

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) – 24 OCT 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
Mon 25 October	Mass: 7am	
Tues 26 October	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wed 27 October	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thurs 28 October <i>Sts Simon and Jude</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 29 October	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 30 October	Rosary: 7.10am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sun 31 October	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am ( <i>Polish</i> )	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm Mass: 7pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Vita Barbagallo, Margaret Harris  
 Noel Smith, Evelyn Ryan

#### Anniversaries

Clara Dredge, Mavis Stubbs,  
 Josie Fenech, Bill Micallef  
 Bonnie Grech

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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Monday: 8:30am-3:30pm

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 8:30am-3:30pm

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 8:30am-3pm

## Message from Fr Duane

It is wonderful to have people back in our churches this weekend! I have been remembering you all in both of my parishes each day at my private Masses, and of course in our live streamed Sunday Masses, but it will be wonderful to see many of you again in person very soon!

I take this opportunity to thank our "Care Team", assembled at the beginning of lockdown as an initiative of the Parish Pastoral Councils, for their efforts to contact as many parishioners as possible during lockdown. I also want to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful "Live Stream Team" for making our online Masses possible throughout lockdown. In recent weeks we've hit increasingly mysterious technical difficulties, and in spite of the heroic efforts of the live stream team we will have to pause our live stream Masses for a while – until an upgrade to our technology is installed. We will let you know when our live streams begin again. Until then, those unable or not ready to return to public Masses are encouraged to share online Mass through Wollongong Diocese's "Mass For You At Home" at <https://massforyou.com.au/>

It has been a big effort from our parish leaders, admin staff and monitors to make it possible to open our churches a week earlier than expected, and we are very grateful for their dedication. Our monitors will be taking up the challenge once again of creating a safe and orderly return to Masses, and please be kind to them as they implement a new registration process this weekend. Please refer to the email earlier this week regarding our parish processes for reopening. If anyone is willing to attend the special 7pm Mass to reduce the likelihood of the standard Masses reaching capacity, please email Melissa at [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) to indicate this as this would be most appreciated. Please aim to arrive 10 minutes early for all Sunday Masses to assist the registration process - and let's remember that any challenges we face during this time will be an opportunity for us to show our true colours as followers of Christ, through patience, kindness, understanding and a commitment to keeping ourselves and each other safe.

**Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest**

## Message from Sr Kerry

Many of my era would have heard of the Crystal Palace in USA. It was famous for broadcasting 'The Hour of Power.' Because this wasn't a Catholic religious programme it was banned in many Australian households. The Crystal Palace went bankrupt in 2010 and in 2012 was sold to the Catholic Diocese of Orange in California. The Catholics weren't the highest bidders, but the owners wanted it to stay as a religious precinct.

To say it is an impressive building is a gross understatement. Attached to the building is a set of bells. They are big and impressive. They do look beautiful, but looks can be deceptive. It is known that these bells cannot be rung and nor are they gold, even though they appear to be. We could say they are impressive but useless; all show and no punch.



Our Gospel today has Jesus saying to his friends to call Bartimaeus to him.

We too are being called by Jesus; called to be his disciples; to be on mission. Am I like the bells of Christ Cathedral or am I invigorated and inspired to be the person I am called to be? The choice is mine!

**Sr Kerry Gardiner**

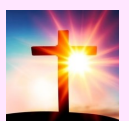
### ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway
Sun 31 Oct	Counting	A Kelly, B Farraway
Sat 30 Oct	Church Cleaning	<b>Volunteers needed</b>
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 30 Oct
Sat 30 Oct 6pm Mass	M Rodwell	H Fernandez, Milan Family,
Sun 31 Oct June 8am	M Walsh	Norm Gamble

### ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:  
please contact



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## SYNOD OF BISHOPS



Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme: “**For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission**”. The People of God are invited to use

a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at: <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

## PLENARY COUNCIL – WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

With the conclusion of the First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, the members approved a concluding statement sharing the fruits of the first assembly and looking forward to nine months of “prayer, reflection, maturation and development” leading up to the second assembly. Please find attached a media release and a copy of the [concluding statement](#).

