

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 23 JAN 2022

**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 24 January</b> <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	Mass: 7am	
<b>Tues 25 January</b> <i>The Conversion of St Paul, apostle</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	No Mass today
<b>Wed 26 January</b>	Mass: 8am	No Mass today
<b>Thur 27 January</b> <i>St Angela Merici</i> <i>Sts Timothy and Titus</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	No Mass today
<b>Fri 28 January</b> <i>St Thomas Aquinas</i>	Mass: 7am	No Mass today
<b>Sat 29 January</b>	Rosary: 7:10am Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm—5:30pm Mass: 6pm	No Mass today
<b>Sun 30 January</b>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am ( <i>Polish</i> )	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Patricia Bartley, Aloyse Larue  
 Myra Adams, Frank Posavec

#### Anniversaries

Michael Piazza, Corazon Resujento Saylor  
 John Griffiths, Joyce Monaghan

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*

This coming week, I will be undergoing surgery for removal of my wisdom teeth. I only realized recently that it was well overdue! I've been strongly encouraged by many people to take a week off after this surgery. As such, **weekday Masses at St Therese West Wollongong are cancelled from Tuesday to Saturday morning (25-29 January).**

We will have our usual Sunday Masses next weekend as follows:

Saturday 29th January: 6pm Unanderra, Fr Paul Gurr

Sunday 30th January: 8am Unanderra, Fr Bernard Gordon

Sunday 30th January: 10am West Wollongong, Fr Bernard Gordon

Sunday 30th January: 5pm West Wollongong, Fr Paul Gurr

I am very grateful to Fr Paul and Fr Bernard for making this possible, and I ask all of you to remember me in your prayers for a speedy recovery!

**CHANGE OF MASS TIME: AUSTRALIA DAY** – This Wednesday, being Australia Day and a public holiday, Fr Jerzy will celebrate Mass at 8am (instead of the usual 9:30am time).

**Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest**

## *Message from Sr Kerry*

It was a beautiful wedding celebrated in our Cathedral. The reception was amazing. It was time for the bride to throw her bouquet. All the single women lined up with great anticipation and quiet hope. I sat quietly at the table and was enjoying the excitement that was filling the air.

The bouquet was thrown. It went right off course after hitting a fixture on the ceiling. Would you believe it landed at my feet? No one had a chance of retrieving it but me. For those present who knew I was a religious there was great laughter. For those lined up in hope, their dreams were dashed.

I kept the bouquet and it sits on a bookcase. At first I thought it would be a dust collector.

This beautiful couple have just welcomed their first born, a gorgeous son who has dwarfism.

How differently I now glance at that bouquet. It is a reminder to me to utter a little prayer for them.

Are you able to place a 'bouquet' in your home this week and then focus on someone who might need a friendly hello, a kind deed, a phone call, a smile, an understanding ear, a quiet prayer.

*'Where people's feet are that is where they meet God.'* Sr Carol Zinn.

**Sr Kerry Gardiner**

### **ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND**

January	Church Washing	Jackie Allen	
Sat 29 Jan	Church Cleaning	J Allen, J Haywood, L Salway	
Sat 29 Jan	Lawns	M & J Winner, M Walsh, S Carrigan	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
Sat 29 Jan 6pm Mass	D Nugent	-	School holidays
Sun 30 Jan 8am Mass	M Walsh	-	School holidays
Counters	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, M Winner		

### **ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS**



For any pastoral needs:  
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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>

## WALKING GROUP

Everyone is welcome to join us for our next walk on **Thursday 3rd February at 9am**. Please note we will begin our walk at 9am before the heat of the day. The walk will be from Gilba Rd, Koonawarra to Tallawarra - a picturesque walk suitable for all ages and abilities. It is quite flat. There are no hills or steep slopes. Come along and bring your water and a snack. We hope you can join us.

**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.

These walking excursions will continue on the **1st Thursday of each month**. We plan to go to different places for our walk. If you have any ideas for an interesting walk, we would be happy to hear your suggestions.



