

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 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
<b>Monday</b> 16 November <i>St Margaret &amp; St Gertrude</i>	Mass: 7am	
<b>Tuesday</b> 17 November <i>St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
<b>Wednesday</b> 18 November	Mass: 9.30am	*Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm <i>* Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm.</i>
<b>Thursday</b> 19 November	* Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm <i>*Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm.</i>	Mass: 7.45am
<b>Friday</b> 20 November	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9.30am
<b>Saturday</b> 21 November <i>The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am
<b>Sunday</b> 22 November <i>Christ The King</i>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am ( <i>Polish</i> )	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm ( <i>also streamed online</i> )

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Anniversaries

Edna MARMONT  
 Frank CORDINA



Mary CARUANA  
 Ronald ZANPA

*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

As you would know, we recently welcomed six adults into full Communion with the Catholic Church.

We already have new inquirers wanting to get to know more about the Catholic faith, and possibly move towards receiving the Sacraments.

Before I get them together to form the next group for RCIA (the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), I am opening it up to any new inquirers in our community. This is a perfect opportunity to ask yourself: who in my life may be interested in getting to know more about the Catholic faith, in a relaxed, friendly, non-judgmental environment?



Please pray about this, and then personally invite anyone who comes to your mind: they may say “no” at first, but it may get them thinking about joining the next group. After all, our faith is our most precious gift of all, and it is a gift worth sharing!

If anyone is interested, they can contact either parish office or contact me directly at [duane.fernandez@dow.org.au](mailto:duane.fernandez@dow.org.au)

**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](mailto: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](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

November	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez
Sat 21 Nov	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 21 Nov
Sat 21 Nov 6pm Mass	A Kelly	(There are no lawnmowing duties this weekend)
Sun 22 Nov 8am Mass	C Walsh	

### ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

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## CHURCH MINISTRIES ROSTERS - 2021

As this year has been quite unusual, many of the ministries have had to stop for the time being. Thank you to all those who have been able to continue in their ministries - your commitment is greatly appreciated. It is now time to look at our rosters for next year.



***Are you able to give some of your time to assist with any of the following four ministries?***

**LECTORS/READERS** – If you attend either 6pm Vigil Mass on Saturday or 8am Mass on Sunday and would like to read at Mass, you would be most welcome to be on the Lector roster.

**CHURCH CLEANING** – At present our volunteers clean the church on Saturday morning at around 8am. It takes approximately one hour and there are currently five groups. There is, however, an URGENT need for more volunteers as some of our amazing cleaners have moved or are no longer able to continue in this ministry. Please give serious consideration to assisting.

**LAWNS** – A band of volunteers gathers on a Saturday Morning to keep our grounds looking neat and tidy.

**CHURCH WASHING** – This requires the washing of finger towels, purifiers, etc for only one calendar month at a time.

*New volunteers will be shown the ropes for all ministries.* If you are able to continue in your ministry or would like to be a new volunteer for one of the four ministries listed above, could you please email Sue & Magda in the Parish Office [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) naming the ministry, your name, phone number and email.

## MONTHLY PARISH WALK

Our monthly parish takes place **THIS WEEK** on **Thursday 19 November** - we will meet at 9.30am at Aish's Seafood at Berkeley.

*Please bring water and a snack with you.*



## REACHING BEYOND 2020

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment.



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Ring Roger on 0431 995 058  
Email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.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.**

## THE JOURNEY

### CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

– AIRS SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2020 –

On the Journey this week, Fr Mark De Battista applies Jesus' parable about the master dividing his treasure among his servants to our times; Darren McDowell has five tips to make our parishes more welcoming; and Mother Hilda observes that our face radiates when we pray. Plus great music!



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

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL GIVING TREE

The Christmas Giving Tree has been placed in the church and has tags for children's toys and Christmas food. The gifts received from this tree are used to distribute approximately 40 hampers and toys for about 60 children to those in need in our parish.



Gifts are required to be placed under the Giving Tree by **Sunday 20 December** as hampers and toys will be distributed on Tuesday 22 December.

The generosity you provide the Unanderra St Vinnies conference is greatly appreciated and makes a huge difference to needy families at Christmas.

Christmas cards and calendars are also available for purchase — cards \$6 a pack and calendars \$10 each.

***Thank you for your support!***

## REFLECTION/RETREAT DAY

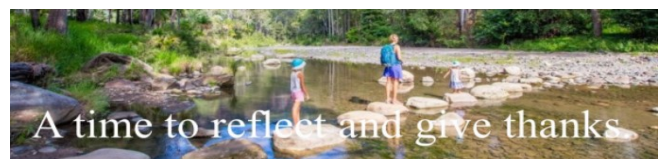
You are invited to participate in a reflection/retreat day to be held in the parish on **Tuesday 8 December**.

It will be a day for you to have your own time, space and reflection on life's journey.

The day will commence at **9am** and conclude at 3pm. It will be lead by Sr Geraldine Kearney, who is a Good Samaritan Sister. Sr Geraldine will lead us in reflection, prayer and ritual.

***Due to restricted numbers we can only cater for 14 participants on this day.***

More details will follow but if you would like to take this opportunity, please contact Sr Kerry on 0421 463 871 (text or call). If you require more information please do not hesitate to direct any questions to Sr Kerry.



## ADVENT BOOKLET

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



## SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2020 — 33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

**First Reading** — Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31 — *Give her a share in what she has worked for.*

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls.

Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit.

Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life.

She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands.

She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle.

She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy.

Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise.

Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.



**Responsorial Psalm** — *Happy are those who fear the Lord.*



1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. R.
2. Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. R.
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life! R.

**Second Reading** — 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 — *The day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night.*

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

**Gospel** — Matthew 25:14-30 — *Because you have been faithful over a few things, enter into the joy of the Lord.*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth".'

### 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.