

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 16 OCT 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 17 Oct <i>St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tues 18 Oct <i>St Luke, evangelist</i>	Mass: 5:30pm Rosary: 6:10pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 19 Oct <i>Sts John de Brebeuf and Issac Jogues, priests and companions, martyrs</i>	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion: 9:30am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 
Thurs 20 Oct	Adoration: 4:30pm-5:15pm  Reconciliation: 4:30pm-5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm Rosary: 6pm 	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 21 Oct	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 22 Oct <i>St John Paul II, pope</i>	Rosary: 7:00am  Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm	Rosary: 8:30am  Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am
Sun 23 Oct	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<u>Polish</u>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Ileana Corradini, Sally McConville,
 Patricia Simpson, Frank Coughlin

Prayers for the sick

Craig Battley, Francesca Quetcher

Anniversaries

Maisie Dredge, Helen Milway,
 Shirley Steel, Tommy McNall,
 Judith Salway, Lawrence Moloney



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

Thank you to all those who were able to join in the Rosary Novena during the past 9 days – since the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. I am sure that many blessings will come upon our Parish community dedicated to Mary, the Immaculate Conception, as a fruit of this initiative of the faithful.

In our time, people of all faiths and no faith are drawn more and more to various forms of meditation. No doubt this is motivated by the increasing pace of life, and the constant distractions that surround us. Thankfully, the Catholic tradition has many forms of mediative prayer to offer us – especially the Rosary. I have grown in my appreciation of the Rosary throughout my faith journey, as a form of meditation in which, rather than “emptying” our minds as other practices encourage, we can fill our minds with the love of God, revealed in Christ, together with Mary – herself the perfect model of prayer and contemplation. I have previously recommended the Apostolic Letter of Pope John Paul II on the Rosary, especially during this month of October. This weekend I have collated extracts of the letter for those who lack the time to read the whole letter. Feel free to take a copy, and to reflect again this month on this ancient prayer. In the words of Pope Francis, *“I invite everyone to rediscover, especially during this month of October, the beauty of the prayer of the rosary, which has nourished the faith of the Christian people through the centuries (7th October 2020).”*

The Rosary will continue to be part of the devotional practice of the Parish with minor changes to the schedule. On Thursdays, the Rosary will be prayed straight after Mass, so that as people arrive before Mass they can focus on Eucharistic Adoration and the Sacrament of Reconciliation – and hopefully more people will have the opportunity to stay for the complete Rosary at the conclusion of Mass in this way. On Saturdays, Rosary will commence at 7am rather than 7:10am, to allow for some quiet time of preparation for 7:30am Mass.

Memorial Mass: Aub Curran

Aub Curran, a beloved parishioner at St Therese Parish over many years who also attended Immaculate Conception Unanderra on occasion, passed away peacefully in July. His welcoming and joyful presence is already missed by so many of us, including myself. Aub’s family held a private funeral service for Aub, with a view to organizing a Memorial Mass connected with the date of his 90th birthday (which occurs in October). The details of this Mass are now finalized: **Saturday 5th November, 12pm, St Therese Church.** Followed by refreshments in the school hall. All welcome to attend.

New Covid Directives: Commencing 29th October

With the easing of Covid restrictions continuing throughout society this month, the Diocese will enact new Covid Directives at the end of the month. These will be communicated and explained in more detail in the coming weeks.

Fr Duane Fernandez

Message from Sr Kerry

Covid lock down has done me no favours. The hardest thing for me has been the interruption to meeting people at Mass and getting to know names and stories.

Driving out of my driveway about a year ago, I headed towards the highway. Before reaching the corner, I was flagged down by a boy about 13 or 14 years old. I have never stopped for anyone before, but I could see the desperation on this young man’s face. His face was cemented with fear, terror and anxiety. I wound down the window and the boy told me he and his friend had been assaulted by a group of boys at the park. He was anxious as he and his friend became separated. He was worried about his friend. Together we went back to the park. During the conversation he said to me, ‘You are from the church, aren’t you?’ That blew me away.

He didn’t know my name, nor did I know his name, but the church linked us. I find it a little scary that we are the face of Christ in our neighborhood. We may never know what good we do but let’s continue to live the dismissal at Mass..... go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Sr Kerry Gardiner



ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

October	Church Washing	Barbara Farroway	
Sat 22 Oct	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson	
Sat 22 Oct	Lawns	No Lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children’s liturgy
Sat 22 Oct 6pm Mass	D Nugent	L Gandy	
Sun 23 Oct 8am Mass	C Walsh	G Simmonite, H Murphy	Sarah Walsh, Michelle Rodwell
Counters	A Gunning, M Caudero, C Garrett		

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



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PARISH NEWS

November Masses

To have Mass offered for a deceased relative or friend, please email the person's name to the Parish Office at unanderra@dow.org.au with the subject "November Masses". The names will be included in the book of the deceased.