The Journey podcast compiled a series of insightful interviews at the conclusion of each day of the assembly that can be accessed at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/plenarypodcast/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/plenarypodcast/)

## VOCATION NEWS



Jesus hears our cry for help. What do you want Jesus to do for you? How will you show your gratitude? (Mark 10:46-52). 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)

## YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

A title given by Pope Francis describes Joseph as a tender father. This is an evocative image and one that draws forth the humanness of Joseph. Can we, like Joseph, live the quality of tenderness that challenges us in everyday life?

## PRAYER SEMINARS

Please follow the link to register for Prayer Seminars: <https://www.dow.org.au/events>.

Please register before the day of the seminar, to ensure you receive your zoom link on time.

Next **Tuesday, 26 October, Sr Kerry Gardiner RSJ**, will lead us in Prayer Journaling. Be sure to bring a journal (paper) and something to write with.



## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER 2021 –

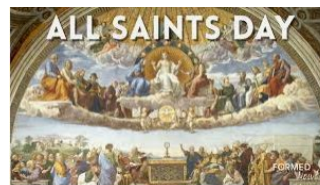
On the Journey this week: Fr Stephen Varney says at times we're all like Bartimaeus, calling out to Jesus to fix the troubles in our life. Plus, Mother Hilda's "Amen Prayer" story. Fr Mike Delaney's ponders how we would react to something outside our comfort zone. Darren McDowell talks with Mel Dooner, St Declans Parish, Penshurst NSW, on her vision and passion for mission and Trish McCarthy on making it personal with Jesus makes it easier to be focused prayerfully. Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)



## LITURGY BRISBANE: ONLINE LITURGICAL FORMATION & TRAINING

The team from Liturgy Brisbane have launched an excellent online training platform titled '**Learn + Discover**'. Learn at your own pace with comprehensive, multi-modal, and engaging training, all from the comfort of your own home. A certificate will be issued on course completion. The current courses on offer are as follows: Ministers of the Word (Readers) Course, Lay Ministers of Communion Course, and Combined Course: Ministers of Word & Communion. To learn more and to purchase access to one of these online courses, please visit: <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/online-courses/>

## ALL SAINTS DAY – 1 NOVEMBER



Monday 1st November will be All Saints Day, and there will be a special **7pm Mass at St Therese** to mark that special feast (in addition to the usual 7am Mass at

Immaculate Conception).

**Tuesday 2nd November, All Souls Day**, will have the usual 7:45am Mass at St Therese and **5:30pm Mass at Immaculate Conception**.

If you would like to provide names of the deceased to be remembered during the month of November, simply email those names to the respective Parish Office ([westwollongong@dow.org.au](mailto:westwollongong@dow.org.au) or [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au)) with the subject “**November Masses**”.

## SERVICE NSW – CHECK IN CARD

There is now a quicker and easier way, with Service NSW launching personalised check-in cards to replace scanning in with QR codes for those without smartphones.

The cards contain a unique QR code that holds a person's registered contact details. When they attend a venue, a staff member can scan the card to register their attendance and details, rather than having them fill out a form. The cards are available from Service NSW online, or by calling 13 77 88.

## 24 OCTOBER 2021 —THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

**First Reading** — Jeremiah 31:7-9 *I shall lead them back in mercy - both the blind and the lame.*

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations!

Proclaim! Praise! Shout: 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!'

See, I will bring them back from the land of the North

and gather them from the far ends of earth;

all of them: the blind and the lame,

women with child, women in labour:

a great company returning here.

They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back;

I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble.

For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

**Responsorial Psalm** — **The Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.  
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. R.
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'  
What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. R.
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.  
Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. R.
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing:  
they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves R.

**Second Reading** — Hebrews 5:1-6 *You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek*

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia Alleluia! Our saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death, and brought us life through the Gospel. Alleluia!

**Gospel** — Mark 10:46-52 *Master, grant that I may see*

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

### 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](mailto:westwollongong@dow.org.au) or [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) to ask for a Baptism Enquiry Form to be sent to you.