

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE — SUNDAY 22 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 23 November	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 24 November <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 25 November	Mass: 9.30am	*Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm *Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm.
Thursday 26 November	* Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm *Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm.	Mass: 7.45am
Friday 27 November	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday 28 November	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am
Sunday 29 November <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<i>Polish</i>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (<i>also streamed online</i>)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Sr Clare DONEGAN osc



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

Anniversaries

John RICHARDS
Winifred STAUNTON
Annie CLARKE
Henry DUXBURY

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

unanderra@dow.org.au / 4271 1068

Monday: 11am-3pm (Magda)
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: Closed (*this week only*)
Friday: 8am-12noon (Sue)

Message from Fr Duane

The Parish Pastoral Councils of Immaculate Conception and St Therese Parishes have met in recent weeks and discussed the best Christmas Mass program across both parishes given present Covid restrictions. The Mass timetable will be made public next week (First Sunday of Advent) together with an online registration process which will be set up for Christmas Masses only. For anyone who finds it difficult to register online there will also be registration forms available after Masses during Advent that can be filled out, or registration via phone call at the Parish Offices.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank these wonderful Pastoral Council members for their generous sharing of their time, energy, and wisdom, thoroughly considering all options and arriving at a consensus across both parishes for these difficult times. Once the times and places for the Christmas Masses are public next weekend, I will explain in more detail the reasons for deciding upon those particular times and places.

This weekend we welcome back our seminarian Sinh Le for his Advent placement in West Wollongong and Unanderra. We look forward to Sinh once again sharing his many gifts with us, and I encourage you all to seek opportunities to get to know Sinh better during this time. Let's continue to keep him, and his family, 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

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

November	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez
Sat 28 Nov	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, S Walsh
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 28 Nov
Sat 28 Nov 6pm Mass	V Cleary	Winner Family,
Sun 29 Nov 8am Mass	M Walsh	P Briscoe, M 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 naming the ministry, your name, phone number and email.

CARMELITE PRAYER MEETING



A Carmelite Prayer meeting will be held on Saturday **21 November 2020 at 10.30am** in St Joseph's Room. Parishioners who may be interested can get further information by contacting mobile 0415 926 132.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION



For 800 years, the Holy Land Franciscans have served in the land made holy by the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus. Pope Francis has asked our parishes to support the collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Holy Land Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the Holy Land Collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Holy Land Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. To make a donation please visit dow.sh/HolyLand2020 or call the Diocesan Community Relations Officer on 4222 2446.

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 22 NOVEMBER 2020 –

On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista reflects on drafting sheep and goats for the messianic banquet; Mother Hilda says use one word for deeper connection to God; and in Smart Loving tips on how to resolve disputes respectfully. Plus great music!

The Journey is available from Friday every week for free download at ww.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.



A time to reflect and give thanks

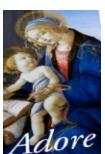


CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS

The last trading day for Cathedral Books & Gifts is **Monday 30 November 2020**. It will not re-open until the end of February 2021 due to renovations. A wide range of gifts for Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, including missals, books, rosaries, statues, plaques, medals, etc are available. Please phone **Wendy** on **0457 023 556** to make an appointment.

ADVENT BOOKLET

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



SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2020 — CHRIST THE KING (YEAR A)

First Reading — Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 — *You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm — *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.

R.

2. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.

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 — 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 — *He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! Alleluia!

Gospel — Matthew 25:31-46 — *He will take his seat on the throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me."

'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me."

'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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.