

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (YEAR C) – 24 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 25 April <i>Anzac Day</i>	Mass: 8am	Mass: 9am
Tues 26 April <i>St Mark, evangelist</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 27 April <i>St Louis Grignon</i>	Mass: 9:30am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thur 28 April <i>St Peter Chanel</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm—5:15pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Rosary: 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 29 April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 30 April <i>St Pius V</i>	Rosary: 7:10am Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm	Rosary: 8:40am Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am
Sun 1 May	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<i>Polish</i>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Pat (Patricia) Walsh



Anniversaries

Alan Varley, Gail Brodbeck,
 Beverly Holding, Allan Parish,
 Iris Parish, Ronald Stubbs, Jane Roche,
 Ron Bishop, Colin Heapy

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

Firstly a big thank you to all who contributed in countless ways to ensuring that our celebration of the Easter Triduum was as sacred, meaningful and uplifting as possible – and thank you to each and every person who came along to celebrate the high point of the year as a Parish Family. Once again the generosity of our community continues to warm my heart, and excites me as to what we will be able to achieve together as we move forward during this time of Parish Renewal.

This Sunday we conclude the “Easter Octave” with the 2nd Sunday of Easter also designated “**Divine Mercy Sunday**” – a reminder given to us by the late St John Paul II that the whole point of Good Friday and Easter was to flood the world with the infinite mercy of our loving God. As the Easter Octave comes to a close we will then continue with the Easter Season, until Pentecost – the “fiftieth day” after Easter. Let us continue in the joy of the Risen Lord, who brings mercy, peace, joy and new hope to each one of us, to our parish, and to all the world!



Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

Message from Sr Kerry

As one who enjoys music I often have it playing in the background. I relish the different tones, moods, instruments. I relish everything I am hearing.

As I sat among the congregation during our Easter ceremonies an image of an orchestra came to mind. An orchestra is made up of so many parts. Each instrument adds to the whole and if it were missing something would be lacking. Each part, no matter how small or large, how loud or soft, is vital to the beautiful presentation and fulfilment.

I saw ourselves as an orchestra that brought everything together and made our ceremonies so beautiful. Thank you to each of you for making the ceremonies so wonderful. You might say ‘I didn’t do anything.’ I say, ‘Oh yes you did.’ We were there as a worshipping community. We all contributed to the whole. To each and every one of you for the part you played I express a very deep and sincere ‘thank you.’

Sr Kerry Gardiner



ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

May	Church Washing	Jackie Allen	
Sat 30 Apr	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson	
Sat 30 Apr	Lawns	B Mannix, W Brown, F Caruana, R Murphy, Lonard	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
Sat 30 Apr 6pm Mass	D Ferrer	Vera Cleary & Cindy	No children's liturgy
Sun 1 May 8am Mass	C Walsh	Fiona Carolan	Kirra Calvert
Counters	A Kelly, B Farraway		

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:
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PARISH NEWS

Morning tea

Everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa and chat in St Joseph's room after 8am Mass next **Sunday (1st May)**.



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.

DIACONATE ORDINATION OF JAMES ARBLASTER 30 APRIL 2022

Limited spaces remain available for the ordination of James Arblaster to the Diaconate on **Saturday 30 April at 10.30 am** at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.

You are invited to consider joining James' family, friends, fellow seminarians and the faithful of the diocese, in praying for James on this special day. You must register to attend in person at rsvp.dow.org.au

Alternatively, please you are encouraged to join with the faithful from around the Diocese who will prayerfully view the ordination online <http://livestream.lumenchristi.org.au/>

DIVINE MERCY FEAST, VENERATION OF THE FIRST-CLASS RELIC OF ST FAUSTINA AND 9TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CENTRE

Sunday 24 April 2022 at 9.00am to 4.00pm

Bishop Anthony has a formal approval by a decree for the public veneration of the [First-Class Relic of St Faustina](#) at Divine Retreat Centre at Somersby. This Centre is given the status of a SHRINE of St Faustina by the same decree.

