

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B) – 25 APRIL 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 26 April <i>St Mark the Evangelist</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 27 April	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 28 April <i>St Peter Chanel</i>	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 29 April <i>St Catherine of Sienna</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Friday 30 April <i>St Pius V, Pope</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Saturday 1 May <i>St Joseph the worker</i>	Rosary: 7.10am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 2 May	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<u>Polish</u>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (<i>also streamed online</i>)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Richard Kingsman
Adelina Madrid

Anniversaries

Beverley Holding, Allan Parish,
Iris Parish, Ronald Stubbs
Jane Roche, Ron Bishop, Colin Heapy
Carmen Vella

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

unanderra@dow.org.au / 4271 1068

Monday: 8:30am-3pm (*Magda*)

Tuesday: *Closed*

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

Thursday: 8:30am-3pm (*Magda*)

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

Message from Fr Duane

This Sunday is often called “Good Shepherd Sunday”, and is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. As Vocations Director for the Diocese I have shared a message for this day with all parishes. It is a privilege for me currently to be able to walk with a number of people discerning God’s call in their lives, and I am especially happy to do so for those in my own Parish, so please don’t hesitate to contact me to start this conversation. Also see the Pope’s message, which is a beautiful reflection on vocations based upon St Joseph’s response to God’s call (online search: Pope Francis Message for World Day of Vocations 2021).

This Sunday is also ANZAC Day: an opportunity to remember with gratitude the sacrifice of the ANZACs and all who have “laid down their lives for their friends” (Jn 15:13) in service of our country. We commend them to the risen Lord, and pray that his gift of peace will become a reality in those parts of our world still torn apart by war and unrest.

This coming week I thank Fr Jerzy for celebrating the weekday Masses at St Therese Church, as I will be taking some time for family and rest. Note – there will be no confessions this Wednesday at St Therese. I will be back 9am Mass Saturday 1st May – the feast of St Joseph the Worker, especially important for the universal church during this Year of St Joseph.

Finally, a huge thank you to all who organized the Family Fun Day for our two parishes last Saturday, and all who attended. We had around 100 people which was a great turnout for a first time, and there was a wonderful atmosphere throughout the day. Stay tuned for details of the next one – and for other opportunities to keep building community!

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

MENALIVE MEN’S WEEKEND

Rediscover God’s Presence and Purpose for your Life

12-13 June 2021, St Patrick’s Church Catholic Church (Hall) 42 O’Donnell Street, Port Kembla

The menALIVE Men’s Weekend is an opportunity for all men from 18 years of age to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic, and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. Experienced leaders from menALIVE Team will be running the weekend.

Register via brochure or online www.dow.org.au/events

Enquiries: Helen Bennett (Diocesan Contact) 4222 2403;

Anthony Rewak (Parish Contact) 0488 233 078 or

Ian Boorman (menALIVE Contact) 0427 006 021

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

	Church Washing	Jackie Allen
Sat 1 May	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 1 May
Sat 1 May 6pm Mass	D Ferrer	H Fernandez, Milan Family
Sun 1 May 8am Mass	A Browne	

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

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WALKING GROUP

Everyone is welcome to join us for our next walk on **Friday 7th May at 9.30am**. The walk will be from Gilba Rd, Koonawarra to Tallawarra - a very picturesque walk suitable for all ages and abilities. Come along and bring your water and a snack.

Directions:

Turn left off M1 at Kanahooka Rd and follow the road to Lakeside Drive. Turn right into Lakeside Drive and continue along to Gilba Road. Turn left and drive to the end of the road which will be the meeting place.

We hope you can join us. For more information contact **Barbara 0419 989 608 or Josephine 0425 236 214**



VOCATION NEWS

The Fourth Sunday of Easter (25 April 2021) is called "**Good Shepherd Sunday**" because the Gospel at Mass always draws on the image of Jesus as our Good Shepherd. It is also the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Fr Duane Fernandez, the Diocesan Vocations Director, together with Bishop Brian Mascord and the Vocations Team, have been accompanying a number of young people as they discern their vocations. If anyone would like help in discerning their vocation, including connecting with others who are also discerning, please contact **Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au**. In the words of Pope Francis, may St Joseph "help everyone, especially young people who are discerning, to make God's dreams for them come true. May he inspire in them the courage to say "yes" to the Lord who always surprises and never disappoints."



NATIONAL VOLUNTEERS DAY

Last Tuesday we celebrated National Volunteers Day. Pause for a moment and ponder. We have many volunteers who assist us in our Parish community. A big Thank You to each and every one of you for giving so quietly and generously to make our parish alive and active. Committees. Liturgy. Music. Cleaning. Teaching. Maintenance and lawn mowing. Church washing. Monitors. S V de P.....to name just a few. Thank you to each of you. You do make a big difference. (Sr Kerry)



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 25 APRIL 2021 -

On the Journey this week: The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his flock; our ANZAC memorial tribute. Fr Duane Fernandez says we are all called to be shepherds, Mother Hilda on a father's search at Gallipoli, and Bishop Brian shares two personal experiences to honour the ANZACs in two wars. The Journey available as a podcast at jcr.org.au



LOSS OF A CHILD

An invitation is extended to all parents who have buried a child, whether it be a miscarriage, stillbirth, medical issues, suicide, accident etc.

On **Friday 28 May**, we plan to commence at 2:00 pm with a short liturgy/ prayer followed by afternoon tea. This will be held in the St Joseph's room. Mum's and dad's are invited if this cross has been yours in life.

To assist with planning and catering it would be very much appreciated if you would **contact Sr Kerry on 0421 463 871 or Kerry.Gardiner@sosj.org.au** to inform her of your intention.

CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS WOLLONGONG

Please be advised the Cathedral Books and Gifts Wollongong has now re-opened. Operating hours: **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am - 2pm**

Entry via 38 Harbour Street



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 7pm St Therese School Hall. Anyone aged 18 - 35yrs welcome! For more info or to register see:

FBgroup: STIC Young Adults

Text: Bridget 0481 842 530

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!



25 APRIL 2021 — FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

First Reading — Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Responsorial Psalm — The stone rejected by the builders has become the corner stone.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in men;
it is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes. R.
2. I will thank you for you have answered and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. R.
3. Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
You are my God, I thank you. My God, I praise you.
Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; for his love has no end. R.

Second Reading — 1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia! I am the good shepherd says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

Gospel — John 10:11-18

Jesus said:

'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him,

abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming,

and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me,

just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well.

They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd.

'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.

No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will,

and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again;

and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'