

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C) – 15 MAY 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 16 May	Mass: 7am	
Tues 17 May	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 18 May <i>St John I, pope, martyr</i>	Mass: 9:30am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thur 19 May	Adoration: 4:30pm—5:15pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Rosary: 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 20 May <i>St Bernadine of Siena, priest</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 21 May <i>St Christopher Magallanes, priest and companions, martyrs</i>	Rosary: 7:10am Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm 	Rosary: 8:40am Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am 
Sun 22 May	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<u>Polish</u>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Anna Dubowska, Jean Piper

Anniversaries

Ilma Saunders, Fr Joe Gillis



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

As we look forward to the Community Fun Day next Sunday, as I mentioned at last Sunday's Masses I encourage us all to see this as part of "who we are" as a parish. It is an opportunity to get to know one another more deeply as a parish (together with our neighbouring parish of West Wollongong) as part of the one "flock", the family of God in our place, as well as providing an opportunity to invite anyone in our lives who we believe could benefit from connecting with a loving community – and if we think about it, isn't that everyone? For some of them, encountering a community united by faith, love, and joy may be a stepping stone to opening their hearts and minds to God. We leave that to God – our part starts with simply inviting them and helping them to know that they are welcome, they belong, and they are loved. Who might you invite?

Thank you to the many people who are organizing and helping at this event across the two parishes as well as our two Catholic Parish Primary Schools for their support. Special thanks to Judith Hurley and Edmund Rice College for making this possible for us.

Fr Jerzy's 40th Ordination Anniversary is approaching, and with more details in the bulletin, I take this opportunity to encourage you all to consider how we might honour his presence and work in our parish on this special occasion.

Darren McDowell our Seminarian is getting more and more involved in parish life. One aspect of parish life is visiting people in their homes. If you would like to have Darren over for a meal, that would be a wonderful way of helping him to feel welcome in our parish and help you to get to know him better as well, as he continues to serve our parish. (He doesn't have as many allergies as me so will be much easier to cook for than I am.)

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

Message from Sr Kerry

My lifestyle does not lend itself to caring and pampering pets, so I cannot say I am a wonderful animal lover, although I would never hurt an animal.

In my travels I was more than shocked to see a special bakery shop dedicated to dogs. I was intrigued. I was amazed at the products. The woman behind the counter was the most enthusiastic person one could meet. She oozed with the love of dogs and spoke with such energy and enthusiasm.

I asked if I could take some photos. The woman was delighted to see my enthusiasm. While I was clicking away the woman spoke with a customer about her four-year-old and the newborn. Need I say the customer was speaking about her dogs and not her children.

That day has stayed with me even though it is some years now since that encounter. It stays with me because I feel for many people it is much easier and less stressful to care for animals rather than people. What challenges you when you hear the words, *'This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'*



I hope many of you have marked your diary for **Friday 27th May**. I am looking forward to gathering with those able to come to Wests Club for lunch. I will be there at 11:45 and holding the table. Prior to Covid the lunch gathering was a great success and after such a long time of not being able to come together I am sure this gathering will be most enjoyable.

Sr Kerry Gardiner

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

May	Church Washing	Jackie Allen	
Sat 21 May	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
Sat 21 May	Lawns	No Lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
Sat 21 May 6pm Mass	M Rodwell		No children's liturgy
Sun 22 May 8am Mass	P Gunning	Helen Murphy	Leah Galea and Alison Sharwood
Counters	M Murphy (FT), S Alessi		

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



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PARISH NEWS

Faith Enrichment Evenings—Thursday 19 May

All are most welcome to our 4th gathering in this wonderful series by Bishop Robert Barron, on "Catholicism". We commence with sharing a light meal at 7pm followed by the video screening at 7:30pm, in the St Joseph's room. This week's video is "Mary, the Mother of God"

Fr Jerzy's 40th anniversary of Ordination

Fr Jerzy is celebrating his 40th Anniversary of Priestly Ordination later this month. To mark this wonderful occasion Bishop Brian Mascord will be con- celebrating the 10am Mass (in English) with Fr Jerzy and Mons Schmitzer on **Sunday 29th May**. You are invited to be a part of this celebration and join with the community for lunch, 12 noon, at the Polish Club, 143 Gipps Rd Keiraville. Cost of the lunch is \$25 per person. If you wish to attend the lunch numbers and monies need to be finalised with Fr Jerzy by **Sunday 22nd May**.