Residential Divine Mercy Growth Retreat starts on **22 April at 5.30pm to 24 April at 4.00pm**. Booking is required for this retreat. For more details, contact Anne Fernando 0416 002 963 or email drcsydney@divineretreatcentre.org

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

The Church's social doctrine is an integral part of her evangelizing ministry. – *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace*

VOCATION NEWS

Are you like Thomas? Do you need to see to believe? Pray for faith and trust. If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au



MENALIVE'S -REFUEL WEEKLY SHARING AND JOURNALING SESSIONS —EVERY TUESDAY 7.30PM

reFUEL is a weekly hour-long gathering of men every Tuesday evening on Zoom providing the chance to:

- break open the Sunday reading using a Lectio Divina style exercise
- "catch up" with great men from across Australia and New Zealand.
- gain strength and inspiration by the witness of other men.
- pray as a group for individual needs and the needs of others.

Join via this link:

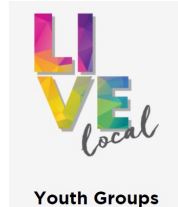
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THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME — AIRS SUNDAY 24 APRIL 2022

On the Journey this week: Fr Donal Neary's Gospel reflection and Mother Hilda tells for what she is certain. Fr Mike Delaney reflects on special anniversaries and proposes an anniversary challenge. Trish McCarthy tells about the single greatest enemy of a fulfilling life, plus Fr Dave Callaghan on the one thing that every Christian needs to understand clearly otherwise we will always feel discouraged, 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/>

TECHNOLOGY SKILLS WORKSHOPS

CatholicCare and the Being Connected network are teaming up to facilitate small group sessions aimed at assisting older Australians with improving their digital skills and knowledge. Sessions will be held at **Wollongong Golf Club on Monday 2 and 9 May from 10am-12pm** spaces are very limited.

This is a great opportunity to learn new skills and connect with others. Morning tea will be provided, and we encourage you to stay, purchase lunch from the club and continue the conversation.

For more information: Jane Hollier, Parish and Community Liaison Officer **0417 018 152** janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

Note: all NSW Health Covid 19 guidelines will be adhered to.

FAITH ENRICHMENT EVENINGS

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

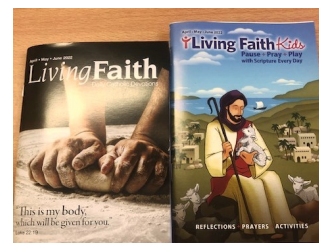
Covid, last year, interrupted our programme, so we'll begin again with the first video. A very warm welcome is extended to all, to come along and be part of a group, aiming to learn more and deepen its faith.

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.



24 APRIL 2022 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (YEAR C)

First Reading — Acts 5: 12-16 *The numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily*

The faithful all used to meet by common consent in the Portico of Solomon. No one else ever dared to join them, but the people were loud in their praise and the numbers of men and women who came to believe in the Lord increased steadily. So many signs and wonders were worked among the people at the hands of the apostles that the sick were even taken out into the streets and laid on beds and sleeping-mats in the hope that at least the shadow of Peter might fall across some of them as he went past. People even came crowding in from the towns round about Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

Responsorial Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love is everlasting.

1. Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' R.
2. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. R.
3. O Lord, grant us salvation; O Lord, grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord God is our light. R.

Second Reading — Apocalypse 1:9-13,17-19 *I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever.*

My name is John, and through our union in Jesus I am your brother and share your sufferings, your kingdom, and all you endure. I was on the island of Patmos for having preached God's word and witnessed for Jesus; it was the Lord's day and the Spirit possessed me, and I heard a voice behind me, shouting like a trumpet, 'Write down all that you see in a book.' I turned round to see who had spoken to me, and when I turned I saw seven golden lamp-stands and, surrounded by them, a figure like a Son of man, dressed in a long robe tied at the waist with a golden girdle.

When I saw him, I fell in a dead faint at his feet, but he touched me with his right hand and said, 'Do not be afraid; it is I, the First and the Last; I am the Living One, I was dead and now I am to live for ever and ever, and I hold the keys of death and of the underworld. Now write down all that you see of present happenings and things that are still to come.'

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

You believe in me Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Gospel — John 20:19-31 *After eight days Jesus came in and stood among them.*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.
For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.