

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (YEAR C) – 19 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 20 June	Mass: 8am	
Tues 21 June <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 22 June <i>Sts John Fisher, bishop and Thomas More, martyrs</i>	Mass: 9:30am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thurs 23 June	Adoration: 4:30pm - 5:15pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm –5:15pm Rosary: 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 24 June <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 25 June <i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	Rosary: 7:10am Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm 	Rosary: 8:40am Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am 
Sun 26 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

Tamara Barron, Marie Bishop
Milan Zearo, Danny Bransgrove
Sr Anne Derwin (RSJ), Norma Melki



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

This weekend we have the great privilege of celebrating the most wonderful gift Jesus gave us: the gift of his very Self in the Eucharist. In the words of The Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Eucharist is “the source and summit of the Christian life”, which contains “the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself”, it is “the sum and summary of our faith”, and “a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity”. It is fitting that our Parish Vision begins with these words: “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”. It is also fitting at this time to give thanks to the many priests who will ensure that the Eucharist can continue to be celebrated during my trip to Canada, and I take this opportunity to thank them all by name: Fr Paul Gurr, Fr David O’Brien, Fr Peter Gardiner, Fr Bernard Gordon, Fr Dominic Gleeson – and Fr Jerzy Slowinski for weekday Masses. Thanks also to our lay leaders who will take on extra responsibility in my absence – more details to follow in coming weeks. My last weekend Masses here will be on July 3rd, so I will see you for a few more weeks yet!

REFUGEE WEEK

On this Feast, let’s remember that the Catechism also reminds us that “The Eucharist commits us to the poor. To receive in truth the Body and Blood of Christ given up for us, we must recognize Christ in the poorest, his brothers and sisters” (paragraph 1397). Refugee week (Sunday 19 June to Saturday 25 June) gives us an opportunity to become more aware of the plight of our most vulnerable brothers and sisters throughout the world. The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office and the Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace invite us all to participate in an online prayer service to pray for asylum seekers and refugees to mark Refugee Week. Register now at: <https://bit.ly/RefugeeWeek2022Prayers>

DIOCESAN FEAST – IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Next Sunday, **26th June, is our Diocesan Patronal Feast – the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary**. This is especially significant for our Parish, being dedicated in a special way to Mary, the Immaculate Conception. It will also be our first “Family Mass”. You might wonder what “Family Mass” means – after all, every Mass is for everyone! As a Parish we must constantly seek new ways to connect with those who are not yet regularly joining us for the Eucharist, and we all know that young families especially find it difficult to attend Mass regularly these days, for many reasons. We are deeply grateful for the young families that do join us every Sunday and we must continue to welcome and encourage them. The “Family Mass” will include some extra efforts to help young families who may not regularly attend to feel at home with us – including giving some appropriate roles to children, choosing music that will be more familiar to many children, and preaching that will attempt to connect more with the children (pray for me!) There will also be a special morning tea after the Mass – with thanks as always to the Catholic Women’s League who always give so generously of themselves behind the scenes in our parish. Let’s pray for the success of our Family Mass and continue to work towards helping young families feel at home at all of our Masses.

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

Message from Sr Kerry

Last Saturday several parishioners were present at a gathering titled, ‘Eucharist the Sacrifice We Offer.’ To all whom I have spoken we gained much by being there. We very much received the message we are the body of Christ. It took me back some years to where I heard in a homily that Eucharist is a verb and not a noun. That can be challenging! Liturgy, unless lived, is just ritual.

On Thursday I was present at a school Mass. The final hymn sung by the children summed up Eucharist. <https://youtu.be/pvddWibgS2E>

While this may not be your favourite presentation of a hymn look past that and take the words, ‘Let your light change the world.’ Can you accept the challenge?



Do not forget the Family Mass next Sunday. Thanks to those who worked on the liturgy, our musicians and choir and St Pius School staff. Morning tea along with a cake and goods stall will be held after the Mass. Thank you to the CWL who have taken a highly active part in bringing this together. Eftpos will not be available.

ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

May	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 25 Jun	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
Sat 25 Jun	Lawns	No Lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children’s liturgy
Sat 25 Jun 6pm Mass	V Cleary		
Sun 26 Jun 8am Mass	P Gunning	Fiona Fernandez	Kylie (and Molly) Hertsch and G Farrugia
Counters	A Gunning, M Caudero, C Garrett		

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



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PARISH NEWS

Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary- Family Mass, morning tea and cake stall - 26 June

Catholic Women's league will host morning tea after 8am mass on **Sunday 26 June** in St Joseph's Room. Everyone is welcome.

