

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B) – 9 MAY 2021

Parish Vision—We are a diverse community united by our love for Jesus and for one another, constantly seeking to grow in this love especially through the Eucharist. We welcome everyone and help each other to discover their unique gifts, joyfully working together as one to bring the overflowing love of Jesus to all people.

Weekly Programme	Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA	St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG
Monday 10 May	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 11 May	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 12 May <i>Sts Nereus and Achilleus</i>	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 13 May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Friday 14 May <i>St Matthias, apostle</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Saturday 15 May	Rosary: 7.10am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 16 May	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<u>Polish</u>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (also streamed online)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Mark Brian Langlands
 Sante Michielin, Bill Parnell
 Keith Cole, Pam Sellick

Anniversaries

Jill Bingham, Ronald Monaghan
 Luka Jukic, Victor Brown

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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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

Immaculate Conception Parish Pentecost Gathering

The Pentecost Gathering is shaping up to be an exciting opportunity of renewal and growth for our parish, with the PPC sharing the vision and goals for the coming year, and facilitating an opportunity for every parishioner to get to know your own unique, God-given gifts. This in turn can help you discern ways you may wish to get more involved in Parish life now or in the future. You'll also have a chance to share feedback for future planning, and even to get involved in the work of the Pastoral Council itself – while getting to know your fellow parishioners better. Don't miss it!

Mother's Day – and May as the Month of Mary

This Sunday we have the opportunity to give thanks for the gift of mothers and mother figures in our community. I give thanks for my own wonderful mother and also the many mother figures in my life. We pray for our mothers, wherever they may be – including those who have gone before us to God. And we also pray for those for whom Mother's Day may bring some sadness for whatever reason. For us as Christians this is also a most special day to remember Mary, the mother we all share as brothers and sisters in Christ. Indeed, the whole month of May is traditionally the month when we Catholics give special honour to Mary, as our perfect heavenly mother given to us by Jesus, and to deepen our relationship with her.

4 New Catholics Joining Our Parish Communities

It is with great joy and excitement that I announce to you that 4 adults will be entering into full Communion with the Catholic Church on Pentecost Sunday, at the 10am Mass at St Therese West Wollongong. Jillian and Shannon will be baptised, and together with Melanie and Hannah (baptised Anglican) all will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. While this will be a wonderful community celebration, it will also be more crowded than usual, so if anyone prefers a less crowded Mass during these times, you may wish to attend a different Mass that weekend. More details to follow. Let's keep this wonderful group in our prayers during this sacred time of their lives.

Covid Matters

Masks must be worn, and singing is not allowed, until Monday 10th May at this stage.

As a separate matter – we are planning to introduce the Service NSW QR code as an option for signing in at Mass. However the Diocese has asked all Parishes to do annual Mass counts during the month of May. For this purpose our current method of signing in at the door is ideal. We will look to introduce the QR codes in June.

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
Sun 16 May	Counting	A Kelly, B Faraway
Sat 15 May	Church Cleaning	W and J Rodgers, J Andersson
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 15 May
Sat 15 May 6pm Mass	M Gillis	No lawnmowing this week
Sun 16 May 8am	A Kelly	

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:
please contact



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ADULT EDUCATION EVENINGS

Come along & enjoy watching a video each week for 10 weeks, presented by Bishop Robert Barron on aspects of Catholicism, starting **Thursday 27 May at 7pm sharp in the St Joseph's room**; the aim will be to finish by 9pm.

At the beginning of each evening a light meal will be provided followed by a video to watch & ending with discussion on the video.

The first night's topic will be 'The Revelation of God Become Man'. Themes for other evening's include: Mary, Jesus' teachings, Eucharist & Liturgy, Saints, Prayer & the Last Things. **Registration is essential.** Please contact **Mark 0407 6044 98 or Josephine 0425 236 214.**

VOCATION NEWS

It was God who chose us to go forth and bear fruit that will last. Let your heart rejoice in God's call to you. What is the fruit of your life? (John 15:9-17) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au



POSITION VACANT

**Senior Executive Assistant to the Bishop
– Catholic Diocese of Wollongong**

Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Senior Executive Assistant to the Bishop in the Diocese of Wollongong.

For more information and a detailed role description, please go to <http://dow.sh/execbishop> or for enquiries contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au

ST JOSEPH PILGRIMAGE MOTOR BIKE RIDE

Join with Catholic motor bike riders who will be undertaking a pilgrimage ride visiting 7 churches and riding 800km over three days in honour of St Joseph, including 2 Churches in our Diocese of Wollongong. The ride will commence from **Oatley Parish on Friday 11 June** at 10am and conclude at **Camperdown on the 13 June** at 6pm, with overnight stays in Moss Vale and Orange. You may simply wish to join the riders for prayer at our St Joseph's Churches on 11 June, with prayer at Bulli for an hour starting at 1.30pm and Kangaroo Valley at 3.45pm. If you would like to join the ride, contact **Jim on 0432 487 927 or Branko 0411 281 299**

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 9 MAY 2021 –

On the Journey this week: The Gospel reflection with Fr Leo Duck, Mother Hilda says we can emulate Abraham's response and trust in God's message, plus there's five marriage tips, overcoming the fear of being loved and planting a personal spiritual garden. 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 evening 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!



9 MAY 2021 — SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

First Reading — Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm — The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. R.
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. R.
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy. R.

Second Reading — 1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son

so that we could have life through him;

this is the love I mean: not our love for God,

but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel — John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love.

If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love,

just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.

I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends, if you do what I command you.

I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business;

I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last;

and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.

What I command you is to love one another.'