

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) – SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 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 15 February	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 16 February	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 17 February <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Mass: 7am Mass: 9.30am Mass: 11am (Polish)	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 18 February	Mass: 11am (Polish) Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Friday 19 February	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Saturday 20 February	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 21 February	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (also streamed online)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Anniversaries

Michael Comensoli, Vern Mannix, Tomasiello Aldo, Andrew Gilfoyle,
 Norma McCorvey, Helen Warbutton, Fr Hugh Dowdell

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

This week we begin the sacred season of Lent. Patterned after the 40 day fast of Jesus in the desert, it is a penitential season during which we are reminded of our own sinfulness and need of God's mercy. This is not a negative thing but rather a way of deepening our awareness of our own personal need for salvation, that we may celebrate the saving death and resurrection of Jesus with a deeper joy and gratitude for his infinite mercy!

This penitential season involves commitments to concrete acts of prayer, fasting, and charitable works. The Australian Bishops Conference has decreed that "abstinence from meat, and fasting [usually meaning one full meal and two small meals], are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday." Note – abstinence from meat is asked of those 14 years and older; fasting is asked of those from 18 to 59 years old, if physically able.

As for other Fridays of Lent – the Australian Bishops Conference states that, as with all Fridays of the year: "The law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- (a) prayer – as for example, mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the stations of the cross; praying the rosary; or in other ways;
- (b) self-denial – e.g. not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country and elsewhere; or in other ways;
- (c) helping others – e.g. special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened, or in other ways."

Let's ask God to lead us into a fruitful Lenten season!

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES

The Vatican has asked us to celebrate Ash Wednesday a little differently from normal to maximise safety during the pandemic. The priest or minister will say the penitential words ("Repent and believe in the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return") only once over the whole congregation; and the imposition of ashes will be by sprinkling a small amount of ash over the head (which has always been a liturgical option) rather than the customary imposition of a cross.

The Ash Wednesday Timetable across the two Parishes are as follows:

Immaculate Conception Unanderra: 7am (Fr Jerzy) and 9:30am (Fr Duane)

St Therese West Wollongong: 5:30pm (Fr Duane – preceded by Confessions and Adoration from 4:30pm)

Note: It will be helpful to monitors and admin staff if you are able to email unanderra@dow.org.au to register your attendance at one of the Ash Wednesday Masses, if you are not already registered at the usual 9:30am or 5:30pm Wednesday Mass.

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	Barbara Farroway
Sat 20 Feb	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 20 Feb
Sat 20 Feb 6pm Mass	M Gillis	No Lawn mowing
Sun 21 Feb 8am Mass	A Kelly	

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

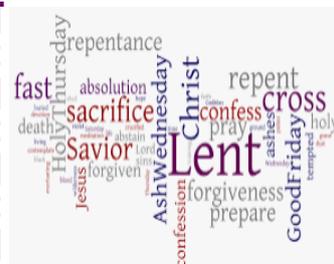
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LENTEN GROUP



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 from the church resource table. If you are interested please contact Sr Kerry for your name to be added to the list.

WALKING GROUP

Last Friday 9 walkers gathered on a lovely sunny day for a leisurely walk to Mt Kembla. It was an enjoyable morning with lots of friendly conversation.

Our next walk will be on **Thursday 4th March at 9.30am**. Meeting place will be at Gilba Rd, Dapto. More details will follow closer to the date. Everyone is welcome to come and join us. Put the date in your diary.

SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB

Wollongong Spirituality in the Pub invites you to a conversation on **Tuesday, 23rd February** at the Woonona Bulli RSL Club, from 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm. The guest speaker is Capt. Robyn Black, Corps Officer of the Tarrawanna Salvos. She will speak on The Beginnings and Mission of the Salvation Army. All welcome. Enquiries : Ann 0427 235 955 or wollsip@gmail.com.

VOCATION NEWS

God has done great things for you. Spread the good news. Consider a church vocation. (Mark 1:40-45) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at 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. For more information and an application form, please contact Carmen Karauda at ckarauda@gmail.com or phone: 0419 430 676

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY 2021 –

The Journey This Week – We get ready to kick off the Lenten Season and hear about the importance of daily appreciation for a happy life. The Journey available as a podcast at jcr.org.au



COMFORT LENTEN PROGRAMME

The 2021 Lenten Program Booklet "Comfort" is available for purchase on the church resource table **\$5 per copy**. Comfort is a 76-page full colour book containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading.



YOUNG ADULTS LENTEN GROUP

YOUNG ADULTS AGED 18-35 who wish to join a Lenten Group, Wednesdays 7:30pm starting Ash Wednesday, please contact Bridget Haywood at bhaywood22@gmail.com or Fr Duane at duane.fernandez@dow.org.au for more information

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Planned giving envelopes will be available in the church next weekend.

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 14 FEBRUARY 2021 — SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

First Reading — Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons. The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart: he must live outside the camp.

Responsorial Psalm — I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.
O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. R.
2. But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide.
I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin. R.
3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. R.

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel — Mark 1:40-45

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to 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.