

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 30 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
Mon 31 January <i>St John Bosco</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tues 1 February	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 2 February <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	Mass: 9:30am Mass: 11am (Polish)	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thur 3 February <i>St Blaise St Ansgar</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45 am
Fri 4 February	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 5 February <i>St Agatha</i>	Rosary: 7:10am Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm—5:30pm Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am
Sun 6 February	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Patricia Bartley, Aloyse Larue
Myra Adams, Frank Posavec
Marina Putrino

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

Anniversaries

Bh Cosmas Shi Enxiang,
Sandrino Boncompagni

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

I write to let you all know that my surgery went as well I could have hoped, and my recovery is going as planned. I still need a few more days before I'm ready for work, but I want to express my deep gratitude to you all for your well wishes, prayers and caring advice before my surgery, and for your prayers and kind messages since. I also thank Fr Paul Gurr and Fr Bernard Gordon for celebrating the weekend Masses to enable my weekend off. I look forward to seeing you all next weekend, with less wisdom teeth but hopefully more wisdom!

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

Message from Sr Kerry

It I don't know how old I was when I learnt what 'church' meant. It seems I have known the definition all my life. Perhaps that may be due to the definition being a very powerful one for me. 'Church' for many of us is a building. The definition I was given is 'We are the church.'

With this in mind may I draw your attention to the Wollongong Diocese Facebook where Bishop Brian is asking us all to be involved in the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. [You don't need to be on Facebook to access this.]

Bishop Brian is encouraging you as a member of the church to make submission/s for the upcoming general Assembly reflections. These submissions need to be submitted by 27th Feb.

Often we leave things to 'others' or those in 'leadership.' If we are the church, let's be active and take the time to reflect and respond to the appeal of the Bishop, who desires the very best for the Church in the Diocese. A helpful link is

Go to www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

How do you want our church to look? What can you do? More so, are you prepared to give some time and effort to do this?

Many thanks for the affirming and positive emails received in relation to Fr Duane's Anniversary gift. Your kindness and adaptability are very much appreciated.

Sr Kerry Gardiner



ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

January	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway	
Sat 5 Feb	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
Sat 5 Feb	Lawns	No Lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
Sat 5 Feb 6pm Mass	D Ferrer	Vera Cleary and Cindy-	
Sun 6 Feb 8am Mass	C Walsh	Fiona Carolan	
Counters	A Kelly, B Farraway		

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:
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CCD CATECHIST LEVEL 1 TRAINING

Start Date: Friday 4 February 2022

End Date: Monday 7 March 2022

Time: 9:30am-1:30pm

You are invited to take part in Catechist Training!
Unlike our previous Level 1 courses, this year we will start with a session introducing the ministry and the curriculum, which will be an ideal starting point for all those who are considering joining the ministry.

The course will run online via Zoom for five consecutive weeks on Mondays OR Fridays starting Friday 4th February and Monday 7th February, 9:30 am until 1:30 pm.

This course is necessary for all new catechists, but we encourage all catechists who are interested in refreshing their knowledge and skills to attend. It is a requirement for all current catechists to attend the Child Protection and Classroom Management training every three years. These essential Child Protection and Classroom Management subjects will occur in the fourth week of the course.

Please register your attendance below for either the Monday or Friday course: [REGISTER NOW](#)

[DOWNLOAD COURSE OUTLINE](#)

If you have any questions, please contact us at support@ccdwallongong.com or Cindy Oliver 4640 8550.

