

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PALM SUNDAY (YEAR C) – 10 APRIL 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 11 April	Mass: 7am	
Tues 12 April	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 13 April	Mass: 9:30am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thur 14 April	Mass: 11am (Polish) Mass: 7:00pm	Mass: 7:00pm
Fri 15 April Good Friday	Stations of the Cross: 10am Mass: 11am (Polish) Commemoration of the Lord's Passion: 3pm	Stations of the Cross: 10am Commemoration of the Lord's Passion: 3pm
Sat 16 April	Blessing of the food: 10:30am and 11:30am Mass: 7pm	Mass: 7pm
Sun 17 April Easter Sunday	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: No 5pm Mass today

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Angelo Bresolin
 Noel Hayes, Michelle Vescio

Anniversaries

Concesa Mamanglu, Minnette Villanueva,
 Michelle Villanueva Lacerna
 Elizabeth Ray, Dorris Murphy
 Cynthia Webb, Mary Grecko



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

And so we enter Holy Week, the high point of the year for the Church – and for the whole world. Beginning with Jesus’s triumphal entry into Jerusalem commemorated on Palm Sunday, we enter into the **Easter “Triduum” (“three days”) of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter**. This is the week when God’s victory was won over all the darkness of our world, once and for all. It is a week for us to gratefully remember that victory of Christ – and not only to remember but to receive a share in that victory. Indeed, as I mentioned at the recent First Holy Communion, that every Mass is a “little Easter” – where Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter are made present for us. May the Masses and services of this week enable us to enter more deeply into the sacred events we commemorate – and may our commemoration help us to find every Mass even more fruitful.

On behalf of the parish I thank each and every person and group that has worked and is working behind the scenes to make Holy Week and Easter as meaningful and fruitful for all of us – and for all who may come to join us. As we know, many people who do not join us every week are drawn to join us during this holiest of weeks. Let’s all make an extra effort to welcome them, so that by our loving welcome they find in each of us a living witness to the saving love of Christ we celebrate.

MINISTRY RENEWAL

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has met and discerned the next steps in responding to the many expressions of interest in various ministries. The PPC and I will be in touch with all who expressed interest in ministries during the coming weeks, as well as organizing induction and formation sessions after Easter. Thank you to all for their expressions of interest, and also for feedback provided to the PPC. More news to come in a PPC newsletter shortly after Easter.

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

Message from Sr Kerry

It is quite some years now since I have been a primary school student; many years. Every year on Palm Sunday my head echoes with something I learnt in Year 5 or 6. I wish I could unlearn it!

We were taught that if you stood still while the Gospel of Palm Sunday was read you would get a soul out of purgatory. For years I tried hard to stand still, and no doubt got a soul out of purgatory.....but.....

In hindsight I lost so much because my concentration was standing still and not hearing or heeding the Gospel. My focus was on the wrong place. I also can lose focus because the words are so familiar to me.

One thing I treasure is using a translation of the scriptures with which I am not familiar. When I do this some words or sentences impact me.

This weekend instead of flipping the pages to see how much more of the gospel there is to read or trying to stand still may I suggest prior to coming to Mass you goggle ‘biblegateway.com’ and read a version of the Passion that is less familiar to you. I strongly suggest ‘The Message’ as a good version in this instance. No doubt there will be things that hit a chord with you. Carry those thoughts to Mass and hear the Passion as if it were the first time you have heard this news.

Many thanks to the very generous people who gave of their time and muscle to ensure our Clean Up Campaign was an enormous success. A wonderful job done so well!

Thank you to those who joined in the Lenten group. While it was a small group, it was a very prayerful, reflective and beneficial time for those present. Each person was a gift to the group.

