

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B) – SUNDAY 14 MARCH 2021

Mass registrations are helpful for our monitors. Register via Unanderra Parish Office:
unanderra@dow.org.au or 4271 1068

Weekly Programme	Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA	St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG
Monday 15 March	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 16 March	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 17 March <i>St Patrick</i>	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 18 March	Mass: 11am (Polish) Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Friday 19 March <i>St Joseph</i>	Mass: 7am Stations of the Cross: 7pm	Mass: 9:30am Stations of the Cross: 5pm
Saturday 20 March	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 21 March	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (also streamed online)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Shirley Gill,
Bernard Kocur

Anniversaries

Nancy Plenderleith, Ryan Teasdale
Mary Elizabeth Varley, Kevin Swift
Rose Wyle, Sr Rita Zampa

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

While it may seem too soon to start thinking about Easter, since Covid restrictions still mean limited capacity we must start planning and registering as soon as possible for Holy Week and Easter services. The Pastoral Councils of Unanderra and West Wollongong have decided to use the "Trybooking" website, as we did at Christmas 2020. Note: the usual registration process will not apply and the Trybooking website will be the only method of booking for all Palm Sunday Masses and all Holy Week and Easter services at both parishes. Once again, for anyone who is not able to book online via the Trybooking site you can either call or email the Parish Offices, or fill out a hard copy of registration forms which will be available at both churches from this weekend, and we will book for you via the Trybooking site.

You can book directly with the link below from **Monday 15th March** onwards:

Palm Sunday: <https://www.trybooking.com/BPRCS>

Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter: <https://www.trybooking.com/BPRGC>

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION EASTER MASS TIMES

Holy Thursday , 1 April, 7pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, 2 April 10am Stations of the Cross
3pm: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Easter Saturday, 3 April 7pm: Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday, 4 April, 8am Mass

Polish Masses:

Holy Thursday , 1 April, 12pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, 2 April 12pm Ceremony of the Cross
Easter Saturday, 3 April 10am: Blessing of the food (in the church car park)
Easter Sunday, 4 April, 10am: Mass

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REGISTRATION PROCESS - BOTH UNANDERRA & WEST WOLLONGONG

At the moment, with the "2 square metre rule" we are not near capacity at any of our Sunday Masses. Registrations are still helpful for our monitors and admin staff. If pre-registering, please contact Unanderra parish office at unanderra@dow.org.au or 4271 1068, and include the names of all who will be attending Mass with you, contact phone numbers, and email addresses. If you don't pre-register you can still give your name to the monitor at the door.

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez
Sat 20 Mar	Church Cleaning	J Allen, J Haywood, L Salway
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 20 Mar
Sat 20 Mar 6pm Mass	M Gillis	No Lawn mowing
Sun 21 Mar 8am Mass	A Kelly	

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:



please contact

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YEAR AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY, 19 MARCH 2021 – 26 JUNE 2022

On March 19, Pope Francis will launch the Year “Amoris Laetitia Family”, which will conclude on 26 June 2022, on the occasion of the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father. Families are encouraged to break open the resources and stories at <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia.html>

Pope Francis has decided to institute throughout the Church the celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will be held beginning this year on **Sunday July 25th**, near the liturgical memory of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus.



CALLING ALL BUSINESS PEOPLE

Catholic Business Connections (CBC) is an opportunity for business women and men in our diocese (active and retired) who share common values, to network and engage with each other and leaders representing the diocese. CBC gathers four times a year for lunch and to listen to guest speakers chosen to inspire with their unique story and share how they relate their work and spiritual life experience to the context of living in a modern world. The first luncheon for 2021 will be held on **Thursday 25 March at Rydges Hotel, Campbelltown (11.45am - 2pm)**.

Guest Speaker Rosemary Kariuki Australian of the Year 2021 - Local Hero.

For more information contact Debbie Gates, Diocesan Director of Development and Community Engagement (02) 4222 2446.

VOCATION NEWS

God loves the world so much and blesses us with the gift of his son, Jesus. How do you receive and share this gift of love? (John 3: 14-21) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au



FORMED

Would you like to nurture your faith at home, in your own time and at your own pace? FORMED.org is a large Faith Formation Resource library website containing thousands of faith formation documentaries, courses, movies, audio and books covering all aspects of our Catholic faith. Materials for both adults and children. Sign-up for Free using our Diocesan Subscription by contacting darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au or helen.bennett@dow.org.au

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

The Journey this week: Monsignor Graham Schmitzer, Mother Hilda, Sr Susanna Edmunds, offer great Lenten reflections and Michelle Vaas makes her debut on the Journey with a great god spot. The Journey available as a podcast at jcr.org.au



FAITH CIRCLES—FREE SMALL GROUP RESOURCE:

During this period of Pandemic isolation, you are encouraged to spend time in prayer and spiritual reading and faith Circles is one way that you can do this. The weekly Faith Circles resource is available for free to download. It is easy to use and could easily be done in your household or even by skype / phone with others at this time, with its questions and prayer points. It is available to download at www.faithcircles.dow.org.au or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.



EASTER MINISTRIES

Any person who would like to minister during our Holy Week and/or Easter ceremonies would you kindly contact Sr Kerry or the parish office indicating the ministry you would like to assist with and what day/days you are available. We need to cover all areas of the liturgy so your willingness would be greatly appreciated. Please leave a contact email address or phone number. Any enquiries please contact Sr Kerry.

ST JOSEPH RETREAT

Come to a night of Adoration, Reflection and Reconciliation on the feast of St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong
Friday 19th March 2021



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 MARCH 2021 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)

First Reading — 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

Responsorial Psalm — Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion;
on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. R.
2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy.
'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' R.
3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil?
If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! R.
4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not,
if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! . R.

Second Reading — Ephesians 2:4-10

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel — John 3:14-21

The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.

No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced:

that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'