

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B) – SUNDAY 21 MARCH 2021

Mass registrations are helpful for our monitors. Register 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 22 March	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 23 March	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 24 March	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 25 March <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i>	Mass: 11am (Polish) Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Friday 26 March	Mass: 7am Stations of the Cross: 7pm	Mass: 9:30am Stations of the Cross: 5pm
Saturday 27 March	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 28 March <i>Palm Sunday</i>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (also streamed online)

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Shirley Gill, Bernard Kocur,  
Catherine Reynolds

#### Anniversaries

Bill Crowe, Tom and Lorna Dwyer  
Michele Hall, Wally Serelak,  
Mother Angelica, Fr Patrick Landers  
Mary Galvin

Please also pray for the sick and those unable to attend Mass

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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

On Friday 19th March the Feast of St Joseph's Day is celebrated around the world. This is always a special feast day but this year being the "Year of St Joseph", this takes on special significance. I encourage all of you to take this opportunity to begin reading Pope Francis's letter, "Patris Corde" (With a Father's Heart) inaugurating the Year of St Joseph for the universal Church. I also thank Sister Kerry – a Sister of St Joseph – for providing us with fortnightly reflections on St Joseph this year in our bulletins.

Registrations have now begun for Palm Sunday Masses at <https://www.trybooking.com/BPRCS> and Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Ceremonies at <https://www.trybooking.com/BPRGC>. Please be sure to book your spot as soon as possible as the 2 square metre rule will become relevant with the likely increase in attendance for those Masses and ceremonies. Registrations will be overseen at Unanderra parish office, so contact [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) or **42711068** if you need assistance with booking.

For Palm Sunday Masses next week, you are welcome to bring a palm or other branch to Mass, to be blessed at Mass as we commemorate Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem at the beginning of the first Holy Week. Palms will also be provided at both churches for those who wish to receive one.

There will also be extra opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we enter into Holy Week, accompanied by Eucharistic Adoration, as follows (all registrations at the door including QR code option)

**Immaculate Conception Unanderra: Saturday 27th March 7pm - 8pm**

**St Therese West Wollongong: Sunday 28th March 6:30pm - 7:30pm**

**Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest**

## REFLECTIONS FROM SR KERRY ON THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Today let us pray for all those men and women who during this pandemic are serving in the shadows like Joseph to protect, care, heal and support the vulnerable.

Throughout Jesus' life he was constantly aware of the nurturing, protective and loving presence of Abba, Father. Joseph became for Jesus this earthly presence and so is often spoken of as 'Father in the Shadows.' Today he becomes a wonderful inspiration for all those men and women who generously 'take on the responsibility for the life of another' as if they were the parents.

### 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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### ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

	<b>Church Washing</b>	Fiona Fernandez
<b>Sat 27 Mar</b>	<b>Church Cleaning</b>	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams
	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Lawns — Sat 27 Mar</b>
<b>Sat 27 Mar 6pm Mass</b>	L Milan	M and J Winner, M Walsh, S Carrigan
<b>Sun 28 Mar 8am Mass</b>	S Walsh	

### ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

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

On March 19, Pope Francis launched 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

To be God's servant, we must follow Jesus. Do you desire to see where Jesus lives? Serve the poor and marginalized. (John 12: 20-33) 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)



## SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Happy 80th birthday to Mrs Pat Cundy, one of the founding members of our parish! God bless you!

## 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](mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au)

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 21 MARCH 2021 –

On the Journey this week: the wheat harvest gospel; Monsignor Graham Schmitzer on Jesus setting the ground rules for gaining or losing life's rich harvest. Mother Hilda tells her personal dying grain moment to gain a new dimension of herself. Plus, Michelle Vass, Darren McDowell, and Sr Kate Atkins. The Journey available as a podcast at [jcr.org.au](http://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](http://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.

## WALKING GROUP

On Thursday 4 March, 6 members of our walking group gathered for our walk around the lake. The weather was lovely and everyone enjoyed the walking track so much that it was decided to do it again next time. The next walk will be on **Friday, 7 May** so mark it in your diary. More details closer to the date. We hope you can join us.



## 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 21 MARCH 2021 — FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)

### First Reading — Jeremiah 31:31-34

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel (and the House of Judah), but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

### Responsorial Psalm — Create a clean heart in me, O God

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. R.
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. R.
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me,  
that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. R.

### Second Reading — Hebrews 5:7-9

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

### Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel — John 12:20-30

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.  
I tell you, most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies,  
it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.  
Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.  
If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too.  
If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him.  
Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say:  
Father, save me from this hour?  
But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour.  
Father, glorify your name!’

A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world;  
now the prince of this world is to be overthrown.  
And when I am lifted up from the earth,  
I shall draw all men to myself.’  
By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.