

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) – SUNDAY 24 JANUARY

**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 25 January <i>The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 26 January	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 27 January	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 28 January <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Friday 29 January	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Saturday 30 January	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 31 January <i>St John Bosco</i>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<u>Polish</u>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (also streamed online)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Archbishop Phillip Edward Wilson

Anniversaries

John Griffiths, Joyce Monaghan

Bh Cosmas Shi Enxiang,

Socorro Tupaz Crebillo, Sandrino Boncompagni

Esther Schembri, Doreen Blattman

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

As mentioned last week, at the request of the Diocesan Catholic Development Fund, both Unanderra and West Wollongong parishes have installed Donation Tap Point Devices in our churches. These devices are being rolled out across almost all churches in our diocese, and the Council of Priests agreed that a uniform \$10 standard amount per “tap” was best across all parishes. Note, all of the other means of contributing financially remain available. There is more information in the attachment from the Parish Finance Council, and if you have any other questions please don’t hesitate to contact me. I wish to take this opportunity to thank our Parish Finance Council – Henry Fernandez, Alan Davis, Gloria Simmonite, Sally Alessi, Mick Winner and Helen James – for their dedication and shared wisdom in guiding financial decisions for our Parish during these difficult times.

One of the many other important roles behind the scenes in our church is the “Sacristan” role, including maintenance of altar vessels and stocks and supplies for Masses. I wish to take this opportunity to thank **George Attard** for agreeing to officially become the Sacristan for Immaculate Conception Church - though he has already been working regularly behind the scenes in this role. I also thank Neil Dwyer for his work in this regard in recent times and for his ongoing assistance to George.

Finally, please note our Parish Masses for Australia Day will be our usual Tuesday times of 7:45am St Therese and 5:30pm Immaculate Conception. It will be a fitting time to give thanks to God for all the blessings of living in Australia – among them the way we have come together as a nation in mutual co-operation to protect the lives of the most vulnerable among us during the pandemic.

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

Sunday 5pm Mass at West Wollongong continues to be live-streamed every week:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ICASTImmaculateConceptionStThereseParishes>

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 30 Jan	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 30 Jan
Sat 30 Jan 6pm Mass	M Rodwell	H Fernandez and Milan Family
Sun 31 Jan 8am Mass	M Walsh	

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

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LENTEN GROUP



You are invited to join a Lenten Group which will be held in St Joseph's Room commencing on **Thursday, 18th Feb** and running for the following five weeks. We will

begin at 7:30pm and conclude no later than 9:00 pm. It is suggested you purchase a Lenten Book once they become available for sale in the Church. If you are interested please contact Sr Kerry for your name to be added to the list.

BRING YOUNG PEOPLE THE JOY OF KNOWING JESUS IN 2021 - BE A CATECHIST.

In the Diocese of Wollongong, wonderful volunteers in all Parishes help bring meaning and joy to the lives of young people through the teaching of SRE in state schools. You get great training, resources and support, so come and be part of our training in February in Wollongong or Campbelltown, or even online! Contact peter.gilmore@dow.org.au for more information and join the ranks of our 500 amazing Catechists who attend over 140 school in our Diocese.

Please pray for a smooth start for this ministry in 2021, for our Catechists, students and their families.

VOCATION NEWS

This year, the Diocese of Wollongong officially welcomes Joseph V. Nguyen as a new student, who will join James Arblaster and Sinh Le at the Seminary. Please pray for all three of these young men as they continue their journey towards serving our diocese as priests. Please also keep in your prayers a number of others who are discerning their Vocation at this time.



WALKING GROUP

The first outing for the walking group this year will be on **FRIDAY 5th February at 9.30am**. We will meet on the corner of Cordeaux Road and Boorea Bvd for a walk up to Mt Kembla at a relaxed pace.

Everyone is most welcome to join us for a leisurely walk and a chat. Remember to bring your water and a snack. Hope you can join us.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME - AIRS SUNDAY 24 JANUARY 2021 -

On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista explains the Greek word for repent, "metanoiein" or its Hebrew equivalent "shûbh", is reorienting one's whole attitude toward Yhwh and the coming kingdom. Mother Hilda's story of God using our mistakes to create within us a new unique design of who we are. In Smart Loving, mercy in marriage creates growth in the relationship, and Torrien Lau says it's great to experience God's Prison.



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.



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!



SUNDAY 24 JANUARY 2021 — SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

First Reading — Jonah 3:1-5,10

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm — Teach me your ways O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. R.
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. R.
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path. He teaches his way to the poor. R.

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Kingdom of God is near: Believe the Good News! Alleluia!

Gospel — Mark 1: 14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

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 westwollongong@dow.org.au or unanderra@dow.org.au to ask for a Baptism Enquiry Form to be sent to you.