

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 23 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 24 Oct St Anthony Claret, bishop	Mass: 7am	
Tues 25 Oct	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 26 Oct	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion: 9:30am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 
Thurs 27 Oct	Adoration: 4:30pm-5:15pm  Reconciliation: 4:30pm-5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm Rosary: 6pm 	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 28 Oct Sts Simon and Jude, apostles	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 29 Oct	Rosary: 7:00am  Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm	Rosary: 8:30am  Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am
Sun 30 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, Kevin Court

Prayers for the sick

Craig Battley, Francesca Quetcher, Jackie Allen

Anniversaries

Clara Dredge, Mavis Stubbs,
 Josie Fenech, Bill Micallef,
 Bonnie Grech

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

As of next weekend, beginning 29th October, we will have a further easing of Covid Restrictions in the Diocese of Wollongong. These Directives will be emailed to those on our email list (if you aren't on our emailing list please email our parish office to join). If you don't have email you can request a copy from the Parish Office. Briefly, the three changes enacted are that the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation will be reinstated, with the usual exception for those who are ill or other serious reasons; the filling of Holy Water stoups; and the possibility of receiving Communion on the tongue once again. These changes correspond to the easing of restrictions in other Dioceses as well as in broader society at this time.

I am aware that there is a broad range of attitudes towards Covid at this time, as well as the reality of people who are vulnerable and immunocompromised among us (or living with people who are vulnerable). Note that there is no obligation to use Holy Water for those who are not comfortable returning to that practice at this point in time. When it comes to Communion, as discerned by the Council of Priests in our Diocese and other places, I ask that all who wish to receive Communion on the tongue come **only to the priest**, and all other ministers of Holy Communion will continue to only give Communion in the hand.

This Sunday is World Mission Sunday, and I commend to you the message from Sister Kerry below, as well as these words of Pope Francis for this day:

"Dear brothers and sisters, I continue to dream of a completely missionary Church, and a new era of missionary activity among Christian communities. I repeat Moses' great desire for the people of God on their journey: "Would that all the Lord's people were prophets!" (Num 11:29). Indeed, would that all of us in the Church were what we already are by virtue of baptism: prophets, witnesses, missionaries of the Lord, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the ends of the earth! Mary, Queen of the Missions, pray for us!"

Fr Duane Fernandez

Message from Sr Kerry

Peter, my brother, was greatly anticipating his appointment to Haiti. Sadly, for Peter an earthquake hit Haiti, Covid was raging, and the President was murdered. It was deemed that Peter's appointment there would not go ahead. Peter had been to Haiti and had introduced me to the story of Fr Rick.

I strongly suggest you take seven minutes of your time to sit and hear the story of Fr Rick. You will not be disappointed. You may be saddened and at the same time invigorated

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9xHaEp7nl9o>

There are many Fr Rick's in our world. People who give of themselves to go and minister to those less fortunate than themselves. We are not all called to leave our homeland, but we are called to live in our neighbourhood.

This weekend the Catholic Church remembers World Mission Sunday. Today I suggest you remember in prayer all those who have left their homeland, culture, language, family etc to minister to others. Let us also remember that we are all called to be missionary. How can you be missionary in Your church and Your neighbourhood this day? Have you the courage to answer your call?

Sr Kerry Gardiner



ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

October	Church Washing	Barbara Faraway	
Sat 29 Oct	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, R Tassone	
Sat 29 Oct	Lawns	H Fernandez, Milan Family, Broeckmann Family	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
Sat 29 Oct 6pm Mass	M Carolan		
Sun 30 Oct 8am Mass	P Gunning	Fiona Fernandez	Kirra Calvert, Alicia Sanchez-Levine
Counters	A Kelly, B Faraway		

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.

Come & Celebrate—70th Anniversary of the arrival of the Scalabrinian Order in Australia

The Scalabrinians arrived in Australia on 2 November 1952 and our parish was their first foundation. The history of the Scalabrinian Order here and around Australia reflects the development of the Italian community and migration to Australia.

