

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 21 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 22 August</b> <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Mass: 7am	
<b>Tues 23 August</b> <i>St Rose of Lima</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	Communion service
<b>Wed 24 August</b> <i>St Bartholomew, apostle</i>	Mass: 9:30am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 
<b>Thurs 25 August</b> <i>St Louis, St Joseph Calasanz, priest</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm-5:15pm  Reconciliation: 4:30pm-5:15pm Rosary: 5:15pm  Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
<b>Fri 26 August</b>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
<b>Sat 27 August</b> <i>St Monica</i>	Rosary: 7:10am  Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm	Rosary: 8:40am  Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am
<b>Sun 28 August</b>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am ( <i>Polish</i> )	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Aleksander Hasiuk, Rudolf Zugrek

#### Anniversaries

Umberto Corradini, Joseph Davis,  
 Thomas Brown, Nancy Bugeja,  
 Mary Evans



### 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 thirty years ago I was very privileged to be given the opportunity to minister in a third world country and to work amongst 3,500 families living on the city's garbage dump. I had asked for the opportunity to go there as these people had something in life that I did not have. While I cannot put into words what they had and what I so desired, I was hungry for it.

My journal from my time there makes for unbelievable reading. I was caught up in a bank robbery which ended in a murder. I saw beauty personified when I travelled for a break; I experienced the living enslavement of internal refugees; I embraced Mother Teresa, now St Teresa; I saw poverty that my eyes could never have imagined, nor my heart had ever felt. I recount experiences where I cried so easily. The experience was bountiful.

What surprises me is that despite all that I experienced, all that I enjoyed, the people I loved, all that caused torrential tears, when it became obvious that I needed to return to Sydney, I can still picture myself seated on the plane and writing my diary. I wrote in my journal in large print: 'I believe I was sent to the poor to hear the Good News.'



Who touches your life and reveals the good news to you?

**Sr Kerry Gardiner**

## *Reflections on the Mass - Communion - with Jesus & One Another*

Our reflections over the past few weeks have hopefully enabled us to see that all we do at mass points to a unity of mind, heart, will and action. At every step of the mass we are proclaiming through word and action that we are united as one body, one spirit, one people with one God.

In the action of receiving communion we proclaim two realities. Firstly, that we are willing to unite ourselves intimately with Jesus through receiving his flesh and blood. In our 'amen' we agree to become so united with him that indeed we become like him, accepting all that this unity entails. We say 'yes' to allowing Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, transform us more and more into his body, broken for others. It is for this reason that spending time in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament can be so powerful.

Secondly, and consequently, we also become intimately united with one another because together we are his body. As St Augustine said 'become what you receive'. Our 'yes' to this communion impels us, like Jesus himself, to move out in love towards every human person. As St John Chrysostom said "What is the good of adorning Christ's table with golden vessels if he himself is left to perish in hunger. First feed those who are hungry and then you can adorn the table with what remains."

How then do we receive communion? If the above is true, then unity in the manner of reception becomes a visible proclamation of the truth of our unity as the body of Christ. Our cupped hands signify the throne upon which Jesus Christ is placed. In this action we proclaim that yes, we recognise the person we receive and are willing to 'enthroned' him in our lives.

**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 27 Aug	Church Cleaning	J Allen, J Haywood, L Salway, M Hurley	
Sat 27 Aug	Lawns	No lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
Sat 27 Aug 6pm Mass	M Rodwell	L Gandy	
Sun 28 Aug 8am Mass	A Kelly	A Kelly, S Michielin	Sarah Walsh, Michelle Rodwell
Counters	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, M Winner		

### **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

### **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 this weekend. 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



### **Lunch Gathering—Friday 9 September**

Friday 9th Sept has been marked in for another lunch gathering at Wests. A great couple of hours is ensured. If you wish to attend join us at noon in the dining room where Sr Kerry will be holding a seat just for you.

### **Church yard clean up—thank you**

Thank you to those who turned up for the church yard clean up last Saturday. A job well done!



### **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.

### **Covid Guidelines**

The Catholic Diocese of Wollongong continues to implement the following to ensure the wellbeing for all attending our churches. Communion is to be administered in the hand. Holy water fonts are to remain empty. You will be informed when these guidelines change from the present situation.



Youth Groups

### **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, cans and plastics are most appreciated. Our bins are located in the church car park. All monies raised go to the Parish.



## ON SONG IN THE 'GONG'!

**Friday 2nd September 2022 @ 7:30pm Wollongong Town Hall**  
Crown & Kembla Streets, Wollongong.  
**Adults \$45: Concessions \$35 and Children under 13 Free**

Come join "Spirit" a musical talent consisting of four current students of Holy Spirit College Bellambi; one ex-student and a staff member in an evening showcasing the very best of Illawarra's outstanding musical talents backed by one of Sydney's iconic musical powerhouses. Join the Hummingbirds, Spirit, and the Sydney Male Choir in an entertaining evening of music and laughter.

Bookings can be made, and tickets purchased @ <https://merrigong.com.au/> or at the **Box Office 02 42245999**

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME — AIRS SUNDAY 21 AUGUST 2022



On the Journey this week: Fr Galbert Albino's Gospel reflection calls us to make all our actions to be driven by love so we can enter through the narrow door. Mother Hilda says, often our judgement of others is inaccurate and wrong, yet God doesn't judge us in the same way. Jude Hennessy is in conversation with Fr Chris Ryan MGL and Laura Neeson about the Arente Centre and its role in forming missionary leaders. Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)

## A VOCATION VIEW

Will you help gather people to be a part of the reign of God? Pray to be open if God calls you to serve as priest, deacon, brother, or sisters. (Isaiah 66:18-21)

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



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

## CALLED TO HOLINESS: FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND 4 – 6 NOVEMBER 2022

Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility/Environmental Centre, Sheehys Creek Road, Oakdale.

To renew our commitment to family ministry in solidarity with diocesan communities around the world during this year of the **World Meeting of Families**, the Diocese of Wollongong will be hosting the Called to Holiness: Family Camping Weekend **on 4–6 November 2022**.

This will be an awesome opportunity for families throughout the diocese to come together in a relaxed camping environment for connection, formation, fun, meals, prayer, sport, music, praise, and of course Sunday Mass including children's liturgy. At this stage are just asking for expressions of interest - please register your interest with Helen Bennett E: [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au)

## 21 AUGUST - TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

**First Reading**— Isaiah 66:18-21

***They will gather all of your people from all nations.***

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm - Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.**

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
acclaim him all you peoples! R.
2. Strong is his love for us;  
he is faithful for ever. R.

**Second Reading** — Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13

***The Lord disciplines those he loves.***

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

**Gospel** — Luke 13:22-30

***From east to west they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.***

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