Silver Circle

Commenced on 9 May and is based on Monday night lotto's two supplementary numbers.

Life in the spirit

The CCR Prayer Group have organised a Life in the Spirit program 'Journey to Pentecost' to be held in the St Joseph's Room on four consecutive Wednesday evenings from 7pm to 8.30pm. On 18 May the topic is: New Life. To help with organisation, please confirm your attendance by emailing vincefitz7@yahoo.com.au

Community Fun Day - Sunday 22 May 11:30am—3pm at Edmund Rice College

We've renamed the upcoming Family Fun Day to make it clear that you are welcome even if you don't bring any family! Indeed it's a chance to celebrate our parish family – together with the parish family of West Wollongong. We'll even have some friendly competition across the parish divide! It is one of those events that we can invite anyone along to, even if they have no connection with church, and is promising to be a wonderful day of community building, so come along and invite everyone that you think may be interested! BYO picnic or enjoy a free sausage sizzle.

PPC - the next meeting of the PPC will be next week.

We invite any feedback or suggestions to be sent via the Parish office at unanderra@dow.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**.

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

LAUDATO SI' WEEK 16 – 24 MAY

Laudato Si' Week (16-24 May) is a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' and a call to



action for Catholics around the world to care for our common home. You can participate through prayer, action, and reflection with the new resources for parishes, schools, organisations, and individuals created by the ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace. Go to www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022

On the Journey this week: Fr John Paul Escarlan's Gospel reflection on Jesus' command to love one another. To love like Jesus is transformative love, it changes us to be a better version of ourselves that God wants us to be. Mother Hilda's continues the love theme and says the message for us is it doesn't matter how we are treated, it's what we do with and about it that really matters, how we respond with the love of Jesus. Listen at jcr.org.au



VOCATION NEWS

God has chosen to dwell with us. Share your gifts with others to reveal his presence. (Revelations 21:1-5).

If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocation@dow.org.au



DISCOVERING GOD'S PLAN FOR OUR LIVES: DOW VOCATIONS EVENT

You are invited to join with vibrant people from around the Diocese including an expert panel, addressing all 4 Vocations, with the opportunity for Q and A. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn how to hear, discern and respond to God's call in our lives. There will be more details in coming weeks but to book your spot, follow the links below but in the meantime, if anyone would like to discuss their vocation with Fr Duane, Vocations Director, email vocations@dow.org.au

DATE: Sunday 19 June

TIME: Light refreshments 1:30pm for 2pm start

PLACE: Xavier Centre, St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, Wgong,

RSVP: <https://www.dow.org.au/events/>

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Our Parish Conference is in need of new Members to support our work in **providing food and other material assistance to the poor** and most vulnerable in our local community.

We meet every **Tuesday 7:30pm in the St Joseph's room**. You are most welcome to attend one our meetings to find out more about our work.



MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS WALK FOR AUSTRALIA/WALK FOR LIFE FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022

We walk to raise PRAYERS for Australia for all life issues, the day before the Federal Election. You are warmly welcome to join us in our tenth year, praying along the Kiama Coastal Walk to Gerringong (13km). B.Y.O Lunch, snacks, water, and hat. Support vehicle provided all the way, shuttle cars return pilgrims to Kiama.

BENEFITS: Mass. Prayer. Hymns. Exercise. Spectacular scenery. Joyful fellowship. Blessings in abundance.

START: 9:30am Kiama Catholic Church (Holy Mass)

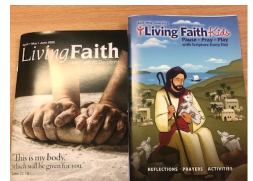
FINISH: 3:30pm Gerringong Catholic Church (Benediction, confession also available).

For information **Sue: 0435 336 195 or Gabriella 4261 2500**

LIVING FAITH BOOKS

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

Please leave money in the container.



15 MAY 2022 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

First Reading — Acts 14:21-27 *They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.*

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm — **I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. R.
2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God,
to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. R.
3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. R.

Second Reading — Apocalypse 21: 1-5 *He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.*

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel — John 13:31– 33,34-35 *I give you a new commandment: love one another.*

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.
'My little children,
I shall not be with you much longer.
I give you a new commandment:
love one another;
just as I have loved you,
you also must love one another.
By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my disciples.'