

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 6 NOV 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 7 Nov	Mass: 7am	
Tues 8 Nov	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 9 Nov	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion: 9:30am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 
Thurs 10 Nov <i>St Leo the Great, pope, doctor</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm-5:15pm  Reconciliation: 4:30pm-5:15pm Rosary: 5pm  Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 11 Nov <i>St Martin of Tours, bishop</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 12 Nov <i>St Josaphat, bishop, martyr</i>	Rosary: 7am  Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm	Rosary: 8:30am  Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am
Sun 13 Nov	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<u>Polish</u>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Patricia Simpson, Frank Coughlin, Kevin Court

Anniversaries

Bertha Varley, William Henry Varley,
Mrs Parisi

Prayers for the sick

Craig Battley, Francesca Quetcher, Jackie Allen

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

unanderra@dow.org.au / 4271 1068

Monday: 8:30am-3:30pm

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 8:30am-3:30pm

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 8:30am-3pm

Message from Fr Duane

The Ministry Renewal Process continues in our parish – a longer process than the Pastoral Council and I had envisioned, but one that will bear lasting fruit. At this point in time we have a clearer idea of ministry areas where more volunteers are especially needed. We already have a wonderful music ministry, but as we look to bolster music and singing at both of our weekend Masses, we are looking for **more musicians and singers willing to share their gifts at Mass**. If you are interested, please contact Greg Parrish on **0439 494 429 or greg.parrish@dow.org.au** – or simply make yourself known to me or the musicians and singers at any of our Masses.

There are also a number of other areas in which our community would benefit from more volunteers – Church cleaning, lawn mowing, lectors, welcomers, Children’s liturgy leaders, and washing of altar linen - see details in the bulletin. As all of our current ministers have found – including myself – sharing the gifts God has given us not only serves the community, but also brings a sense of fulfillment and purpose through the very act of service.

I take this opportunity to thank once again the many generous parishioners already sharing their gifts in so many ways both at Mass and behind the scenes – our parish would simply not function without you! May God bless you all for your generosity!

Fr Duane Fernandez

Message from Sr Kerry

Last Tuesday my Year 5/6 Scripture class commenced with the question: What is an apostle? One boy, who doesn’t usually show much interest, was very keen to respond to the question. I chose him and the dissertation began: “There used to be twelve of them but six crumbled. They are on a road.” The penny dropped! He was speaking of the Twelve Apostles on the Great Ocean Road. Before I allowed his travel guide to continue, I interrupted. The lesson then took the direction in which I was wanting to go.

That lesson is probably long gone from the minds of the students but for me it has been niggling at me all week. I have been asking myself: Am I still standing for Jesus, or have I crumbled into the sea and disappeared? It has caused me to take stock of myself. What is your response?



Sr Kerry Gardiner

ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

November	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 12 Nov	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
Sat 12 Nov	Lawns	M & J Winner, M Walsh, S Carrigan	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children’s liturgy
Sat 12 Nov 6pm Mass	V Cleary	B Farraway	
Sun 13 Nov 8am Mass	M Matos	Zali & Aidan Calvert	Kylie & Molly Hertsch, Gemma Farrugia
Counters	A Kelly, B Farraway		

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:
please contact



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PARISH NEWS

Morning Tea- Sunday 6 Nov

Will be served in the St Joseph's room, after 8am Mass. All welcome.



Catholic Women's league - Thursday 10 Nov

CWL ladies will hold their monthly meeting in St Joseph's Room on Thursday, 10th November at 10am. Everyone is welcome to join us for morning tea and a chat prior to the meeting at 10.30am We hope to see you there.

Anointing of the Sick Mass - Wed 16 Nov

At 11am on Wed 16 Nov, Fr Duane will be celebrating an Anointing of the Sick Mass. All are welcome to come and receive the Sacrament. If you, or anyone you know would like to come but does not have transport, please contact Sr Kerry. A cuppa will follow the Mass.



Parish Feast Day - Thursday 8 December

We will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with a special 6pm Mass followed by a BBQ and other festivities. Save the date! All are welcome.

November Masses - Remembrance book

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".

70th Anniversary of the Scalabrinian Order in 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. The mass will be in English and so all will be able to fully participate.

Advent Program:

Come and join us in preparing for Christ's arrival by participating in this year's Advent program. Four Saturday evenings at **7pm in St Joseph's room, starting 26 Nov, 3, 10 & 17 December**. All welcome. If you're coming, RSVP to Melissa on 4271 1068 or unanderra@dow.org.au Call Mark on 0407 604498 for more info.

Church Ministries - 2023 roster

We are in need of people to assist with lawn mowing and cleaning of the church. Can you help? Please contact Melissa at the Parish office on 4271 1068 or unanderra@dow.org.au

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. Come along for faith formation, community, and a good time!

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

Time: 7pm - 8:30 pm

Location: St Joseph's meeting room.

Parish Finances - week ending 30 Oct

\$537 First Collection - Clergy Remuneration Fund
\$473 Second collection - Parish expenses
\$190 Tap Point - Parish donations
\$240 Planned giving envelopes
\$538 Direct debits (weekly average from Sept).
Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

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



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME - AIRS SUNDAY 6 NOV 2022

On the Journey this week. Fr Richard Healy's Gospel reflection. Mother Hilda with a story on Cardinal Basil Hume facing his death and God's mercy, Fr Mike Delaney asks are we looking at things from the wrong angle. Trish McCarthy tells the five keyways God seeks to enter our lives and touch our hearts, Fr Dave Callaghan asks what's under your faith bonnet. Listen at jcr.org.au



A VOCATION VIEW

You are alive for God. Trust that God will welcome you into the kingdom. (Luke 20:27-38)



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 and can answer questions. 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

We believe that respect, dignity and justice, transformation and hope are possible. <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>



MENALIVE'S—REFUEL WEEKLY SHARING AND JOURNALING SESSIONS— EVERY TUESDAY 7.30PM

reFUEL is a weekly hour-long gathering of men every Tuesday evening on Zoom providing the chance to:
break open the Sunday reading using a Lectio Divina style exercise "catch up" with great men from across Australia and New Zealand.
gain strength and inspiration by the witness of other men.
pray as a group for individual needs and the needs of others.
Join via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468>

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.

Next sessions this term **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**

6 NOV - THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

First Reading— 2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14 *The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.*

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the laws of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

Responsorial Psalm - Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

1. I Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips. R.
2. I kept my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words. R.
3. Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. R.

Second Reading — 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5 *May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.*

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

Gospel — Luke 20: 27-38 *He is not a God of the dead but of the living.*

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'