

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 14 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 15 August</b> <i>The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Mass: 7am Mass: 11am (Polish) Mass: 7pm	
<b>Tues 16 August</b> <i>St Stephen of Hungary</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	Communion service
<b>Wed 17 August</b>	Mass: 9:30am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 
<b>Thurs 18 August</b>	Adoration: 4:30pm-5:15pm  Reconciliation: 4:30pm-5:15pm  Rosary: 5:15pm  Mass: 5:30pm 	Mass: 7:45am
<b>Fri 19 August</b> <i>St John Eudes, priest</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
<b>Sat 20 August</b> <i>St Bernard, abbot, doctor</i>	Rosary: 7:10am  Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm	Rosary: 8:40am  Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am
<b>Sun 21 August</b>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Aleksander Hasiuk, Rudolf Zugrek

#### Anniversaries

Marjory and Charles Dean, Terry Dean,  
 Sr Anne King RSJ, Sr Mark Boyle RSJ,  
 Cecil Clarke, Beatrice Williams  
 Gloria Sheppard, Tim Fisher



### 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*

While living in a remote country town we were all aware of a horrible murder that had taken place late one Saturday night. I happened to call in on a family on the Sunday morning. Little did I know her brother had been arrested and accused of the murder. I knew this family well. It was a sobering moment for me.

When the day for the hearing was set, the brother-in-law asked me if I would accompany them to court as they wanted protection. While waist management may not be my forte, I can assure you I looked very frail and thin compared to the man asking for my protection.

The hearing day arrived. As agreed, I called for the family and drove them to the courthouse. We were a little early, so we sat quietly in the car. The tension only became greater and more stifling when the family of the murdered woman stopped her car and parked next to us. The sister of the deceased got out of her car, walked to the rear of my car, and opened the back door. It was frightening. Retribution in this community is strong, and sadly, expected.

The woman spoke. She simply said to the man in the back seat. 'Give us time and we will get over this.' The fear within me floated away like a strong flowing river at the height of a flood. I have never heard such astonishing words.

Are there divisions in your family that need your healing touch? What words are you able to speak?

**Sr Kerry Gardiner**



## *Reflections on the Mass - Liturgy of the Eucharist - We Give Thanks*

The Eucharistic Prayer is the centre and high point of the mass. It is the prayer of thanksgiving and making holy. In the opening dialogue, especially our response that 'It is right and just', we give our assent to this action of thanksgiving, enabling the priest to continue offering this prayer to the Father. Thus, we are united with him in praying this prayer which he proclaims in our name to God the Father through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit.

The main elements of the Eucharistic Prayer are:

- *The Preface:* giving thanks to God for the work of salvation he has accomplished.
- *The Holy Holy Holy:* our joyful response to this reality.
- *The Epiclesis:* calling upon the power of the Holy Spirit to enable the bread and wine to become Jesus Christ's Body and Blood which we will receive for our salvation.
- *The Institution narrative and Consecration:* using the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, Jesus' offering of his body and blood is made truly present.
- *The Proclamation of Faith:* our solemn response that yes we have been saved by Jesus' death and resurrection.
- *The Oblation:* where we offer the sacrifice of Christ to the Father along with the sacrifice of our own lives.
- *The Intercessions:* where we join in unity with and pray for the Church as a whole, those who have died and one another gathered in this celebration.
- *The concluding doxology:* by which the priest glorifies God.
- *Great Amen:* our strong and joyful response affirming our agreement with, belief in and desire for all that has just been prayed.

**Darren McDowell—seminarian**

### **Celebrant for Sunday Mass**

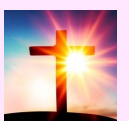
**This weekend's priests:** Saturday 6pm (and Reconciliation from 5pm) Fr Paul Gurr; Sunday 8am Fr David O'Brien.

**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 20 Aug	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, R Tassone	
Sat 20 Aug	Lawns	No lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
Sat 20 Aug 6pm Mass	V Cleary	G Simmonite	
Sun 21 Aug 8am Mass	T Vaafusuaga	Fiona Fernandez	Leah Galea, Alison Sharwood
Counters	A Kelly, B Faraway		

### **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

### Ordination of Fr Ben Gandy

Thank you on behalf of the Gandy family to the parishioners of Immaculate Conception parish for their prayers and support of Fr Ben. A large contingent from Unanderra attended the Ordination, which was greatly appreciated. It was a wonderful ceremony and an honour to have a Cardinal, an Archbishop, 4 bishops, 150 priests at the Ordination of 5 determined young men. Thanks to all that attended the Ordination and Fr Ben's first Mass.

For the full Ordination story, you may wish to purchase this week's Catholic Weekly for \$2. Copies are at the side door.

### Catholic Mission Appeal

Thank you for your generosity! Unanderra Parish donated **\$940.00** to the vital work of Catholic Mission.



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

The need for food, blankets and other essential items has increased as those in our local community struggle to cope this winter.

We will be holding the Winter appeal on the weekend of **20/21 August**. You can donate cash using the envelopes provided, donating online or using the bucket collection at the door after Mass. Please give generously to support our local community.

Our bank Account details are:

**BSB: 062 000**  
**Account: 1988 9862**  
**Name: SVDP Society NSW Conference**  
**Reference for Unanderra: 46425**



### 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.

### The Christian Meditation Group - Monday evenings

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**.

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

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

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



### 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.

### Recycling bins

Your donations of 10c recyclable bottles and cans are most appreciated. Our bins are located in the church car park. All monies raised go to our Parish.



## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

### — AIRS SUNDAY 14 AUGUST 2022

On the Journey this week: Fr Slawek Plonka's Gospel reflection on a baptism of fire to immerse us fully in God's love. Mother Hilda reflects on a famous poem, "The Prophet." A faith testimony from Verity Lebetter (Caloundra, Qld). Fr Mike Delaney on dealing with challenging questions of five-year-olds during school visits. Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)



### A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus wants to set our faith on fire, so we can share His love with zeal. (Luke 12)

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)



### AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED



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ACN AUSTRALIA

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church.

In areas of crisis, churches are often destroyed by violence. Where the faith is growing new churches are needed. ACN supports the reconstruction in these areas because a church is the centre of the life of faith and even the smallest chapel provides people with hope and a spiritual home.

Can you help build churches to support the faithful throughout the world? Visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/construction](http://www.aidtochurch.org/construction)

### 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

### CATHOLIC COURTSHIP SUMMIT 18 – 20 AUGUST 2022

Do you have a family member, parishioner or friend that is currently in a serious dating relationship, and you desire to help them discern with more confidence? If so, please consider inviting them to join us for **FREE** at the [Catholic Courtship Summit](http://Catholic Courtship Summit) taking place from **18-20 August 2022**.

The Catholic Courtship Summit is targeted for young adult catholic professionals in serious, committed relationships and we are one of the speakers and sponsors of the event.

We will be joined by over 20+ Catholic Experts & Speakers who will share the secrets to intentional dating to discern marriage with confidence, clarity & peace (without having to take years, struggling with chastity & communication challenges).

## 14 AUGUST - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

**First Reading**— Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10 *You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.*

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

**Responsorial Psalm - Lord, come to my aid.**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. R.
2. He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay.  
He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. R.
3. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.  
Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. R.
4. As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me.  
You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay. R.

**Second Reading** — Hebrews 12:1-4 *Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.*

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Gospel** — Luke 12:49-53 *I have come not to give peace, but discord.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

