

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (YEAR B) – 6 JUNE 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 7 June	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 8 June	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 9 June	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 10 June	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Friday 11 June <i>The Most Sacred Heart Of Jesus</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Saturday 12 June <i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Rosary: 7.10am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 13 June	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<i>Polish</i>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (<i>also streamed online</i>)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Paul Downing, Michelle Villanueva,
 Margarita Domingo,
 Ruby Wilson

Anniversaries

Katrina Meehan, Brielle Falzon,
 Mary Dredge, Fr Doug Smith
 Brenda Gear

Please also pray for the **sick** and those unable to attend Mass
 Fr Chris Riley

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)

Messages from Fr Duane

PARISH RENEWAL – DISCOVERING OUR UNIQUE GIFTS

A big thank you to the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) for preparing and leading the Parish Pentecost Gathering last Saturday. The PPC spent many hours preparing for that day in recent weeks alone, but ultimately it was the culmination of planning sessions taking place throughout this past year. It was a great start, and on behalf of the PPC I wish to thank every parishioner who attended – your presence justified all the effort of the PPC.

I know that other parishioners would have liked to attend, and many would have been unable. For this reason, and because the PPC is convinced, as I am, that every single parishioner is uniquely gifted by God and has an irreplaceable part to play in renewal and growth for our parish, the PPC and I will be sharing aspects of the day with you all during the coming weeks, starting with a very useful resource for you to take away which will help you discover your own unique, God-given gifts – something that will not only help you to discern how you may serve in the Parish, but will also help you to get to know yourself better.

Note – these are just the first steps towards renewal for our parish, and we will soon be providing opportunities for feedback from all of you to the future planning of the PPC. Let's pray, during this Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ, that we will indeed become one Body, one Spirit in Christ, "working together joyfully as one to bring the overflowing love of Christ to all people" (from the Parish Vision).

RACHEL WALSH - DARWIN MISSION TRIP

Rachel Walsh, one of our very faithful parish monitors at both West Wollongong and Unanderra, is soon to undertake a mission trip to Darwin. Rachel will travel with a group of about 10 people from around NSW, who will be working with the MGL sisters and the Aboriginal Community in Darwin, including running school retreats and youth camps, prison ministry, hospital ministry, and more. Being a not-for-profit initiative this needs to be self-funded. If anyone would like to support Rachel financially please contact her on **mobile 0434 133 546 or email walshr712@gmail.com**. Please also keep her in your prayers.

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	Barbara Farraway
Sun 13 June	Counting	A Kelly, B Farraway
Sat 12 June	Church Cleaning	Volunteers needed
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 12 June
Sat 12 June 6pm Mass	V Cleary	B Mannix, W Brown, F Caruana,
Sun 13 June 8am Mass	C Walsh	R Murphy, J Lonard

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:
please contact



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ADULT EDUCATION EVENINGS

Come along & enjoy watching a video each **Thursday evening for 10 weeks**, presented by Bishop Robert Barron on aspects of Catholicism, starting 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. **Registration is essential.**

This week's topic: That Than Which Nothing Greater can be Thought

For further information contact Mark on 0407 604 498 or Josephine on 0425 236 214.

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION (CPE) FOUNDATIONAL UNIT

Are you interested in growing in knowledge, understanding, and developing skills that will enable you to offer effective pastoral and spiritual care? The CPE Foundational Unit will be conducted on two consecutive days per month from **13th July 2021 to 30th March 2022**. Please contact Carmen Karauda at ckarauda@gmail.com or phone: 0419 430 676 for more information and/or application form.

Applications are now open. Please apply early. **Applications close 25th June 2021.**

VOCATION NEWS



By sharing the body and blood of Christ we are sealing our covenant with God. We are given the gift of life and asked to share it with others. Give thanks for this sustaining gift. (Mark 14:12-16, 22-26). If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the

Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

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, W'gong.

THE CHOSEN - A TV SERIES ABOUT JESUS

The Chosen is a new 'free to view', television program that creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers. The shows are of the highest quality and is receiving acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen> to watch



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME - AIRS SUNDAY 6 JUNE 2021 -

Great to have Fr Mike Delaney from Tasmania breaking open the scriptures for the Feast of Corpus Christi, with amazing inputs from Mother Hilda and Francine Pirola this week, and of course great contemporary worship music too. Listen at jcr.org.au



WALKING GROUP

Last Thursday 6 walkers set off for our walk to Tallawarra. The weather was cloudy but dry. As we walked back to our cars, it began to sprinkle. However we managed to complete the lovely walk before the rain came down. It was a great morning together.

Our next walk will be on Friday 2 July. It will be up to Mt Kembla with the opportunity to have morning tea at the Cordeaux Cafe after the walk. More details closer to the date.



SILVER CIRCLE

Unanderra CWL are holding a Silver Circle. There are 45 tickets to be sold and the Silver Circle is run over 10 weeks.

Prizes for Weeks: 1 - 9 are \$20 and \$10

Prize for Week 10 is \$100 and \$50

Winning numbers are the supplementary numbers of Monday night's lotto. **Tickets are \$20 and will be available before mass on Sat 5 June and Sun 6 June**

SAVE OUR GRAVES ONLINE PETITION

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has recently launched a **Save Our Graves online petition** to put pressure on the NSW Government to reverse its decision to exclude faith and charitable groups from the management of cemeteries in NSW that operate on Crown land.

The government's decision is a serious attack on religious freedom and raises significant questions as to the appropriateness of handing over the management of cemeteries to a bureaucracy that has no experience in providing comfort to grieving families or the management of burial grounds. An online petition page has been established at www.saveourgraves.com.au and you are encouraged to sign this petition and circulate it to family and friends in NSW.

BUS TRIP

The Wollongong Lay Carmelite Group is organising a Bus Trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy at Penrose Park-Sutton Forest on **Saturday 19 June 2021**.

An invitation is extended to parishioners who wish to take part in this free pilgrimage tour which departs at 8.30am from the Unanderra Catholic Church and returns by 4.30pm on the same day. Please contact **Vera on 0415 926 132**.

6 JUNE 2021 — THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (YEAR B)

First Reading — Exodus 24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. This he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

Responsorial Psalm — I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

1. How can I repay the Lord for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise; I will call on the Lord's name. R.
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. R.
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make; I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people. R.

Second Reading — Hebrews 9:11-15

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than the one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel — Matthew 14: 12-16, 22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held on the 2nd Sunday of every month at West Wollongong (12noon) and the 4th Sunday of every month at Unanderra (12noon). Please email westwollongong@dow.org.au or unanderra@dow.org.au to ask for a Baptism Enquiry Form to be sent to you.