Sr Kerry Gardiner



ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

April	Church Washing	Helen Murphy	
Sat 16 Apr	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
Sat 16 Apr	Lawns	No lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children’s liturgy
Sat 16 Apr 6pm Mass	L Milan	Gloria Simmonite	No children’s liturgy
Sun 17 Apr 8am Mass	S Walsh	Fiona Fernandez	School holidays
Counters	A Kelly, B Farraway		

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



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BISHOP BRIAN'S FLOOD RELIEF

In a heartfelt [video](#) message to his flock, Greg Homeming OCD, Bishop of Lismore, said it had been "a very tragic few days". To those who had "lost everything" in these floods, Bishop Greg said that everyone across the diocese was suffering with them. "This has all happened at a time when we were hoping that 2022 would be a year of hope, a good year," he said.



As a diocese, I would like to provide practical support for the people of Lismore. I also want to provide pastoral and practical support for the people in our own diocese who have been and will continue to be impacted by these floods. I invite you to join me in prayer for these people, and to donate to my **Flood Relief Appeal** <https://www.dow.org.au/giving/>, so that with your support, we can meet this goal. +BM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On the Fridays of Lent, Stations of the Cross will take place at:

7pm at Immaculate Conception
5pm at St Therese West Wollongong.



CCD FAITH EDUCATION OFFICER— CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG

Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of CCD Faith Education Officer in the Diocese of Wollongong, to commence in May 2022.

The successful candidate will work as part of a dynamic team, from a base in Campbelltown and across the Diocese, in the area of the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD), to support the Bishop, Diocesan Director, Clergy and parishes to provide Catholic Special Religious Education (SRE) in government schools. For more information and a detailed role description, please contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au.

CHURCH ROOF REPAIR

The Parish Finance Council have approved a quote for the repairs to the church roof. Weather permitting, this work will commence shortly.

VOCATION NEWS

Surrender your life to God. You are promised eternal life. (Luke 22:14- 23:1-49)

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



Palm Sunday	6pm	Readings – M Rodwell	Gospel Narrator- M Rodwell	Other Reader- B Farraway
Palm Sunday	8am	Readings – A Kelly	Gospel Narrator- A Kelly	Other Reader- Ti Vaafusuga
Holy Thursday	7pm	Reading and Prayer of the Faithful M Carolan	Reading A Kelly	
Good Friday Stations	10am	Readings – P Gunning		
Good Friday The Passion	3pm	Readings 1 Ti Vaafusuga 2 Sr Kerry	Gospel Narrator Ti Vaafusuga	Other Reader Sr Kerry
Easter Vigil Saturday	7pm	Readings 1 C Walsh 3 L Milan 5 Ti Vaafusuga 7 B Farraway	Mass Readings Prayer of Faithful A Kelly	
Easter Sunday	8am	Readings – A Browne		

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 17 APRIL 2022

On the Journey this week: Fr Bernard Gordon and Mother Hilda give powerful reflections on the passion of Jesus. There's reflections for Holy Week from Fr Mark De Battista and Fr Sean Cullen, plus Huw from Alpha Australia. And more great music! Listen at jcr.org.au



LIVE LOCAL



LIVE LOCAL Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong (CYMW) has arrived in the Illawarra! LIVE Local is a Regional Youth Group run by the CYMW and NET Team which runs **every Friday night during school term from 7 - 9pm, at St Therese West Wollongong school hall.**

This regional youth group is for all Parishes and is open to young people **aged 13 -17** who want to make new friends and grow in their faith. Come along for snacks, games, formation, prayer, and music. For more information, please contact our Deanery Youth Group Coordinator, Luke Vail at luke.vail@dow.org.au

For more details on youth groups, visit <https://www.dow.org.au/cymw/>

CARITAS AUSTRALIA UKRAINE APPEAL

The escalating violence in Ukraine is rapidly becoming a dire humanitarian crisis. In a matter of days, over half a million people have been forced from their homes and at least 400 civilians have lost their lives.

Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis.

Your urgent support today will help provide critical assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and psychological support to people affected by this crisis.

Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

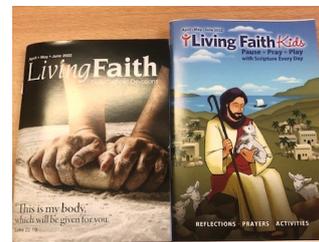
FAITH ENRICHMENT EVENINGS

We are recommencing our video series on 'Catholicism', presented by Bishop Robert Barron. Covid, last year, interrupted our programme, so we'll begin again with the first video. A very warm welcome is extended to all, to come along and be part of a group, aiming to learn more and deepen its faith. The first session is on Thursday, **28 April at 7pm in St. Joseph's Room**, where we will all enjoy a light hot meal before the video screening around 7:30pm. Contact **Mark on 0407 604498 or Josephine on 0425 236214.**

LIVING FAITH BOOKS

New Living Faith books for children and adults (Apr, May and June) 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.



10 APRIL 2022 - PALM SUNDAY (YEAR C)

First Reading — Isaiah 50:4-7 *I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed*

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend. R.
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. R.
3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! R.
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' R.

Second Reading — Philippians 2:6-11 *He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation: Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel — Luke 23:1-49

The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

The elders of the people and the chief priests and scribes rose, and they brought Jesus before Pilate.

They began their accusation by saying, 'We found this man inciting our people to revolt, opposing payment of tribute to Caesar, and claiming to be Christ, a king.' Pilate put to him this question, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he replied. Pilate then said to the chief priests and the crowd, 'I find no case against this man.' But they persisted, 'He is inflaming the people with his teaching all over Judaea; it has come all the way from Galilee, where he started, down to here.' When Pilate heard this, he asked if the man were a Galilean; and finding that he came under Herod's jurisdiction he passed him over to Herod who was also in Jerusalem at that time.

Herod was delighted to see Jesus; he had heard about him and had been wanting for a long time to set eyes on him; moreover, he was hoping to see some miracle worked by him. So he questioned him at some length; but without getting any reply. Meanwhile the chief priests and scribes were there, violently pressing their accusations. Then Herod, together with his guards, treated him with contempt and made fun of him; he put a rich cloak on him and sent him back to Pilate. And though Herod and Pilate had been enemies before, they were reconciled that same day.

Pilate then summoned the chief priests and the leading men and the people. 'You brought this man before me' he said 'as a political agitator. Now I have gone into the matter myself in your presence and found no case against the man in respect of all the charges you bring against him. Nor has Herod either, since he has sent him back to us. As you can see, the man has done nothing that deserves death, so I shall have him flogged and then let him go.' But as one man they howled, 'Away with him! Give us Barabbas!' (This man had been thrown into prison for causing a riot in the city and for murder.)

Pilate was anxious to set Jesus free and addressed them again, but they shouted back, 'Crucify him! Crucify him!' And for the third time he spoke to them, 'Why? What harm has this man done? I have found no case against him that deserves death, so I shall have him punished and then let him go.' But they kept on shouting at the top of their voices, demanding that he should be crucified. And their shouts were growing louder.

Pilate then gave his verdict: their demand was to be granted. He released the man they asked for, who had been imprisoned for rioting and murder, and handed Jesus over to them to deal with as they pleased.

As they were leading him away they seized on a man, Simon from Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and made him shoulder the cross and carry it behind Jesus. Large numbers of people followed him, and of women too, who mourned and lamented for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me; weep rather for yourselves and for your children. For the days will surely come when people will say, "Happy are those who are barren, the wombs that have never borne, the breasts that have never suckled!" Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us!"; to the hills, "Cover us!" For if men use the green wood like this, what will happen when it is dry?' Now with him they were also leading out two other criminals to be executed.

When they reached the place called The Skull, they crucified him there and the two criminals also, one on the right, the other on the left. Jesus said, 'Father forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.' Then they cast lots to share out his clothing.

The people stayed there watching him. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it; we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'