

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 7 AUGUST 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 8 August</b> <i>St Mary of the Cross</i>	Mass: 7am	
<b>Tues 9 August</b>	Mass: 5.30pm	Communion service
<b>Wed 10 August</b> <i>St Lawrence, deacon, martyr</i>	Mass: 9:30am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 
<b>Thurs 11 August</b> <i>St Clare, virgin</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm-5:15pm  Reconciliation: 4:30pm-5:15pm Rosary: 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 	Mass: 7:45am
<b>Fri 12 August</b> <i>St Jane Frances de Chantal</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
<b>Sat 13 August</b> <i>Sts Pontian, martyr and Hippolytus, martyr</i>	Rosary: 7:10am  Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm	Rosary: 8:40am  Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am
<b>Sun 14 August</b>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am ( <i>Polish</i> )	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Aleksander Hasiuk

#### Anniversaries

Greg Dorota, Joseph Fenech,  
Ron Gandy.



### 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

I was in my twenties. It was my first posting as a Sister of St Joseph and I was teaching Kindergarten. The building that housed my classroom was an incredibly old building that Mary MacKillop had walked through. While we had changed into a modified habit by this time, we still wore a veil and looked 'nunny.'

One day I stumbled on a question asked by Stephen. Stephen in all innocence said, 'Did your mummy get a surprise when she saw you like that?' Stephen was referring to my birth. For him I came from my mother's womb in a habit!

Wouldn't it be wonderful if life were as clear as that? You arrive on this earth dressed for whatever you are meant to be.

As we celebrate vocations awareness week let us pray for each other, but especially those who are discerning their call in life. For those of us who have matured a little let us reflect on our own life. There are many twists and turns in life; there is sadness and heartache; joy and laughter; grief and celebration; life and death. We have lived those moments and allowed them to define us.



Rumi says, 'A rose's rarest essence lives in the thorns.'

**Sr Kerry Gardiner**

## Reflections on the Mass - Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Following the Liturgy of the Word we commence the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This Liturgy begins with the Preparation of Gifts. In this ancient tradition both the bread and wine, which will become Christ's body and blood, as well as offerings for the poor are presented to the priest celebrant. The bread and wine are laid upon the altar whilst the offerings for the poor are placed at the foot of the altar. In this way we offer all these things to God through Jesus Christ.

It is for this reason that the procession of gifts is so important. By way of music, and the inclusion of members of the congregation, we unite together in the one offering of Christ which the priest will make present on the altar. Similarly, we will receive at communion the bread and wine - then Jesus Christ's body and blood - which we offered during this procession.

Through offering these physical gifts we too place the sacrifices of our own life on the altar. As St Augustine wrote: 'By presenting our gifts at the altar, we place ourselves on the altar. We ourselves, are his best and most noble sacrifice, and it is the mystery of this sacrifice that we celebrate in our offerings.'

The sacrifices we place on the altar are the sacrifices of love and care, of time and energy, of work and play that we have undertaken for the good of God's kingdom. Thus, through the priest we ask 'that my sacrifice and yours might be acceptable to God the Almighty Father' and we respond, praying that indeed, these sacrifices will be acceptable to God the Father 'for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church'.

**Darren McDowell - seminarian**

### Celebrant for Sunday Mass

**This weekend's priests:** Saturday 6pm (and Reconciliation from 5pm) Fr Paul Gurr; Sunday 8am Fr David O'Brien.

**Next weekend's priests:** Saturday 6pm (and Reconciliation from 5pm) Fr Paul Gurr; Sunday 8am Fr David O'Brien

## ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

August	Church Washing	Helen Murphy	
Sat 13 Aug	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson	
Sat 13 Aug	Lawns	M & J Winner, M Walsh, S Carrigan	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
Sat 13 Aug 6pm Mass	N O'Donoghue	B Farraway	
Sun 14 Aug 8am Mass	M Matos	G Simmonite, H Murphy	Kylie & Molly Hertsch, Gemma Farrugia
Counters	M Murphy (FT), S Alessi		

## ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:  
please contact



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**Fr Duane Fernandez is on leave until 10 Sept**

## PARISH NEWS

### Novena of masses in preparation for the solemn Feast of The Assumption

Our novena this year, in preparation for the Feast of The Assumption will be held at the usual weekday Mass times, commencing on **Saturday 6 August 2022**.

