

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) – SUNDAY 31 JANUARY

**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
Monday 1 February	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 2 February The Presentation of the Lord	Mass: 5.30pm Mass: 11am ( <i>Polish</i> )	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 3 February	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 4 February	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Friday 5 February St Agatha	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Saturday 6 February St Paul Miki and companions	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 7 February	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am ( <i>Polish</i> )	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm ( <i>also streamed online</i> )

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Elias Gregoriou

#### Anniversaries

Ronalo Zampa, Brian Brooks

Sergio Corradini

*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*

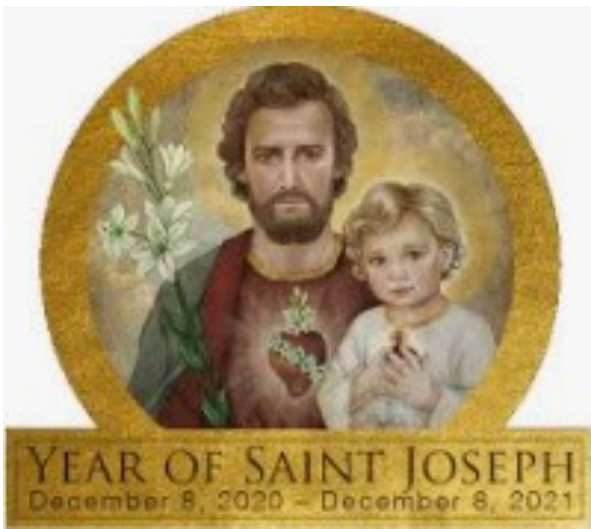
Wednesday: 8:30am-1:30pm (*Melissa*)

Thursday: 9am-3pm (*Magda*)

Friday: 8:30am-1:30pm (*Melissa*)

# Message from Fr Duane

## YEAR OF ST JOSEPH



On December 8th, Pope Francis launched the “Year of St Joseph”. The Apostolic Letter “Patris Corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”) outlines the Pope’s devotion to this great saint. He writes that his desire to share his reflections increased during the months of the pandemic, when “we experienced, amid the crisis, how our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people, people often overlooked. People who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, or on the latest television show, yet in these very days are surely shaping the decisive events of our history. Doctors, nurses, storekeepers and supermarket workers, cleaning personnel, caregivers, transport workers, men and women working to provide essential services and public safety, volunteers, priests, men and women religious, and so very many others. They understood that no one is saved alone... How many people

daily exercise patience and offer hope, taking care to spread not panic, but shared responsibility. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday ways, how to accept and deal with a crisis by adjusting their routines, looking ahead and encouraging the practice of prayer. How many are praying, making sacrifices and interceding for the good of all. Each of us can discover in Joseph – the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence – an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble.”

**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](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

	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway
Sat 6 Feb	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, R Tassone
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 6 Feb
Sat 6 Feb 6pm Mass	D Ferrer	No lawn mowing
Sun 6 Feb 8am Mass	A Browne	

### 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.

Thought of being a Catechist? Join a very dedicated group of parishioners and become a Catechist. Teaching days either Tuesday or Thursday. Sr Kerry would love to hear from you.



## VOCATION NEWS

God chooses ordinary people to speak his message. Can you perceive the voice of God in those around you? If you hear God's voice, harden not your heart. (Deuteronomy 18:15-20) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)



## SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL CARE TRAINING

Interested in growing your capacity to be fully present to others? An Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course is being offered in Campbelltown and would be suitable for kind-hearted people wanting to learn more about providing holistic spiritual and pastoral care to patients in hospital, residents in aged care facilities or people in the parish.

This 40-hour course will commence on **Monday 22 February 2021** and comprise of 5 face to face (or 6 online?) consecutive sessions each Monday. Applications are now invited. For more information and an application form, please contact Carmen Karauda at [ckarauda@gmail.com](mailto:ckarauda@gmail.com) or phone: 0419 430 676

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME - AIRS SUNDAY 31 JANUARY 2021 -

On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista explains the difference between the Rabbinic and Jesus' way of teaching the people. Mother Hilda's has a powerful story of sacrifice and encouragement. Sam



Clear discovers it's important to also forgive ourselves, and Trish McCarthy says to lead a balanced life we need to reflect God's nature with both masculine & feminine traits. The Journey is available as a podcast at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)

## 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](mailto: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 31 JANUARY 2021 — FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

### First Reading — Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: 'The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.

### Responsorial Psalm — If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. R.
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us:  
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. R.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work. R.

### Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. Alleluia!

### Gospel — Mark 1:21-28

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

## 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](mailto:westwoollongong@dow.org.au) or [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) to ask for a Baptism Enquiry Form to be sent to you.