## VOCATION NEWS

Through the power of the Spirit Jesus proclaimed his mission. How are you carrying on that mission today? Ponder the possibility of being a deacon, priest, brother, or sister. (Luke 1:1, 4:14-21)

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)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

### CRY OF THE EARTH, CRY OF THE POOR

By listening with an open heart to those who are most affected, we can begin, with the help of the Holy Spirit, to discern the signs of the times. <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

## CANDLEMAS – 2 FEBRUARY 2022

Candlemas (Presentation of the Lord), also known as the Feast of Light, is a day of purification, renewal, and hope. On this day, 40 days after Christmas, we commemorate Mary's obedience to Mosaic law by visiting the Temple for the ritual of purification, as commanded in Leviticus 12:2-8. This year Bishop Brian and Fr Bernard will be blessing candles at Candlemas on **Wednesday, 2 February at St Francis Xavier Cathedral during the 7am & 12.10pm Masses**. Please bring your own candles to be blessed.

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 23 JANUARY 2022

On the Journey this week: Fr Paul Maunder OCD (Mt Carmel, Varroville) asks how do we value the Word of God? Mother Hilda on giving love because love's prerogative is to give and give. Plus, Michelle Vass calls us to kiss Sister Earth in a prayer of thanksgiving for all the creation you love. Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)



## CURSILLO THREE-DAY WEEKEND

Ladies of the Wollongong Diocese. Life has been so unsettled and erratic for many of us. If you are feeling in need of revitalisation in your Spiritual life, please join us for our next 3-day Cursillo weekend. The weekend will be held at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park and consist of talks, discussion, friendship, daily Mass, and spiritual guidance on request. Our Spiritual Director is Father Chris Roberts. The weekend commences at **6pm on 17 March and concludes at 4pm on 20 March 2022**.

Accommodation and all meals included in the cost. The weekend organisation will be compliant with all COVID safe requirements. Please contact Denise **0438 254 139**

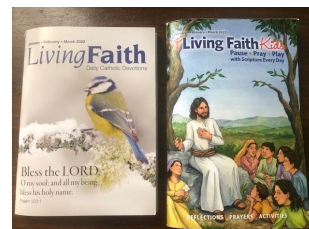
## YOUTH MINISTRY ONLINE

Have you seen Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong's (CYMW) online version of LIVE yet? Click on the link below for some great worship and challenges as you explore faith with some very awesome leaders!

Enjoy! [https://dow.sh/cymw\\_youtube](https://dow.sh/cymw_youtube)

## LIVING FAITH BOOKS

Living Faith books for children and adults (**Jan, Feb and March**) are now available in the church. **Cost is \$5 each**.



Living Faith provides reflections based on a scripture passage from the daily Mass. Please leave money in the container.

## AMORIS LAETITIA (THE JOY OF LOVE)

Pope Francis' post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation, Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) on love in the family is an Apostolic Exhortation published after the conclusion of a two-year synod process discussing both the beauty and challenges of family life today. The 2015 Synod's theme was *“the vocation and mission of the family in the Church and the modern world.”*

Fr Bernard Gordon and James Arblaster will be presenting a **9-week course on Amoris Laetitia commencing Wed 27 April 2022, 7pm** at St Francis Xavier Cathedral in the Monsignor Rigney Meeting Room. To follow the talk, please purchase a copy of Amoris Laetitia from St Pauls Publications or from the parish office.

To register please contact Lumen Christi Parish Office on **4211 0500** or go to: [www.lumenchristi.org.au/AmorisLaetitia](http://www.lumenchristi.org.au/AmorisLaetitia)

## 23 JANUARY 2022—THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

**First Reading** — Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10 *They read from the book of the Law and they understand what was read.*

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered, ‘Amen! Amen!’ Then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe, and the Levites who were instructing the people, said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep.’ For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

**Responsorial Psalm** — **Your words, Lord, are spirit and life**

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. R.
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. R.
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. R.
4. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart,  
win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! R.

**Second Reading** — 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 *Together we are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.*

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, ‘I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, ‘I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it was not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I do not need you’, nor can the head say to the feet, ‘I do not need you.’

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

**Alleluia Alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!**

**Gospel** — Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21 *The scriptures were fulfilled in this day*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’