

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) – 14 NOV 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
<b>Mon 15 November</b> <i>St Albert the Great</i>	Mass: 7am	
<b>Tues 16 November</b> <i>St Margaret of Scotland St Gertrude</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
<b>Wed 17 November</b> <i>St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
<b>Thur 18 November</b> <i>The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul, apostles</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
<b>Fri 19 November</b>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
<b>Sat 20 November</b>	Rosary: 7.10am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
<b>Sun 21 November</b> <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am ( <i>Polish</i> )	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Maria Skofic, Sr Eileen Brown  
 Monica Mullen, Andrew Alvares

#### Anniversaries

Frank Cordina,  
 Des Fitzgerald

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

As we return to the 2 square metre rule this weekend, everyone can be assured of a spot at any of our standard weekend Masses – which is a great relief to me, and our wonderful monitors! (This also means we will **discontinue the Sunday 7pm Mass** as it is no longer necessary to ease capacity at the other Masses.) We will continue to maintain our usual safety procedures for the health and peace of mind of all, especially the most vulnerable among us.

This Sunday is the 5th **“World Day of the Poor”**, an observance instituted by Pope Francis. This year, Pope Francis points out the increasing need throughout the world (including in our own backyard) that has arisen as a result of the pandemic. In his own words for this Sunday.

*“It is my hope that the celebration of the World Day of the Poor, now in its fifth year, will grow in our local Churches and inspire a movement of evangelization that meets the poor personally wherever they may be. We cannot wait for the poor to knock on our door; we need urgently to reach them in their homes, in hospitals and nursing homes, on the streets and in the dark corners where they sometimes hide, in shelters and reception centres. It is important to understand how they feel, what they are experiencing and what their hearts desire.”*

In that spirit I take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers in the St Vincent De Paul Society in our parishes, who do precisely this: reaching out to those most in need, meeting them where they are, visiting them in their homes, and building genuine relationships with them. Let us continue to support our “Vinnies” volunteers financially and prayerfully, and ask God to guide us all into new and creative ways to reach out with love and friendship to the poor.

*Next week we will all have an opportunity to donate to the wonderful work of Catholic Mission for those most in need throughout the world.*

**Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest**

## Message from Sr Kerry

Some years back I was more than blessed to spend a short time ministering with the people in the Philippines. I worked alongside the people of Manila’s garbage dump. The dump was home to 3,500 families. These people lived on the garbage dump and survived by scavenging. They made their homes from rubbish collected on the dump.

The church in the middle of the garbage dump held a statue that has become a favourite of mine. It is Christ the scavenger. This statue represents Christ as one among them.

Today we celebrate the World Day of the Poor. It is hard for us to imagine that people live in such poverty across so many countries in our world.

Can you sit with Christ the Scavenger and imagine him as one who scavenged for a living? How would Jesus have felt? Smelt? Looked? Struggled to get the first pickings from the garbage trucks? What dangers did he encounter? How would he be treated by others? The Government? Society? May Christ the scavenger touch our world especially the poor.

**Sr Kerry Gardiner**



### ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

	<b>Church Washing</b>	Fiona Fernandez
Sun 21 Nov	<b>Counting</b>	A Gunning, M Caudero, C Garrett
Sat 20 Nov	<b>Church Cleaning</b>	J Allen, J Haywood, L Salway
	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Lawns — Sat 20 Nov</b>
Sat 20 Nov 6pm Mass	L Milan	No lawn mowing this week
Sun 21 Nov June 8am	P Gunning	

### ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:  
please contact



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## CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR THE SEAMEN

The Last Friday the ladies from the *Unanderra CWL* delivered **25 Christmas Boxes** to John Kiewa at the Mission to Seamen. The boxes contained lots of treats for the seamen who are unable to leave their ships or go home to family for Christmas. As most ships have a crew of 25, this will enable one crew to all receive a special Christmas gift. The CWL will continue to support the Mission to Seamen with beanies and socks throughout the year as these items are needed by the men.



## CATHFAMILY

CAtHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts and recipes from their website to assist parents and grandparents in being the first educators in faith for their kids. Don't miss CathKids kids. <https://cathfamily.org/activities/>

## VOCATION NEWS



*When the end time comes, the wise and those who work for justice will shine forever. Dedicate your life to furthering the reign of God. (Daniel 12:1-3).* 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)

## EMBRACE 2021 CATHOLIC MOM SUMMIT

An online free event Nov 12-14, starts **10am Saturday 13 Nov in Australia**. Inspiration, hope & practical tips on thriving as a mum, 32 presentations on prayer, parenting, marriage, work, avoiding overwhelm, & bringing peace & joy to your home.

To register click the link: <https://www.cardinalstudios.org/embrace-catholic-moms-summit-2021-home>

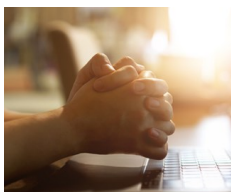
## PRAYER SEMINARS

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, 16 November,**

Sr Monica Barlow RSJ will help us to Engage with Jesus in the Gospels, using the time-honoured method of Ignatian spirituality.



## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

– AIRS SUNDAY 14 NOVEMBER 2021 –

On the Journey this week: Fr Patrick Vaughan says it's a gospel that calls us to take stock now through the eyes of faith and our destiny with the Lord. Mother Hilda wants us to hold hands with all we meet and will them to live. Michelle Vass introduces us to the four elements that make up the universe and have symbolic qualities for us. Fr Dave Callaghan tells how to focus on loving & caring for those who can never pay us back. Trish McCarthy reflects on how much simplicity we have in our life, and Bruce Downes calls us to stop rushing distractively. Listen at [icr.org.au](http://icr.org.au)



## DIVINE RENOVATION AUSTRALASIA VIRTUAL CONFERENCE 2021

*Called to Discipleship*

**Saturday 20 November 2021 | 9:00am-12:30pm**

Join us for a spirit-filled time of prayer, live keynotes, inspiring panel sessions. The virtual conference will aim to support priests, parish teams and individuals in their journey of parish renewal, while encouraging and equipping you in your Catholic faith.



For more and information and registration: <https://www.divinerenovation.org/dr-aus-called-to-discipleship-conference>

## CAN YOU HELP?

Each week many parishioners volunteer in various ministries to keep our parish running smoothly. We are always seeking more volunteers to assist those already doing a wonderful job.

Would you be able to give some of your time to assist in the following ministries:

- **Church Cleaning— 1 hr Saturday mornings**
- **Lawn mowing of Church grounds –1-2 hrs Saturday**
- **Lector**
- **Church washing**

If you would like to help please email Barbara at [bfarraway@bigpond.com](mailto:bfarraway@bigpond.com) stating the area you would like to assist, before 20th November. Thank you.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

The Bishops invite the whole Catholic community to join them in taking up Pope Francis' invitation to a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability, guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. These Goals are: **response to the cry of the earth; response to the cry of the poor; ecological economics; sustainable lifestyles; ecological spirituality; ecological education; and community engagement and participatory action.**

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

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**First Reading** — Daniel 12:1-3 *When that time comes your own people will be spared.*

At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

**Responsorial Psalm** — **Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope**

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. R.
2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. R.
3. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. R.

**Second Reading** — Hebrews 10: 14,18 *By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.*

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia Alleluia! Be watchful, pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.

**Gospel** — Mark 13: 24-32 *He shall gather his elect from the four winds.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

### 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.