

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 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 9 November	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 10 November <i>St Leo the Great</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 11 November <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	Mass: 9.30am	*Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm <i>* Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm.</i>
Thursday 12 November <i>St Josaphat</i>	* Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm <i>*Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm.</i>	Mass: 7.45am
Friday 13 November	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday 14 November	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am
Sunday 15 November <i>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<u>Polish</u>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (<i>also streamed online</i>)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries

Colin McCABE

Mrs PARISI



Bertha VARLEY

William Henry VARLEY

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

It is a time of congratulations and celebrations! Congratulations to Kayla, Tiffany, Karene, Rob, Jade and Tom, on completing their Sacraments of Initiation last Sunday, at a special 11.30am Mass with their guests. It was a wonderful celebration for them and for the broader community; and even though most of our parishioners were unable to attend, it is a joy we can all share.

Congratulations to our young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation throughout the week — 90 young people were confirmed across the parishes of West Wollongong and Unanderra in 8 ceremonies throughout the week. A big thank you to the many generous volunteer parishioners and staff at St Therese and St Pius schools who made these celebrations possible. Thank you also to the families and sponsors, and to the candidates themselves for their “yes” to God.



Finally, congratulations to Sinh Le, who at our 5pm Mass this Sunday at St Therese (live streamed) will be instituted as an Acolyte by Bishop Brian Mascord. This is a significant step on the road to priesthood for Sinh, and it is a great privilege for us to share in this moment.

Let's give thanks for all of these milestones for all of these wonderful people of faith, and let's keep them all in our prayers.

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

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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

November	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez
Sat 14 Nov	Church Cleaning	P & A Browne, K Harrison
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 14 Nov
Sat 14 Nov 6pm Mass	M Gillis	J Lonard, S Carrigan,
Sun 15 Nov 8am Mass	A Browne	H Fernandez

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

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CALLING ALL BUSINESS PEOPLE AND FRIENDS

Catholic Business Connections (CBC) provides an opportunity for businesswomen and men in our diocese (active and retired) who share common values, to network and engage over lunch with each other and leaders representing the diocese. After a long break between luncheons, we are delighted to announce that our next luncheon will be held on **Thursday 19 November** at City Beach Function Room, 1 Marine Drive Wollongong (11.45am-2pm).

Bishop Brian invites you to attend what promises to be an enjoyable lunch at one of Wollongong's most picturesque venues.

Our guest speaker is Vince Sorrenti, one of Australia's most loved and leading comic entertainers. Vince's topic is "2020. Who knew?".

Tickets for non-members are \$132 (inc GST). To attend, please visit: dow.sh/CBCNov20

RSVP for the luncheon is Thursday 12 November. Covid-19 Safety Plans apply. For more information on CBC visit www.cbc.dow.org.au or contact Debbie Gates, Diocesan Director of Development & Community Engagement 4222 2446.



MONTHLY PARISH WALK

The next monthly parish walk will take place on **Thursday 19 November**, meeting at Aish's Seafood & Takeaway, Northcliffe Drive in Berkeley at **9.30am**. Please bring water and a snack on the day.



A VOCATION VIEW

Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour. (*Matthew 25:13*)



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

ADVENT PROGRAMME

Come and join our group this year to prepare for Christ's coming at Christmas. We'll aim to meet in St Joseph's room **each Thursday evening at 7.15pm** on 26 Nov & 3, 10, 17 Dec. St Joseph's room has a limit of 15 people, so if interested numbers exceed this we'll need to find another venue. Please contact Mark Walsh (call or text) to register on 0407 604 498 – or see me in person. **Registrations essential.**

ADVENT BOOKLET

This year's Advent booklet — 'Adore' — is now available in the church (located on the middle pew) for purchase for only \$3.



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

— AIRS SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2020 —

On the Journey this week, Fr Mark De Battista breaks open the Gospel podcast this week calling us to be ready; and the Pirolas talk about falling in love again and again in the context of marriage.



The Journey is available from Friday

every week for free download at www.jcr.org.au

HELP THE PEOPLE OF PHILIPPINES & VIETNAM

Typhoons and floods in Philippines and Vietnam - an update from Caritas Australia:

Caritas Australia, through its partners in South East Asia, is monitoring the effects of the recent typhoons and floods that have impacted the Philippines and Vietnam recently.

They are encouraging donations to the Asia Emergency Appeal <https://www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/asia-emergency-appeal>



By donating to the Asia Emergency Fund, you enable Caritas to respond rapidly to humanitarian emergencies wherever they occur in Asia. Funding can be quickly channelled to their field offices and partners who can put them into immediate use.

Prayers for our Filipino and Vietnamese friends, and their families and friends.

CALLED BY BAPTISM

Make a difference in the life of a child. For some children, this is the only time they will hear of the love Jesus has for them.



Become an Aide to a Scripture Teacher, especially in an Infants class - an extra pair of hands. Assist with work books, help the children to follow the lessons, complete activities, etc.

The Scripture teacher will value you like 'a pearl of great price'. Lessons take half an hour a week and fit in to the school's timetable. The requirements are a police check, working with children clearance and authorisation by the parish priest.

Without committing yourself but to express an interest, please contact **Sr Kerry** on **0421 463 871**

Our state schools are Unanderra, Figtree, Mt Kembla and Farmborough Road.

SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2020 — 32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

First Reading — Wisdom 6:12-16 — *Wisdom is found by those who look for it.*

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm — *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. R.
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. R.
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. R.
4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. R.



Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 — *Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.*

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Gospel — Matthew 25:1-13 — *Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.*

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be



enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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.