

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 24 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
Mon 25 July <i>St James, apostle</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tues 26 July <i>Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	Communion service
Wed 27 July	Mass: 9:30am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thurs 28 July	Adoration: 4:30pm - 5:15pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm - 5:15pm Rosary: 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 29 July <i>Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 30 July	Rosary: 7:10am Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm 	Rosary: 8:40am Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am 
Sun 31 July	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<i>Polish</i>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Kenneth John Wood, Marguerite Hillman
 Rudy Geyling, John Walsh



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 Sr Kerry

Some twenty plus years ago I was travelling on the train into the city with my sister and her four small children. I remember only one thing from that day. I can't remember why we were going into the city or what we did. I remember nothing else of that day except one comment a lady sitting opposite us made when she addressed the children. The children were asked if they were having a day out with Grandma. I was not impressed when I was being referred to as 'grandma.'



Since then as I have grown into the Grandma age bracket I think the idea of being a grandparent is a beautiful image. I think of gentleness, love, tenderness, caring, excusing, acceptance, growing old gracefully. Of course there are exceptions to every rule.

Today we celebrate **Grandparent Sunday** where the church recognises the dignity and value of grandparents. Let us remember all who are grandparents or grandparent figures. Let us pray for them and the joys and heartaches they carry. Thank you for the gift you are to our world.

'You will know the secret of life when you know how to love.'

[Call the midwife.]

Sr Kerry Gardiner

Reflections on the Mass

Last week we focused on our gathering for Mass. During this coming together as Christ's body, we bring our week - our sacrifices and our intentions, uniting them with the rest of the community and with Jesus. This is our priestly task.

A key moment of this gathering phase is saying sorry - the Penitential Act. Being a priestly people called to worship God, we firstly acknowledge our sinfulness, how we have caused hurt and harm to one another and creation and fallen short of God's will and desire for us. We ask forgiveness so that we may offer sacrifice with pure heart and mind.

The Penitential Act consists of the 'I Confess' prayer and the threefold Lord Have Mercy, Christ have Mercy, Lord have Mercy. Through these prayers we admit our faults and failings, unite with one another in our desire for forgiveness and reconciliation and ask the Father for mercy, forgiveness and healing.

United then with one another and with Jesus, we offer ourselves fully to the Father and sing or say the Gloria. The (Glory to God in the highest) is a most ancient and venerable hymn by which the Church, gathered in the Holy Spirit, glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Son, the Lamb of God. It is a hymn praising and thanking God for his mercy and forgiveness, for his compassion and love.

Darren McDowell - seminarian

Celebrant for Sunday Mass

Fr Duane is on leave until 10th September. The main contact in his absence is **Sister Kerry Gardiner 0421 463 871** or **kerry.gardiner@sosj.org.au** (including co-ordinating last rites and funerals).

This weekend's priests: Saturday 6pm (and Reconciliation from 5pm) Fr Paul Gurr; Sunday 8am Fr Peter Gardiner.

Next weekend's priests: Saturday 6pm (and Reconciliation from 5pm) Fr Paul Gurr; Sunday 8am Fr Dominic Gleeson

ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

July	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway	
Sat 30 Jul	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
Sat 30 Jul	Lawns	No lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
Sat 30 Jul 6pm Mass	M Carolan		
Sun 31 Jul 8am Mass	S Walsh	Zali & Aidan Calvert	Kirra Calvert, Alicia Sanchez-Levine
Counters	A Gunning, M Caudero, C Garrett		

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:
please contact



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PARISH NEWS

St Vincent de Paul—Unanderra Conference

St Vinnies meet every Tuesday night in the St Joseph's room. You may like to come and assist in the St Vincent de Paul work. Please call 0425 236 214 if you would like to help.



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**

The Christian Meditation Group

Meets each **Monday from 6pm to 7pm** in the St Joseph's room. Parishioners and friends are very welcome to come to learn of and experience this wordless form of non-denominational, contemplative prayer. Enquiries: please text Monica - 0412 056 877.

Collections:

Two collections take place at Mass. The first collection goes to the Diocesan Clergy Fund. The second collection (as well as the tap point device donations) go to the Parish. We are always grateful for your generosity.

Used Stamps for Peru

Please remember to place all of your used stamps (leaving a 1cm / ½" border) in the box near the side door of the church. All used stamps donated are sent to Sydney to raise money for the work of the Sisters of St Joseph in Peru.

CLAIMING HOPE: CREATIVE HEALING RETREAT 12 - 14 AUG

Join the MGL Sisters at Carmel House for a healing retreat experience. Come to God in your woundedness, journey with Him through creativity, and allow Him to transform you into a living sign of hope.

Enquiries: <https://www.mglsisters.org/contact-us>

www.trybooking.com/BWMJN



DIOCESAN CHOIR

Join the Diocesan Choir! You are invited to register to participate in the Diocesan Choir for major diocesan liturgical events. To learn more and to register your interest, please visit the diocesan website www.dow.org.au/diocesan-choir/



DIOCESAN CHOIR

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME — AIRS SUNDAY 24 JULY 2022



On the Journey this week: Fr Joseph Murphy's gospel reflection on praying just like Jesus. Mother Hilda's moving Amen prayer story. Plus, a faith testimony from NET member Michael Adams. Fr Mike Delaney's observations while driving to and from Mass. Josh Clayton making a thousand sausage sandwiches and being like Jesus out on mission with the multitudes. Listen at jcr.org.au

A VOCATION VIEW

Where is God calling you?

"Be who you are meant to be and you will set the whole world on fire" (St Catherine of Siena).

All of us have a vocation! God is calling you personally to become all that you were created to be. Your vocation is simply how you are called to love in the world. Where is God calling you? Perhaps to single life or marriage? Perhaps to the priesthood or consecrated life? If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au



POSITION VACANT - DOW CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Catholic Development Fund, Diocese of Wollongong is seeking an experienced client service officer with financial institution experience. A full-time appointment is desirable. However, suitably qualified candidates looking for part-time or job share should apply. Applications close **Friday 29 July 2022**. For a role description please email tony.sanderson@dow.org.au

FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS – CORPUS CHRISTI

If you are struggling with your mobile phone, downloading apps, or using a QR code CatholicCare are very proud to be partnering with CEO and Corpus Christi Catholic College offering free technology training to seniors. The Cross + Generational training program is a unique opportunity for an 'exchange of gifts' between both students and seniors. There will be **6 sessions, 3,10,17 Aug and 7,14,21 September**. Please call Jane Hollier on **0417 018152**.

CAN YOU UNDERTAKE AN OVERSEAS MISSION?

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these [Mission opportunities abroad](#).

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. [Palms Australia](#), who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. Enquire [online](#) or Ph: **0422 742 567** to find out about a placement to engage your skills. You can also Register for a Webinar on Mon August 1st, 7pm to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste.

The stories will inspire.

MASS WITH BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD

You are invited to a Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord on **Monday 8 August at 12 Midday**, to celebrate the **feast day of Saint Mary of the Cross McKillop** and the 150th Anniversary of the Josephite Sisters in NSW. Following Mass Bishop Brian Mascord will bless the new Statue for the Unborn. Light lunch will be provided.

24 JULY - SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

First Reading— Genesis 18:20-32

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' the Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart: you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. R.
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love, which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. R.
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. R.
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. R.

Second Reading — Colossians 2:12-14

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Gospel — Luke 11:1-13

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.'

He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

“Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test.”

He also said to them:

'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!