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

"Love never fails." Trust the love of God and follow your heart. (1 Corinthians 12:31-13:4-13)

If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.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 30 JANUARY 2022

On the Journey this week: The gospel reflection with Fr Chima Ofor. Mother Hilda tells the story of an 8 YO Polish girl in WW2. A faith testimony from Lisa Bright on questioning God while dealing with COVID and personal crises, new presenter Cathy Jenkins on choosing to be joyful in 2022. Listen at 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**

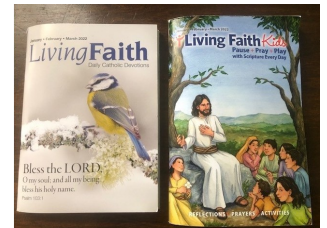
YOUTH MINISTRY ONLINE

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

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

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First Reading — Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 *I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.*

In the days of Josiah, the word of the Lord was addressed to me, saying:

‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you came to birth I consecrated you; I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.

‘So now brace yourself for action. Stand up and tell them all I command you.

Do not be dismayed at their presence, or in their presence I will make you dismayed.

‘I, for my part, today will make you into a fortified city, a pillar of iron, and a wall of bronze to confront all this land:

the kings of Judah, its princes, its priests and the country people.

They will fight against you but shall not overcome you,

for I am with you to deliver you – it is the Lord who speaks.’

Responsorial Psalm — I will sing of your salvation.

1. In you, O Lord, I take refuge; let me never be put to shame.
In your justice rescue me, free me: pay heed to me and save me. R.
2. Be a rock where I can take refuge, a mighty stronghold to save me;
for you are my rock, my stronghold. Free me from the hand of the wicked. R.
3. It is you, O Lord, who are my hope, my trust, O Lord, since my youth.
On you I have leaned from my birth, from my mother’s womb you have been my help. R.
4. My lips will tell of your justice and day by day of your help.
O God, you have taught me from my youth and I proclaim your wonders still. R.

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 *There are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.*

Be ambitious for the higher gifts. And I am going to show you a way that is better than any of them.

If I have all the eloquence of men or of angels, but speak without love, I am simply a gong booming or a cymbal clashing. If I have the gift of prophecy, understanding all the mysteries there are, and knowing everything, and if I have faith in all its fullness, to move mountains, but without love, then I am nothing at all. If I give away all that I possess, piece by piece, and if I even let them take my body to burn it, but am without love, it will do me no good whatever.

Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous; love is never boastful or conceited; it is never rude or selfish; it does not take offence, and is not resentful. Love takes no pleasure in other people’s sins but delights in the truth; it is always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope, and to endure whatever comes.

Love does not come to an end. But if there are gifts of prophecy, the time will come when they must fail; or the gift of languages, it will not continue for ever; and knowledge – for this, too, the time will come when it must fail. For our knowledge is imperfect and our prophesying is imperfect; but once perfection comes, all imperfect things will disappear. When I was a child, I used to talk like a child, and think like a child, and argue like a child, but now I am a man, all childish ways are put behind me. Now we are seeing a dim reflection in a mirror; but then we shall be seeing face to face. The knowledge that I have now is imperfect; but then I shall know as fully as I am known.

In short, there are three things that last: faith, hope and love; and the greatest of these is love.

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

Gospel — Luke 4:21-30 *The Jesus, like Elijah and Elisha, was not sent only to the Jews.*

Jesus began to speak in the synagogue: ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’ And he won the approval of all, and they were astonished by the gracious words that came from his lips. They said, ‘This is Joseph’s son, surely?’

But he replied, ‘No doubt you will quote me the saying, “Physician, heal yourself” and tell me, “We have heard all that happened in Capernaum, do the same here in your own countryside.”’

And he went on, ‘I tell you solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.

‘There were many widows in Israel, I can assure you, in Elijah’s day, when heaven remained shut for three years and six months and a great famine raged throughout the land, but Elijah was not sent to any one of these: he was sent to a widow at Zarephath, a Sidonian town. And in the prophet Elisha’s time there were many lepers in Israel, but none of these was cured, except the Syrian, Naaman.’

When they heard this everyone in the synagogue was enraged. They sprang to their feet and hustled him out of the town; and they took him up to the brow of the hill their town was built on, intending to throw him down the cliff, but he slipped through the crowd and walked away.