

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR C) – 5 JUNE 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 6 June	Mass: 7am	
Tues 7 June	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 8 June	Mass: 9:30am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thurs 9 June	Adoration: 4:30pm—5:15pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Rosary: 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 10 June	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 11 June <i>St Barnabas, apostle</i>	Rosary: 7:10am Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm 	Rosary: 8:40am Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am 
Sun 12 June	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<u>Polish</u>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Anna Dubowska, Jean Piper,
Elizabeth Jamiro

Anniversaries

Pauline Garland, Michelle Villanueva
Katrina Meehan, Brielle Falzon,
Mary Dredge, Fr Doug Smith,
Brenda Geary



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

In our second reading for the Feast of Pentecost this Sunday St Paul tells us: *"There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them..."*

These words prompt me to reflect on the journey from last Pentecost to this Pentecost. It was last Pentecost when we began our Ministry Renewal process, led by the Parish Pastoral Council who organized a "Pentecost Gathering" along with printed resources to assist parishioners in discerning their own unique gifts. We were greatly assisted by Darren McDowell at that time in his Diocesan role with the Office of the Bishop – who is now a Seminarian on parish placement at Unanderra parish! Throughout the year from Pentecost to Pentecost – after a number of Covid-related interruptions – we have been able to give every parishioner the opportunity to discern how they may share their gifts to build up our parish. It has been a wonderful response from parishioners generously offering their "variety of gifts" in the many possibilities of service in our parish.

To be faithful to the importance of every form of service we have been organizing induction and formation for all new ministers. With the large number of volunteers and their busyness, this work has proven challenging – but absolutely worth the time and effort as this process continues.

Thank you to the Parish Pastoral Council for initiating this journey; to all Ministry Leaders for their co-operation and leadership; and to all who are generously sharing their gifts in service. If anyone is still interested in getting involved in a new ministry, or if anyone has expressed an interest and has not yet been contacted, please feel free to contact me or the parish office. To those unable to actively serve in ministries at this time, be assured that you too are building up our community by your presence and your prayers.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL – A CHANCE TO SHARE OUR FINANCIAL GIFTS AND PRAYERS

This weekend we welcome David Harrison, Director of Catholic Mission for our Diocese, for our annual Catholic Mission Appeal. It is fitting on this Feast of Pentecost, when the good news of the risen Jesus was first preached to the nations, that we have an opportunity to share the love of Jesus in practical ways with those most in need throughout the world. Thank you David for your work and for giving us a glimpse into some of the works of service of the Church to those most in need throughout the world.

SOME PERSONAL NEWS

I have some joyous news to share with you all which came to hand as I was writing this message – from my family, to my parish family – my sister in Canada has just had a baby! All is well with him and my sister. A child is always a precious gift from God but taking into account some additional circumstances my family is even more grateful to God than I could ever put into words.*

Relatedly, after discussions with my family and Bishop Brian in recent times, I have organized extended leave (including some long service leave) and I will be away from the weekend of 9-10 July until the weekend of 3-4 September inclusive. I will be traveling with my mum to be with my sister to support her with the baby (any tips will be most appreciated) and to enjoy some long-awaited family time. I have ensured that every weekend Mass during my time away will be covered and am very grateful to the many priests who will be covering the Masses in my absence as well as the lay leaders in our parish for taking on extra responsibility in my absence. More details to follow in coming weeks.

Finally, thank you also to all who contributed to the secret collections to provide me with such a generous monetary gift on the occasion of my 10th Ordination Anniversary last year. At the time I didn't realize that I would be using it so soon for overseas travel – and for such a wonderful reason! *A few hours after writing this I learnt my nephew's name. "Nate" – which my sister chose because it means "Gift from God"!

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

Message from Sr Kerry

At this stage of her life my mum had lost all mobility and needed a wheelchair to move around. My Mum, my brother Peter and I had had been asked to be mystery diners at a restaurant some kms from our home. With such an exciting invitation we readily accepted. The emphasis besides how we rated the restaurant, service and food took on the emphasis as to how the disabled are treated.

We had a great night. To write our review Peter and I kept adding notes to our phones. We chose different dishes, took in the ambiance, noted the service. We thoroughly checked out everything. We were a bit concerned that our mum would give our identity away. She kept saying, *'Do you think they will know who we are?'*

In celebrating the feast of Pentecost, I get a sense of a vibrant church. I sense enthusiasm, mission, outreach, community, eagerness, and vibrancy.

I am saddened that our Church has changed due to the pandemic that has touched our world. I sense a loss. We are that church today. When people look at you; me; us; do we ask, *'Do you think they will know who we are?'* Do they know who we are? As a Christian what do you think your rating may be in the eyes of others?

Family Mass! On Sunday 26th June we will be celebrating the **Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**, the Patronal Feast of our Diocese. The 8:00 am Mass will be a Family Mass where we are encouraged to come along as a family. Following the Mass morning tea will be served. The CWL will also be holding a cake stall. All are welcome whether you bring the family with you or your carry them in spirit.



ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

May	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 11 Jun	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, R Tassone	
Sat 11 Jun	Lawns	No Lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
Sat 11 Jun 6pm Mass	M L Wyatt		
Sun 12 Jun 8am Mass	A Kelly	Gloria Simmonite	Maria Matos, Sarah Walsh
Counters	A Kelly, C Dean		

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:
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PARISH NEWS

Monthly morning tea

Will be served after 8am mass on **Sunday 5th June** in St Joseph's Room. Everyone is welcome.

Catholic Women's league

Will hold their monthly meeting on **Thursday, 9th June at 10am** in St Joseph's Room. Everyone is welcome.

Thank you from Fr Jerzy

Thank you for the my gift and for attending Mass for my 40th anniversary of Ordination celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord, Monsignor Graham Schmitzer and Fr Andrew Granc and Parishioners.

After Mass, we enjoyed lunch and music at the Polish Association. Thank you to those who contributed in any way. DZIEKUJE

Faith Enrichment Evenings—Thursday 9 June

All are most welcome to our next 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:

"The Mystery of the Liturgy and the Eucharist"

Silver Circle results—30 May 2022

1st - P Gardiner
2nd - C Schembri

Children's liturgy

Children's liturgy is back every Sunday 8am Mass.

Carmelites—bus trip

Have you heard about the saint-in-the-making, Eileen O'Connor? The Lay Carmelites are organising a bus trip to visit her former home in Coogee and extend an invitation to anyone who is interested in taking part during the next school holidays on **Thursday, 14 July 2022**. For further information please contact 0415 926 132.

St Vincent de Paul—Unanderra Conference

Vinnies meet every Tuesday night in the St Joseph's room.
Please call **Jo on 0425 236 214** if you would like to find out more about the work of Vinnies.



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.**



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

RE-ADVERTISED VACANT POSITION CCD FAITH EDUCATION OFFICER CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG

Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of **Faith Education Officer** for the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine. Commencing in June/July 2022, this role supports the important work of Catholic Special Religious Education for over 8000 young Catholics in approximately 140 state schools. Based in Campbelltown, with hybrid working location arrangements, the successful applicant will be primarily involved in supporting the recruitment, training, and authorisation of volunteers throughout the diocese.

For more information and a detailed role description go to www.dow.org.au/jobs For enquiries, call **Helen on 4222 2403**

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 5 JUNE 2022

On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista's Gospel reflection on St John's understanding of the power of Pentecost. Mother Hilda's story on using faith to take forgiveness to an exceptional level. Fr Mike Delaney says how we look at the start of each day, how we think about it, and the language to describe it determines the amount of joy we experience. Listen at jcr.org.au



A VOCATION VIEW

The disciples of Jesus made bold proclamations through the promptings of the Spirit. What is the Spirit prompting you to do? Be courageous and act on it! (Acts 2:1-11)



If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@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. 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/>

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

We have heard what Jesus told his disciples before leaving this world and returning to the Father. He told us what it means to be a Christian: *"Even as I have loved you, so you must love one another"* (Jn 13:34). This is the legacy that Christ bequeathed to us, the ultimate criterion for discerning whether or not we are truly his disciples. It is the commandment of love. – Pope Francis, Sunday, 15 May 2022

EUCHARIST - THE SACRIFICE WE OFFER

Join Bishop Mascord and people from across the Diocese for a Workshop on **Saturday 11 June 2022 Xavier Conference Centre Wollongong (38 Harbour St), 9:30am - 2:30pm**, presented by Sr Carmel Pilcher RSJ, PhD.

Lunch and Morning Tea provided. An opportunity to make a donation to assist in covering costs will be provided.

At this workshop we will seek to understand what the early church understood by priestly participation in the liturgy. Namely that each of us, together with our sisters and brothers in Christ, bring to the celebration the joys and hopes, grief and anxieties of our week. Ritually we place these on the Eucharistic table along with bread and wine to become the mystery of Christ's sacrifice.

Register by Tuesday 7 June 2022: dow.org.au/events.

LIVING FAITH BOOKS

Living Faith books for children and adults (Apr, May and June) are available in the church.

Cost is \$5 each.



5 JUNE—PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR C)

First Reading- Acts 2:1-11 *They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages.*

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. R.
2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. R.
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. R.

Second Reading — Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, From the clear celestial height

Thy pure beaming radiance give. Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure

Come, thou light of all that live! Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest,

Dost refreshing peace bestow. Thou in toil art comfort sweet. Pleasant coolness in the heat

Solace in the midst of woe. Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine,

And our inmost being fill: If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay

All his good is turned to ill. Heal our wounds, our strength renew. On our dryness pour thy dew

Wash the stains of guilt away: Bend the stubborn heart and will. Melt the frozen, warm the chill

Guide the steps that go astray. Thou, on us who evermore. Thee confess and thee adore,

With thy sevenfold gifts descend: Give us comfort when we die. Give us life with thee on high

Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel — John 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of 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.'

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