

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY — 11 APRIL 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 12 April	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 13 April	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 14 April	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 15 April	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Friday 16 April	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Saturday 17 April	Rosary: 7.10am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 18 April	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am ( <i>Polish</i> )	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm ( <i>also streamed online</i> )

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Kathy Campbell  
 Richard Kingsman

#### Anniversaries

Ronald Ball, Brian Cummins  
 Fr Peter Coyte, Mary Grecko  
 Fr Leo Stevens, Bill Nissen, Mary Clifford  
 Elizabeth Greening

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

This Sunday, the Second Sunday of Easter, is also designated “Divine Mercy Sunday”, inspired by the mystic Saint Faustina, and promoted by Pope Saint John Paul II. The emphasis on the Mercy of God has indeed been a focus of all of our recent popes, including of course Pope Francis. I encourage us all to take this opportunity to read the homily of Pope Saint John Paul II at the canonization of St Faustina, April 30, 2000, which beautifully explains and inaugurates this feast.

A huge thank you to everyone who gave so generously of their time, energy and gifts to make our Holy Week and Easter ceremonies as meaningful and uplifting as they were. It was a wonderful team effort across both parishes, especially given the added complications of Covid restrictions. It was another powerful reminder of the goodness present in our parish community – and there are a number of exciting opportunities to continue building up and renewing our parishes. See what you can get involved in below!

### Join in the FUN and GAMES at our Family Fun Day Picnic!

**Who:** EVERYONE – singles, couples, families, young and old, from Unanderra and West Wollongong parish / school communities or beyond, and their friends!

**When:** Saturday April 17th from 12 noon

**What to Bring:** Bring your own picnic lunch, chair or picnic rug and any play equipment!

**Where:** Byarong Park (321 Mount Keira Rd, Mount Keira NSW 2500)

(Toilet facilities available)

Note: In the event of wet weather this event will be postponed and a notification will be shared via the Immaculate Conception and St Therese Facebook Pages.

### NEW YOUNG ADULTS GROUP!

Are you a young adult keen for community? Hungry to learn and grow your faith? Eager to serve others? Join STIC (St Therese/ Immaculate Conception) young adults!

We will be launching with a scripture study into the Bible as a whole, called “Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible”, Thursdays (from 15th April) 7pm St Therese School Hall Anyone aged 18 - 35yrs welcome! For more info or to register see:

FB group: STIC Young Adults

Text: **Bridget 0481 842 530**

Come and see!

### PARISH PENTECOST GATHERING

Save the date, **Saturday 29th May at 10am**, at St Pius school hall. A chance to meet the Parish Pastoral Council, hear their plans, discern your own gifts and consider ways you may like to get more involved in parish life! More details to come.

*Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest*

### ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

	Church Washing	Helen Murphy
Sat 17 Apr	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, R Tassone
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 17 Apr
Sat 17 Apr 6pm Mass	M Gillis	No Lawn mowing
Sun 18 Apr 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.



Married couples who have a passion for the beauty of Church teaching on marriage and family are urged to consider participating in marriage enrichment later in the year. You may even be keen to join with a team to help promote and deliver some of this online formation around the Diocese. If so please contact [jude.hennessy@dow.org.au](mailto:jude.hennessy@dow.org.au)



## PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

It is time to return your Project Compassion boxes. Would you please leave them in the basket at either of the church doors.

## VOCATION NEWS

Thomas believed because he saw Jesus. We are blest when we have not seen and believe. What does it take for you to believe in Jesus' call to you? (John 20:19-31) 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)



## CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS WOLLONGONG

Please be advised the Cathedral Books and Gifts Wollongong will be re-opening soon with renovations almost finished.

## 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) or [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au)

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 11 APRIL 2021 –

This week's show is all about the Joy of the resurrection, featuring a Gospel reflection from Fr Mark De Battista, and great inputs from Mother Hilda Scott and Pete Gilmore as well as wonderful Easter Music. Go to [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.



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## THANK YOU FROM SR KERRY

Thank you to all who contributed in any way to make our Easter ceremonies such a joy filled celebration. As always thank you for your willingness and generosity. With prayer and gratitude Sr Kerry



## 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!



## 11 APRIL 2021 — SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (YEAR B)

### First Reading — Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

### Responsorial Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' R.
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die. R.
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. R.

### Second Reading — 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God;

and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments;

and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith.

Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God:

Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood;

with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

### Gospel — John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them.

'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!'

Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.