

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 3 JULY 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  |
|--|---|---|
| <b>Mon 4 July</b><br><i>St Elizabeth of Portugal</i>     | Mass: 7am   |   |
| <b>Tues 5 July</b><br><i>St Anthony Zaccaria, priest</i> | Mass: 5.30pm  | Communion service   |
| <b>Wed 6 July</b><br><i>St Maria Goretti</i>             | Mass: 9:30am  | Adoration: 4:30pm<br>Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm<br>Mass: 5:30pm  |
| <b>Thurs 7 July</b>                                      | Mass: 11am (Polish)<br>Adoration: 4:30pm - 5:15pm<br>Reconciliation: 4:30pm –5:15pm<br>Rosary: 5:15pm<br>Mass: 5:30pm  | Mass: 7:45am  |
| <b>Fri 8 July</b>  | Mass: 7am   | Mass: 9:30am  |
| <b>Sat 9 July</b>  | Rosary: 7:10am <br>Mass: 7:30am<br>Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm<br>Mass: 6pm   | Rosary: 8:40am <br>Mass: 9am<br>Reconciliation: 9:30am |
| <b>Sun 10 July</b>                                       | Mass: 8am<br>Mass: 10am (Polish)  | Mass: 10am<br>Mass: 5pm   |

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Fred Lauric, Jose Cardoso  
Phyllis Spain

#### Anniversaries

Pilar Villanueva, Elizabeth Browne,  
Jacob Smith, Hans Lambert  
Eunice Mannix, Arthur Williams



### 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*

### ANNUAL LEAVE

This is my final weekend of Masses before my 2 months of leave, taking my mum to visit my sister and her new baby in Canada. This includes "long service leave" (as the usual leave allowance for priests is 4 weeks a year). I decided to ask Bishop Brian for this extended leave at this time for a number of reasons, including this being the first opportunity in 3 years that my mum and I will be able to see my sister, her husband and my other nephew, Jai, as well as the precious opportunity for my mum and I to enjoy (and help out with) my brand new nephew, Nate. I hope that my time away will also be refreshing in body and soul and help me serve you all better on my return from Canada in September. I will officially return to parish work on the weekend of 9-10 September.

In my absence, Sister Kerry Gardiner will be the main contact, and I thank Kerry for taking on even more of a leadership role in my absence. Kerry will be supported in this role by Melissa Bridges (parish secretary), George Attard (sacristan) as well as the many other generous volunteers whose dedicated service behind the scenes keep the parish going. There are corresponding lay leaders at West Wollongong, led by Terry Clout in my absence.

Fr Jerzy will celebrate the usual weekday Masses and Reconciliation in Unanderra. He is also generously taking on the weekday Masses and Reconciliations at West Wollongong according to the usual timetable, except for Tuesday mornings there which will be a lay-led Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

The weekends will be covered between Fr Paul Gurr, Fr David O'Brien, Fr Bernard Gordon, Fr Peter Gardiner, and Fr Dominic Gleeson. For last rites and funerals, the first contact outside of parish office hours should be Sister Kerry Gardiner.

A summary of this information, as well as the priest celebrant for each coming weekend, will be provided in the weekly bulletin.

### COLLECTIONS

This past week at the annual Clergy In-Service, there was much material shared that will hopefully improve my ministry, and that of all our clergy. Among the more mundane but essential topics was that of collections. It has been mandated by the Diocese that 2 collections will take place at Masses from now on, returning to the norm of the first collection taking place at the Offertory, and the second collection after Communion. The first collection will go to the Diocesan Clergy Remuneration Fund, and the second collection (as well as the tap point device at the church door) will go to the parish.

### PLENARY COUNCIL

The Plenary Council (formerly known as Plenary 2020) will culminate this week. Let us pray for all clergy and laity who will be assembling for the Council deliberations in Sydney during the coming week, that they may be truly open to listening to what the Spirit is saying to the Church in Australia in our time.

### NAIDOC WEEK

This Sunday is "National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday" throughout the Church in Australia, coinciding with NAIDOC week. In the timeless words of St John Paul II, in his 1986 address to First Nations people gathered at Alice Springs, "the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others."

**Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest**

## *Message from Sr Kerry*

This Sunday we celebrate **Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people**.

I have been very fortunate to have had two appointments to Walgett; a very indigenous town. I witnessed much suffering while there. The attached photo is that of a woman's arm. Out of respect I won't name this woman but I know her well. The six names tattooed on her arm are six of her eight children. These six named children have all died. The eldest girl dropped dead at the local swimming pool while eating her lunch. Can you imagine six of your eight children predeceasing you? Life would be tough! I was there when a most delightful 6 year old aboriginal girl was bitten by a brown snake and died. The most powerful lesson I learnt was when I went to visit the wife of an indigenous man who had died. Walgett is a town that doesn't experience much rain, but this weekend it had rain. I arrived at the house and had to jump the muddy puddles that should have been a gutter. I made the comment of how nice it was to see the rain. I wasn't ready for the response to my very superficial comment. The wife said, 'Sr, we love to see the rain after someone has died. Now we know their footprints are wiped from the earth and now they are at peace. If we don't have rain a dust storm does the same thing.' What indigenous story touches you?



A huge thank you to everyone in the parish and St Pius school who gave so much energy and time into making our Family Mass such a wonderful celebration. What a wonderful morning we all had!

