

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (YEAR B) – SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 2021

**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 11 January	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 12 January	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 13 January	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 14 January	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Friday 15 January	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Saturday 16 January	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 17 January	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<u>Polish</u>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (also streamed online)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Maurice Connell

Anniversaries

Ernie Kurtz, Tomo Marusic
William Butler, Sergio Corradini,
Margaret Comensoli

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: 8:30am-1:30pm (Melissa)
Thursday: 9am-3pm (Magda)
Friday: 8:30am-1:30pm (Melissa)

Message from Fr Duane

I wish to thank everyone for their co-operation in complying with the new mask-wearing regulations (mandatory except for children under 12; possibly \$200 fine). Note there will be masks available at the church (either at the door or in the sacristy) for those who forget their masks. Note also, I will not be wearing my mask except at Communion time for a number of reasons – namely to help people understand me when I speak, and because the masks affect my eczema on my face (both legitimate exemptions in the legislation). Note also that there may be other parishioners who have legitimate exemptions in the law so it is not for us to “judge” if we notice a parishioner not wearing a mask. Let’s continue to work and pray for each other’s safety and peace of mind during these times.

On a more exciting note, this year, if all goes to plan, we will have 3 young men from our parishes serving in Youth Mission Team (YMT) around Australia – where they will give themselves for a year to join a team of young adult volunteers, helping connect high school aged youth with God. Aaron Walsh (Unanderra) will be serving for a third year, and Anthony Sirotich and Michael Roncato (West Wollongong) will be serving for their first year. This is a wonderful commitment from these young men, and we will have an opportunity to learn more and support them during this next two weeks. Above all let’s keep them and the work of YMT in our prayers.

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

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

	Church Washing	Jackie Allen
Sat 16 Jan	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 16 Jan
Sat 16 Jan 6pm Mass	M Gillis	B Mannix, W Brown, F Caruana, R Murphy,
Sun 17 Jan 8am Mass	A Kelly	J Lonard

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

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VINNIES—THANK YOU

St Vincent de Paul Unanderra Conference would like to thank all the parishioners who generously supported the Giving Tree and the Christmas Appeal.

27 hampers were distributed and toys given to 40 children, supporting families in need in our parish.

The Christmas Appeal raised \$883.80 and all money raised will be used to help the needy in the parish. Your support is greatly appreciated and the Conference supports you in prayer.



PARISH WALKING GROUP

Prior to Christmas, 12 members of our walking group joined together for an enjoyable walk around the lake from the sailing club to the yacht club. After the walk we all had a delicious seafood lunch by the lake watching the pelicans.



Our next walk will be on **Friday 5 February** so mark that date in your calendar.

CHURCH ROSTERS

Thank you to all those generous people who have volunteered their time to assist in the various Church Ministries. Your help is appreciated. We are still in urgent need of more church cleaners and lawn mowers to lighten the load for those who have already volunteered. If you are able to give a little of your time, it would be appreciated.



Please email Melissa or Magda at unanderra@dow.org.au

SUMMER NIGHTS 21

Summer Nights 21 happening at Varroville in January 2021 - for 16-35 year olds.

There are two options (retreat running twice during the week):

Monday 11 - Wednesday 13 January (3pm to 9pm)

Thursday 14 - Saturday 16 January (3pm to 9pm)

COVID safe dinner is provided each day

The retreat will feature excellent quality talks and teaching, night sessions with praise and worship, drama, preaching, testimonies, and prayer. Mass and adoration is available each day.

A VOCATION VIEW

January 10, 2021 Baptism of the Lord

Delight in God's call to you in baptism. What grace do you need to strengthen your commitment? Remember, God has set you as a covenant to the people.

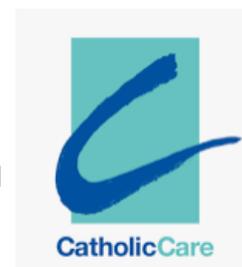
(Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7)



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

WE'RE ALWAYS HERE, IF YOU EVER NEED...

These are challenging times for everyone and CatholicCare are here to support you and your family to navigate the uncertainty. We offer confidential online and phone counselling to support you with the frustration of managing family emotions, relationship pressures and employment changes. To find out more about CatholicCare's counselling service call us on 42549395 or email intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au



ADORATION

CYMW is holding Holy Hour **every Wednesday evenings from 6:30PM to 7:30PM** for an hour of Adoration at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. There will be time for silence and reflection before the Lord and is a great time to quiet our hearts to listen to Him more closely. We hope to see to you there!



USED STAMPS FOR PERU

Please remember to place all of your used stamps (leaving a 1cm / ½" border) in the box near the side door of the church.

All used stamps donated are sent to Sydney to raise money for the work of the Sisters of St Joseph in Peru.

SUNDAY 10 JANUARY 2021 — THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD (YEAR B)

First Reading — Isaiah 55:1-11

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

See, I have made of you a witness to the peoples, a leader and a master of the nations.

See, you will summon a nation you never knew, those unknown will come hurrying to you for the sake of the Lord your God, of the holy One of Israel who will glorify you.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving;

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Yes, as the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.

Responsorial Psalm — You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

1. Truly, God is my salvation, I trust, I shall not fear. For the Lord is my strength, my song,
He became my saviour. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation R.
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples! Declare the greatness of his name. R.
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord for he has done glorious deeds; Make them known to all the earth!
People of Zion, sing and shout for joy, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel R.

Second Reading — St John 5:1-9

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been gotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth – so that there are three witnesses, the Spirit, the water and the blood, and all three of them agree. We accept the testimony of human witnesses, but God's testimony is much greater, and this is God's testimony, given as evidence for his Son.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel — Mark 1:7-11

In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit'.

It was this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.'

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held on the 2nd Sunday of every month at West Wollongong (12noon) and the 4th Sunday of every month at Unanderra (12noon). Please email westwoollongong@dow.org.au or unanderra@dow.org.au to ask for a Baptism Enquiry Form to be sent to you.