Faith Enrichment Evenings—Thursday 23 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:

"Prayer and the Life of the Spirit"

Silver Circle results

1st - J Browne, 2nd - R Wilson

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 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.



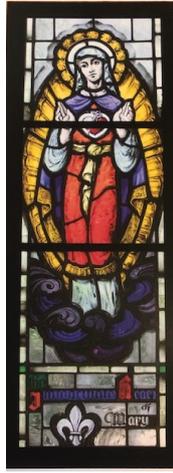
Update from Rachel Walsh

I want to thank you all for continuing to hold me in your prayers throughout this new journey. I have most certainly felt the graces. Pre-Novitiate year with the sisters has been both amazing and life-changing. It is simultaneously the hardest thing I have ever done and yet the most rewarding. I love all the opportunities I have been given with ministry and study, although currently my favourite ministry is with our Longstay caravan park people. They are a group of elderly people who we get to hang out with and run retreat days for each week. My favourite lifestyle change would have to be being able to have my Fridays set aside each week for simple fasting and prayer. It has been amazing to witness what God has done in and through me just from having an extra day each week set aside for Him. Anyways, your continued prayers are always welcomed and cherished. And be sure that I am continuing to pray for you all too. Blessings, Rachel.

CWL Craft Table

CWL Ladies will have a craft table in St Joseph's Room after mass on Sunday 26th June. There will be lots of hand made goods for sale. There will also be a raffle of Baby Items including sleeping bag, shawl and cuddly toys.

Don't forget to come along and see what is being offered for sale. You may find something you like. Money raised will be used to support needs in our parish, Mission to Seamen and Women Illawarra (Share the Dignity).



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 19 JUNE 2022

On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista's Gospel reflection on the feeding of the five thousand, he says the challenge is for us to act and allow God to take the little we have to offer and provide an abundance for many others. Mother Hilda tells Annie's story and says the hardest person to forgive is often ourselves. A faith testimony from Hannah Tichbon on why she joined the National Evangelisation Team. Listen at jcr.org.au



A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus asked, "Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?" What do you have to offer to the hungry world? (Luke 9:11-17)

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.

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

In practice, what does it mean to live this love? Before giving us this commandment, Jesus had washed the disciples' feet; then, after giving it, he gave himself up to the wood of the cross. To love means this: to serve and to give one's life. To serve, that is, not to put our own interests first: to clear our systems of the poison of greed and competitiveness; to fight the cancer of indifference and the worm of self-referentiality; to share the charisms and gifts that God has given us. Specifically, we should ask ourselves, "What do I do for others?" That is what it means to love, to go about our daily lives in a spirit of service, with unassuming love and without seeking any recompense.—Pope Francis, 15 May 2022

LIVE FESTIVAL 2022

This year the annual LIVE Festival is returning for the first time since 2019. If you are a young person in year 9 - 12 in the Wollongong Diocese who likes live music, quality content, fun, games, festival activities and has missed big Catholic events, then come to the LIVE Festival!

Date: Friday the 2nd of September

Time: 10am - 8pm

Location: WIN Entertainment Centre Wollongong

Cost: \$50 Register your interest now.

Registrations close on the 31st of July.

For more information, please email youth@dow.org.au and follow @cymdow on Instagram for updates!

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/>



LIVING FAITH BOOKS

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

Cost is \$5 each.



19 JUNE—THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (YEAR C)

First Reading— Genesis 14:1-20 *Melchizedek brought bread and wine*

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:
‘Blessed be Abram by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth,
and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.’
And Abram gave him a tithe of everything.

Responsorial Psalm — You are a priest forever, in the line of Melchizedek

1. The Lord’s revelation to my Master:
‘Sit on my right:
your foes I will put beneath your feet. R.
2. The Lord will wield from Zion
your sceptre of power:
Rule in the midst of all your foes. R.
3. A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the dawn I begot you. R.
4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not change.
‘You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old. R.

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.’ In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.’ Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming his death.



Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!

Gospel — Luke 9:11-17 *They all eat and were filled.*

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing. It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, ‘Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.’ He replied, ‘Give them something to eat yourselves.’ But they said, ‘We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.’ For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, ‘Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.’ They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.