There will be an additional Mass at 7pm on the *Feast of the Assumption - Monday 15 August*.



### St Vincent de Paul - WINTER APPEAL 20/21 AUGUST

The need for food, blankets, prescriptions, furniture and other assistance has increased as people struggle to cope this Winter. Please give generously to support people in our local community.

We'll be holding our annual appeal on the weekend of **20/21 August**. You can donate cash, use our envelopes or donate online.

Our bank Account details are:

BSB:062 000

Account: 1988 9862

Name: SVDP Society NSW Conference

Reference for Unanderra: **46425**



### Morning Tea—Sunday 7 August

Morning Tea will be served after 8am Mass. Everyone is welcome for a cuppa and a chat after Mass.

### Church yard clean up—Saturday 13 August

On Saturday 13 August we are having a church yard clean up from **9am—11:30am**. We will meet in the courtyard between the church and the presbytery. Our plans are to pressure clean the footpaths, trim the courtyard trees and weed. An hour of your time to assist us would be greatly appreciated.

Morning tea will be provided.



### Faith Enrichment Evenings

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible study on **Thursdays evenings 7pm** in the St Joseph's 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 enquiries please contact the Parish Office **on 4271 1068**.

### The Christian Meditation Group - Monday evenings

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.

### Catholic Women's League

The monthly meeting of the CWL will be held on Thursday **11th August at 10.00am** in St Joseph's Room.

Everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa at 10am. The meeting will be held after morning tea.

### Living Faith books—(July, August, September)

Living Faith provides daily reflections based on a scripture passage from the daily Mass.

This booklet helps Catholics pray and meditate in spirit with the seasons of the Church Year.

**Books are at the side door. Cost is \$5.**



## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME — AIRS SUNDAY 7 AUGUST 2022



On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista's Gospel reflection on being watchful, always ready, and vigilant to respond to God's quiet voice. Mother Hilda says a 12th Century comment is equally applicable to us today. Plus, Fr Anthony Crook explores why personal spirituality, and a sense of religious belonging is so protective and comforting to us Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)

### A VOCATION VIEW



Be alert to God's presence even in the least expected times, places, and events. You will be ready to respond to God's call. (Luke 12:32-48)

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)

### 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 2 September 2022

**Time:** 10am - 8pm

**Location:** WIN Entertainment Centre Wollongong

**Cost:** \$50

**Registrations close on Sunday 31 July.**

For more information, please email [youth@dow.org.au](mailto:youth@dow.org.au) and follow @cymdow on Instagram for updates!



### 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/](http://www.dow.org.au/diocesan-choir/)

### CATECHIST RETREAT 2022

All SRE teachers and helpers are welcome to attend the Catechist retreat planned for **Monday, Sep 12 in Varroville** OR **Friday, Sep 16 in Gerringong**. Sr Magdalen Mather OSB will facilitate the retreats in both locations. With God's help, Sr Magdalen will help us to move into an Ocean of Grace to be rejuvenated through prayer, contemplation and sharing with each other.

Register for the retreat at [dow.org.au/events](http://dow.org.au/events) or contact Cindy Oliver by emailing [support@ccdwoollongong.com](mailto:support@ccdwoollongong.com) or calling **4640 8550**.

### SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

*Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse* points out that the roots of domestic and family violence "lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others" and that "this stands in contrast to the relationships to which God calls us". — *Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement 2022-23*

### 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.



## 7 AUGUST - NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

**First Reading**— Wisdom 18:6-9

*Just as you struck your enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that,  
once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in,  
they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people,  
the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies;  
for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes  
you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret  
and this divine pact they struck with one accord:  
that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike;  
and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

**Responsorial Psalm — Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.**

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.  
They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. R.
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. R.
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. R.

**Second Reading** — Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19

*We will look for the city designed and built by God.*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Be watchful and ready: you know not when the son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

**Gospel** — Luke 12:32-48

*See that you are prepared.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'