This coming week Fr Duane commences his leave and travels with family to be with family. Let's hold Fr Duane in our prayers and thoughts. May it be everything Fr Duane hopes this time will be.

**Sr Kerry Gardiner**

### ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

| July                   | Church Washing      | Barbara Farraway           |                    |
|------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| Sat 9 Jul              | Church Cleaning     | W & J Rodgers, J Andersson |                    |
| Sat 9 Jul              | Lawns               | No Lawn mowing this week   |                    |
|                        | Lectors             | Welcomers                  | Children's liturgy |
| Sat 9 Jul<br>6pm Mass  | V Cleary            | B Farraway                 |                    |
| Sun 10 Jul<br>8am Mass | A Kelly             | G Simmonite,<br>H Murphy   | School holidays    |
| Counters               | A Kelly, B Farraway |                            |                    |

### ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:  
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## PARISH NEWS

### Celebrant for Sunday Mass

Each week we will print the names of the celebrants for the following weekend. Next week, 10 July we welcome:

6pm Vigil Mass - Fr Paul Gurr

8am Sunday Mass - Fr Bernard Gordon

### Family Mass - CWL stall

The Catholic Women's League would like to thank everyone who supported our stall with donations and purchases. A big thank you to all the workers for your help.

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle on Sunday, 26 June 2022: Anna Gunning, Fiona Fernandez, Anne Kelly, Silvio, Sister Kerry, Helen Murphy, Erin

### Faith Enrichment Evenings—Come Along and Unlock the Mystery of the Bible

Many Catholics want to read the Bible but get bogged down by the long stretches that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, an eight-part Bible study, helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it's all about. Aided by a unique color-coded *Bible Timeline* TM Chart that arranges the key people, places, and events of the Bible in chronological order, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God's plan.

Our parish will begin the Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible study on **Thursday 4th August at 7pm in the St Josephs Room**. Participants will meet every week for 8 weeks to share a meal and view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. **For catering purposes and registration please contact Melissa at the Parish Office by 1st August on 4271 1068 or unanderra@dow.org.au**

### Silver Circle results

1st - L Lathourakis 2nd - M Currie

### 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 0425 236 214** if you would like to find out more about Vinnies.



### Carmelite Meeting

Would you like to learn a little more about the Carmelite family? Living the Carmelite charism has produced many great saints and the Lay Carmelites have been in the Wollongong Diocese since the early 1980s. They currently meet every first Saturday of the month in St Joseph's Room. Our next meeting will be on **2 July beginning at 10am**. Do consider joining us for a cuppa and Morning Prayers.

## LIVE LOCAL

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/>



## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 3 JULY 2022

On the Journey this week: Fr Galbert Albino's Gospel reflection on missionary disciples – then and now. Mother Hilda's answer to the blame game. Pat Keady on the courage to be a missionary disciple. Trish McCarthy gives tips on meditation, plus Pete Gilmore checks the internet connection to God, and more great music! Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)



## A VOCATION VIEW

"The harvest is rich, but the workers are few; therefore ask the harvest-master to send workers to his harvest." Pray for vocations. Depend on God's providence. (Luke 10:1-9).



If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)

## NATIONAL ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY, 3 JULY

Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church. Next week we will acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, making His Presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years. For interesting information about First Nations people and the Catholic Church go to [dow.sh/NATSICC](http://dow.sh/NATSICC)

## SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Many writers have evoked the beauty of starlit nights. The nights of war, however, are riven by streams of light that portend death. On this night, brothers and sisters, let us allow the women of the Gospel to lead us by the hand, so that, with them, we may glimpse the first rays of the dawn of God's life rising in the darkness of our world. As the shadows of night were dispelled before the quiet coming of the light, the women set out for the tomb, to anoint the body of Jesus. There they had a disconcerting experience. First, they discovered that the tomb was empty; then they saw two figures in dazzling garments who told them that Jesus was risen. Immediately they ran back to proclaim the news to the other disciples (cf. Lk 24:1-10). They saw, they heard, they proclaimed. With these three verbs, may we too enter into the Passover of the Lord from death to life. *Pope Francis, 16 April*

## 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](mailto:youth@dow.org.au) and follow @cymdow on Instagram for updates!

## LIVING FAITH BOOKS

Living Faith books for children and adults (July, August and September) are available at the church side door.

**Cost is \$5 each.**

## 3 JULY - FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

**First Reading**— Isaiah 66:10-14

*I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.*

Rejoice, Jerusalem,  
be glad for her, all you who love her!  
Rejoice, rejoice for her,  
all you who mourned her!  
That you may be suckled, filled,  
from her consoling breast,  
that you may savour with delight  
her glorious breasts.  
For thus says the Lord:  
Now towards her I send flowing  
peace, like a river,  
and like a stream in spate  
the glory of the nations.  
At her breast will her nurslings be carried  
and fondled in her lap.  
Like a son comforted by his mother  
will I comfort you.  
And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.  
At the sight your heart will rejoice,  
and your bones flourish like the grass.  
To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

**Responsorial Psalm — Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! R.
2. Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!  
Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. R.
3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. R.
4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul:  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. R.

**Second Reading — Galatians 6:14-18**

*The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ*

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia! May the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

**Gospel — Luke 10:1-12,17-20**

*Your peace will rest upon him.*

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. 'Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. 'Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'