

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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EASTER SUNDAY (YEAR C) – 17 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 |
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| Mon 18 April <i>Easter Monday</i> | Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish) | |
| Tues 19 April | Mass: 5.30pm | Mass: 7:45am |
| Wed 20 April | Mass: 9:30am | Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm |
| Thur 21 April | Adoration: 4:30pm—5:15pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Rosary: 5:15pm  Mass: 5:30pm | Mass: 7:45am |
| Fri 22 April | Mass: 7am | Mass: 9:30am |
| Sat 23 April | Rosary: 7:10am  Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm | Rosary: 8:40am  Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am |
| Sun 24 April | Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish) | Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm |

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Angelo Bresolin
 Noel Hayes, Michelle Vescio



Anniversaries

Ronald Ball, Brian Cummins,
 Fr Peter Coyte, Fr Leo Stevens
 Bill Nissen, Mary Clifford,
 Anita Johansson, Bh William Murray

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 be able to welcome crowds without limit to our church this Easter – for the first time since 2019! It is wonderful to have you here, whether you are returning after a while, or our weekly Mass-goers, or joining us here for the first time.

After the isolation and disconnection caused by Covid, I think we all feel the need to “reconnect”. This is one of the purposes of the Church – to help people connect with God, and also to connect with each other. I am very grateful to our many parish volunteers who have already created so many ways for people to build community here.

Check out the attached leaflet prepared by the Parish Pastoral Council, where you’ll see that there are opportunities to connect for everyone – single and families, young and old. Whatever your state in life, and wherever you find yourself in your faith journey and in your connection with our parish, I hope that you always feel at home here!

And may you and all your loved ones be filled with the peace, joy and hope of the risen Christ, this Easter and always!



Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

Message from Sr Kerry

It was 4:00am Easter Sunday morning and I was driving into the city’s garbage dump for the celebration of the Easter Mass. Thousands of families lived on the garbage dump.

As we drove in the scavengers were busy doing their work. The children too were scavenging. My heart drooped with sadness. My mind flashed back to home. The image that came to mind was the children here in Australia would be waking up to Easter Eggs and probably complaining that they didn’t receive the type or size of egg they had been hoping for.

Here in the middle of the dump was the Church of the Risen Christ. The sanctuary of the church wasn’t pretty, but it was real. It depicted a home made from the garbage.....bits of tin held together, tyres to hold the roof down...garbage, but in the middle there was the Risen Christ.

As we celebrate Easter certainly enjoy the eggs you may receive but can you go beyond that, is Easter real for you?

I repeat a thought I used a few weeks back: ***‘The hands of Jesus in our world today are at the end of your arms.’***

At this time I would like to express my thanks to each and everyone of you for being part of the community I am privileged to be a part of. Thank you for the love, encouragement, care, goodness, kindness, prayerfulness and friendship that your presence has gifted to me.

Sr Kerry Gardiner



ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

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| April | Church Washing | Helen Murphy | |
| Sat 23 Apr | Church Cleaning | Volunteers needed | |
| Sat 23 Apr | Lawns | M & J Winner, M Walsh, S Carrigan | |
| | Lectors | Welcomers | Children’s liturgy |
| Sat 23 Apr 6pm Mass | D Nugent | | No children’s liturgy |
| Sun 24 Apr 8am Mass | Vera Cleary | Helen Murphy | School holidays |
| Counters | M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, M Winner | | |

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:
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HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual Holy Land Collection will be held on **Good Friday, 15 April 2022**. Pope Francis has asked our parishes to support the collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, orphanages, and medical centres. The Holy Land Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

To find out more, or to make an on-line donation please visit dow.sh/HolyLand.



POSITION VACANT PARISH OFFICE COORDINATOR ST MARY MACKILLOP PARISH, ORAN PARK

The Parish Priest of St Mary MacKillop Parish Oran Park is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced Parish Office Coordinator to provide administrative and secretarial support to this large and growing Catholic parish. **Commencing in May 2022, this role is a full-time position (30 hours/week)** for two years with the option of an extension.

Applicants must submit a cover letter and a resume detailing relevant qualifications and experience, and the contact details of three referees (one must be a priest or pastor).

A 'position description' detailing the role is available by emailing: oranpark@dow.org.au Applications can be emailed to **Fr David Catterall: oranpark@dow.org.au** Applications close: at 5pm on Friday 22 April 2022

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

What stones are being moved away so you can be a minister of the Gospel? Consider inviting someone to be a sister, brother, priest, or deacon. Spread the good news: "Jesus is risen!"

(John 20:1-9). If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME — AIRS SUNDAY 17 APRIL 2022

On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista and Mother Hilda on the hope and glory of the resurrection. Fr Chris Sarkis and Darren McDowell reflect on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, plus Stewart's faith testimony on his adult baptism last Easter, and more great music! Listen at jcr.org.au



LIVE LOCAL



Youth Groups

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

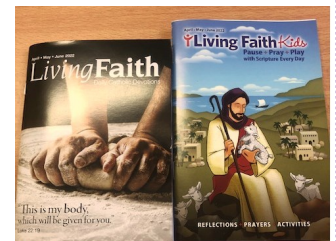
We are recommencing our video series on 'Catholicism', presented by Bishop Robert Barron.

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.

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| 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 | | |

17 APRIL 2022 - EASTER SUNDAY (YEAR C)

First Reading — Acts 10:34, 37-43 *We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead*

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm — **This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.**

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' R.
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. R.
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes R.

Second Reading — Colossians 3:1-4 *Look for the things that are in heaven where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence:

Christians, to the Paschal Victim offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb; and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended: combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain, yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary: say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen: he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel — John 20:1-9 *The teaching of scripture is that he must rise from the dead*

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.