STIC Young Adults prayer mini series

St Therese Immaculate Conception Young Adults Group (or **STIC YA**) is hosting a prayer mini series every fortnight on a Thursday evening. In this mini series, we will look at ways of connecting with God through prayer, such as Scripture, Worship Music, Devotion, Meditation and Contemplation. The mini series will end with a trusty Q&A that should be helpful in answering any additional questions. Come along for faith formation, community, and a good time!

Dates: 27th Oct, 10th Nov, 24th Nov & 8th Dec

Time: 7pm - 8:30 pm

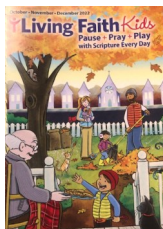
Location: St Joseph's meeting room.

Church Yard clean up—Saturday 15 October

On Saturday 15 October 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. Morning tea will be provided.

Living Faith books - Oct, Nov, Dec

The new Living Faith books have arrived. There is also a separate Living Faith Kids book—which includes daily reflections, prayers and activities. Cost is \$5. Please leave money in the box provided.



Parish Finances - week ending 9 Oct

\$356 First Collection - Clergy Remuneration Fund
\$345 Second collection - Parish expenses
\$120 Tap Point—Parish donations
\$280 Planned giving envelopes
\$538 Direct debits (weekly average from Sept).

Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

Recycling bins

Your donations of 10c recyclable bottles, cans and plastics are most appreciated. Our bins are located in the church car park.



The Christian Meditation Group - 6pm Monday

Parishioners and friends are very welcome to come to learn of and experience this wordless form of non-denominational, contemplative prayer. Enquiries: text Monica - 0412 056 877

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.



FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS – HOLY SPIRIT COLLEGE

If you are struggling with your mobile phone, downloading apps, or anything else that you may need, CatholicCare are very proud to be partnering with CEO and Holy Spirit College offering free technology training again to seniors.

The Cross + Generational training program is a unique opportunity for an 'exchange of gifts' between both students and seniors. There are only four Friday sessions this term with the dates being **21 Oct, 4 and 18 Nov and 2 Dec, 9.30-11am** at Holy Spirit College Bellambi. To secure your place, please call Jane Hollier, at CatholicCare **0417 018 152** or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 16 OCT 2022

On the Journey this week. Fr Ken Café's Gospel reflection on prayer, love and justice. Mother Hilda tells how to see things the way God sees them. Robert Falzon in conversation on the experiences and decisions that led to the establishment of the Men Alive ministry, Trish McCarthy on how to bear fruit in plenty, and more great music! . Listen at jcr.org.au



A VOCATION VIEW

Pray persistently and God will respond. Ask God to bless the Church with faith-filled ministers. (Luke 18:1-8)

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



GROWING GOOD MEN FATHER & TEENAGE SON WEEKEND EXPERIENCE

FRIDAY 6.30PM 21 OCTOBER – SUNDAY 1.30PM 23 OCTOBER 2022 TO BE HELD AT CATARACT ACTIVITY CENTRE, APPIN

GROWING GOOD MEN is an experientially based program which encourages and enables fathers and sons to strengthen their relationship and to explore important issues of growing into manhood. It is designed for fathers and their **adolescent sons aged 12 to 16 years (school years between 7 and 10)**.

Please register and pay online at www.dow.org.au/events
Enquiries: Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au



SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

We know that most often those who suffer violence and abuse in homes and families, in workplaces, and in communities, are women and children while the perpetrators are most often men. We support women in calling for respect in relationships; their lives and those of their children are sacred <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

OPEN WIDE: SPIRIT-LED DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT

28 – 30 OCTOBER AT CARMEL HOUSE, VARROVILLE

Join the MGL Sisters on retreat as we deepen in God's love, seek restoration, and be empowered to live life open wide to the Holy Spirit! The retreat will include inputs, the sacraments, prayer times and opportunities for spiritual conversation with others. It's for men and women aged 18+ and offers you a great chance to rest and restore before the final two months of the year are upon us! More info and register: <http://www.trybooking.com/BWMKC>

THE BISHOPS COMMISSION FOR EVANGELISATION, LAITY AND MINISTRY

Warmly invites all Catholics to 'Evangelise', a national, **online conference to be held from 20 – 22 October 2022**. The conference will promote understanding and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through encounters with Christ, formation in discipleship, and mission in the world. The conference will feature a range of informative and engaging presentations on topics such as liturgy, marriage and family, discipleship, formation, and prayer. Individual registration (**\$25 each**) and further information can be found at: <http://www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au>.

16 OCTOBER - TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

First Reading— Exodus 17:8-13

As long as Moses had his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm - Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains; from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. R.
2. May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. R.
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. R.
4. The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. R.

Second Reading — 2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

Gospel — Luke 18:1-8

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'