On **Saturday 19th November at 10am** we will celebrate this historic milestone as well as the canonisation of their founder Saint Scalabrini. Everyone is warmly invited to come and celebrate with Bishop Brian Mascrod, priests of the Scalabrinian Order including their Provincial Superior Fr Martin Ignacio Gutierrez and Fr Angelo Buffolo along with Fr Duane, our parish priest. The mass will be in English and so all will be able to fully participate.

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!

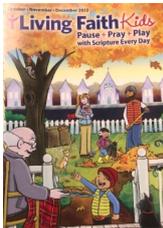
Dates: 27th Oct, 10th Nov, 24th Nov & 8th Dec

Time: 7pm - 8:30 pm

Location: St Joseph's meeting room.

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 16 Oct

\$402 First Collection - Clergy Remuneration Fund

\$484 Second collection - Parish expenses

\$170 Tap Point - Parish donations

\$291 Planned giving envelopes

\$538 Direct debits (weekly average from Sept).

Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

Memorial Mass for Aub Curran—All welcome

Saturday 5th November, 12pm, St Therese Church, followed by refreshments in St Therese School Hall

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.

Email: youth@dow.org.au



Youth Groups

Vinnies news - Anti-Poverty Week (16-22nd October)

Is a time to stop and reflect on the state of our country and what we are doing to support the most vulnerable. In Australia more than 3.24 million people live below the poverty line, including nearly 774,000 children.

All the people we assist locally who are trying to manage just on Job Seeker are living in poverty. With your help, we are able to deliver emergency food, support with scripts, clothing vouchers and reconditioned whitegoods.



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME — AIRS SUNDAY 23 OCT 2022



On the Journey this week. This Sunday is World Mission Day; this year's theme is "You shall be my witnesses." Fr Brian Lucas' gospel reflection is on witness, humility, righteousness and World Mission Sunday. Mother Hilda on where to look for enlightenment, Plus, Fr Mike Delaney on a proposal that the clergy in Tasmania pray for the people of the State that there might be an increased awareness of the need for God in their lives, Pete Gilmore is wondering what all the guests Jesus invites to dine with at his long table think of each other. Listen at jcr.org.au

A VOCATION VIEW

Be humble and allow God to do great things through you. (Luke 18:9-14). If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

BELOVED RETREAT FOR WOMEN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S NETWORK

Join us for a day retreat and uncover more of your Belovedness. A perfect way to prepare your heart to close out the year and soften into the upcoming season of Advent.

Engaging speakers, opportunities for prayer, worship, adoration, confession, Mass, and more. Lunch and refreshments included.

Date: Saturday 5 November 8:30am - 5:30pm

Age: 18+

Cost: \$75

Location: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre: 347 Grose Wold Rd, Grose Vale NSW 2753

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator, Meg McAlister, is attending the retreat, can answer questions and is eager to connect with attendees from the Diocese of Wollongong, so let her know if you are attending meg.mcalister@dow.org.au

Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/4QYED1v4Z>

Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?>

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse focuses in a special way on the problem of spiritual violence and abuse. It discusses how religious teachings – including our own – may be manipulated by perpetrators to excuse violence or to exert control over others <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>

FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

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 **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**

23 OCTOBER - THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

First Reading— Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19 *The prayer of the humble will penetrate the heavens.*

The Lord is a judge
who is no respecter of personages.
He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man,
he listens to the plea of the injured party.
He does not ignore the orphan's supplication,
nor the widow's as she pours out her story.
The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted,
his petitions will carry to the clouds.
The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds,
until it arrives he is inconsolable,
And the Lord will not be slow,
nor will he be dilatory on their behalf

Responsorial Psalm - The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. R.
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. R.
3. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. R.

Second Reading — 2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18 *All that remains is the crown of righteousness reserved for me.*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel — Luke 18:9-14 *The publican returned to his home justified; the Pharisee did not.*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else: 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'