pope Francis' Recent Instruction on Parish Life Online Sessions in Three Parts  
Held between 12 October - 13 November

**[www.dow.org.au/news-and-events](http://www.dow.org.au/news-and-events)** for more info.  
You're invited to join us over three sessions to reflect upon Pope Francis' instruction "The Pastoral Conversion of the Parish Community in the Service of the Evangelising Mission of the Church". Bishop Brian has strongly invited all the clergy, along with Parish Pastoral Councils and Parish Leadership Teams, to spend time reflecting upon and seeking ways in which this document can be put into action within our Diocese. For further information please contact Darren McDowell on **[darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au](mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au)**



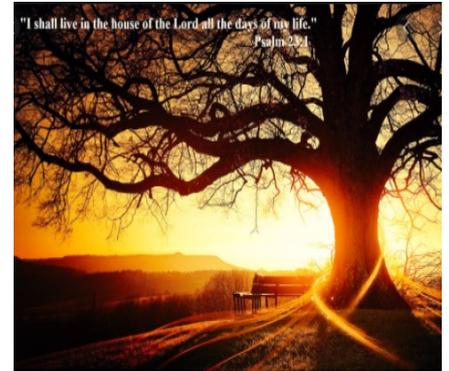
## SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER 2020 — 28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

**First Reading** — Isaiah 25:6-10 — *The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.*

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

**Responsorial Psalm** — *I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. R.
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. R.
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. R.
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. R.



**Second Reading** — Philippians 4:12-14,19-20— *I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

**Gospel** — Matthew 22:1-14 — *Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.*

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited,



but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected

together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

## 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.