

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 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 |
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| Monday 19 October | Mass: 7am | |
| Tuesday 20 October | Mass: 5.30pm | Mass: 7.45am |
| Wednesday 21 October | Mass: 9.30am | *Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm * Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm. |
| Thursday 22 October <i>Pope St John Paul II</i> | * Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm *Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm. | Mass: 7.45am |
| Friday 23 October | Mass: 7am | Mass: 9.30am |
| Saturday 24 October | Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Vigil Mass: 6pm | Mass: 9am |
| Sunday 25 October <i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<i>Polish</i>) | Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (<i>also streamed online</i>) |

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Krystyna VILJACIK
Geoffrey BARRETT

Anniversaries

Jane & John REFALO
Maisie DREDGE Helen MILWAY
Shirley STEELE Tommy McNALLY
Judith SALWAY Clara DREDGE
Bornea ZAMPA Gerard Palaganas NATE



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: Closed
Thursday: 9am-3pm (Magda)
Friday: 8am-12noon (Sue)

Message from Fr Duane

Month of All Souls: November is the month in which we will be especially remembering those who have died, starting with All Souls' Day on 2 November. As is the custom, we will prepare a "Book of Remembrance" for our deceased loved ones for whom Masses throughout November will be offered. To include any names of your own loved ones, this year we ask that you email the parish office at unanderra@dow.org.au or only if you do not have email, call the Parish Office during office hours (*please see front page of Bulletin for Parish Office hours*).

World Mission Day: Pope Francis in his letter to the Church for this Annual World Mission Day, reminds us of his frequently repeated theme: that every one of us is a missionary disciple in our own everyday lives: "Mission is a free and conscious response to God's call. Yet we discern this call only when we have a personal relationship of love with Jesus present in his Church. Let us ask ourselves: are we prepared to welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, to listen to the call to mission, whether in our life as married couples or as consecrated persons or those called to the ordained ministry, and in all the everyday events of life?". The Pope goes on to speak of the extra importance of a missionary spirit in light of the difficulties arising for the world and our own communities through Covid-19, and concludes that "The celebration of World Mission Day is also an occasion for reaffirming how prayer, reflection and the material help of your offerings are so many opportunities to participate actively in the mission of Jesus in his Church."

If you wish to contribute financially to the Mission Appeal this year, you can do so online as in the bulletin message, or envelopes are available at the side door of the church.

Ribbons on the Fence: Some parishioners would have noticed coloured ribbons tied to the fence of the church carpark. I understand that there was initially some confusion regarding the origin and meaning of these ribbons. During this past week I discovered that the ribbons came from faithful parishioners within our community who wished to participate in the "Loud Fence" movement. As Bishops and Cardinals have stated in recent times, this simple symbol is something which the Church can embrace. It is not a "protest" of any kind; it is rather a way of acknowledging the need to continue to pray for victims of abuse both within the church and beyond, and their loved ones – some of whom are part of our own Parish community. The ribbons can also show those who are not yet part of our community that we are aware of past mistakes within the church, and are humbly committed through prayer and practical action to ensure the safety and protection of all children in our churches now and into the future.

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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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

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| October | Church Washing | Barbara Farroway |
| Sat 24 Oct | Church Cleaning | F Fernandez, B Rice, S Walsh |
| | Lectors | Lawns — Sat 24 Oct |
| Sat 24 Oct 6pm Mass | A Kelly | (There are no lawnmowing duties this weekend) |
| Sun 25 Oct 8am Mass | C Walsh | |

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

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CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Still today, landmine accidents are prevalent in Cambodia, a cruel reminder of the country's troubled past, even for those who were not yet born during the tumultuous years of the Khmer Rouge regime and ensuing civil conflicts. Chen's story has affected not only his life, but that of his family. The Arrupe Centre, led by Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez, is providing many children and families that have been affected by disability with the support they need to lead fulfilling lives.

Today you have the opportunity to support the Arrupe Centre as it continues this essential work. You may choose to become a monthly partner, in which your gifts will fund community and child-focused programs run by the Church in Cambodia. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need in Cambodia and around the world.

You can donate at either

Freecall 1800 257 296

or online at

catholicmission.org.au/cambodia



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2020 –

On the Journey this week, Mgr Graham Schmitzer ponders politics and religion; Darren McDowell looks at what we accept, tolerate and reward in our families, parishes, workplaces and social communities; and Pat Keady says even in these difficult times, there's always something that we can give praise and thanks to God for.



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

DIVINE RENOVATION

Divine Renovation Australasia Launch Webinar
24 October 2020 - 9.30am-11am Sydney time (AEDT).

You are encouraged to register for this exciting event that will cast a vision



for what is possible for parish renewal in Australia and New Zealand with the launch the DR Australasia office – speakers include Fr James Mallon, Dan O'Rourke, Fiona O'Reilly and Kevin Bailey AM.

To register go to <https://www.tfaforms.com/4857335>

A VOCATION VIEW

“Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.”

Our lives ultimately belong to God; let His love shine through all that you do. (*Matthew 22:21*).

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



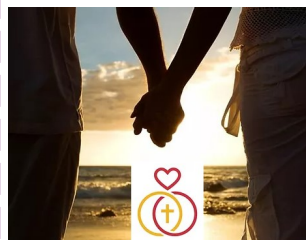
WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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
Alternatively contact Christine & Terry Mahony on **0490 774 419** or email nswbookings@wwme.org.au

CARMELITES MEETING

The Wollongong Carmelites invite you to attend their monthly meeting on the third Saturday of each month.

Our next meeting will be held on

Saturday 17 October in St Joseph's Room at the back of our Parish Church.

It will commence at **10.30am** and finish by lunchtime.

To register please contact mobile 0415 926 132.

Be prepared to wear a mask and follow Covid social restrictions.

At this month's meeting Fr Paul Gurr O. Carm. will be discussing the Carmelite Rule.

MONTHLY PARISH WALK

Our next parish walk will be on **Thursday 29 October**, meeting at Aish's Seafood Café carpark in Berkeley at **9.30am**. Please bring water and a snack.

Remember, we walk on flat ground, thus catering for all physical abilities.

It's a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners during these Covid times!



SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2020 — 29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

First Reading — Isaiah 45:1,4-6 — *I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.*

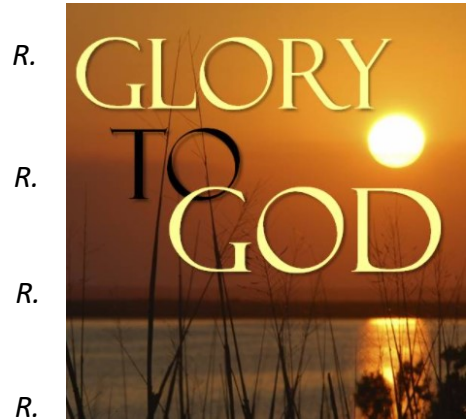
Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more:

‘It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.’

Responsorial Psalm — *Give the Lord glory and honour.*

1. O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples. R.
2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. R.
3. Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. R.
4. Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: ‘God is king.’
He will judge the peoples in fairness. R.



Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5 — *We are mindful of your faith, hope and love.*

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel — Matthew 22:15-21 — *Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.*

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, ‘Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the



way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, ‘You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.’ They handed him a denarius, and he said, ‘Whose head is this? Whose name?’ ‘Caesar's’ they replied. He then said to them, ‘Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to 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.