

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (YEAR A) – 11 JUNE 2023

**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 12 June	No Mass today	
Tues 13 June <i>St Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor</i>	Mass: 5:30pm Rosary: 6pm Adoration: 6pm –7pm	No Mass today
Wed 14 June	No Mass today	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thurs 15 June	Mass: 5:30pm Rosary 6pm Adoration: 6pm- 7pm Reconciliation: 6pm- 7pm	No Mass today
Fri 16 June <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	No Mass today	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 17 June <i>The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Mass: 6pm	Rosary: 8:30am Mass: 9am
Sun 18 June	Mass: 8am	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm Mass

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Benaida Bliss, Kevin Burton.

#### Anniversaries

Judith Crowe, Michael Edwards,  
Tamara Barron

#### Prayers for the sick

Peter Lathourakis, Roger Doyle



### 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*

Congratulations to the young people who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parishes this past week. It was wonderful to see the way that they and their families entered into the preparation and celebration of this beautiful Sacrament. Thank you also to the Sacramental Team for their wonderful work throughout the preparation and celebration of these ceremonies, and to Bishop Brian for his generosity in celebrating 4 ceremonies across our two parishes and connecting so well with the children and their families. Some of these children and families are regularly attending Sunday Mass with us already, which is wonderful to see, as the graces they received in Confirmation will continue to be nourished by the Eucharist and the support of the faith community. Let's also pray that the Holy Spirit will guide all the newly Confirmed children and their families into a closer relationship with Christ and his Church in the years ahead, especially through our continued efforts of making our parish a place of welcome and belonging for all.

We celebrate this weekend the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (traditionally called the Feast of "Corpus Christi"). This is an opportunity to reflect on the wonderful mystery that is at the heart of our Mass and indeed of our Catholic faith – the mystery of Christ truly present in the Eucharist uniting us in the most wonderful way possible with God and one another. As we unite in worship on this Feast Day it is exciting to see more and more opportunities for us to also build community as a parish.

"STIC Young Adults" (St Therese and Immaculate Conception) has continued to grow throughout this year. Last week about 30 young adults (18-35 years old) gathered for a Trivia night which was a lot of fun, and they have decided to continue to gather at St Therese Parish Centre on Thursdays at 7pm on a regular basis for a mix of spiritual, formational and social activities. For the next few Thursdays, they'll be gathering for a guided Bible Study from 7-9pm. If you or anyone you know in this age range might be interested I can't recommend this group highly enough – they are a friendly, welcoming group eager to grow in relationship with God and each other and all young adults of any faith are welcome!

There is also a social event planned for all ages, with Unanderra and West Wollongong parishes joining together for a parish dinner at Figtree Sports on 30 June – see details in the parish news in the bulletin. This will be a great opportunity for us all to get to know each other better as a parish family, and feel free to bring along anyone else who you think might like to enjoy our lovely company!

Finally, we are continuing preparations for the temporary closure of Immaculate Conception Church for repainting (**from Monday 26th June for 6-8 weeks**), during which time weekend Masses will be celebrated at St Therese Parish. For planning purposes:

1. Anyone who is willing to join a temporary roster operating the PowerPoint slides at St Therese Church during that period at 6pm Saturday and 8am Masses, please contact Unanderra parish office or let me know after Mass. Simple training will be provided
2. Anyone who needs transport to St Therese West Wollongong during that period, please contact Unanderra parish office, and transport will be co-ordinated through the Parish Pastoral Council

Thank you all for your flexibility during this time – it will be more than worth it once we return to worship at our newly repainted church!

**Fr Duane Fernandez**

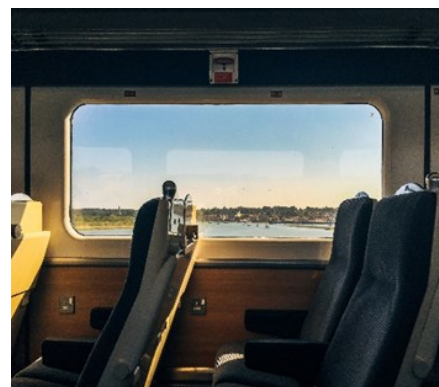
## *Message from Sr Kerry*

As a child growing up in Sydney it wasn't unusual to travel by train into the city. I loved leaving Central Station and before heading into the tunnel for the City Circle there was the back brick wall of a bakery shop that edged the railway line. This wall featured a quote that has stayed with me. The quote read: 'What you eat today walks and talks tomorrow.' As a child I only related this quote to the food I consumed.

Today I am more conscious of the call to be the face of Christ to those around us. What sustains my faith? What feeds my faith?

Congratulations to Peter and Ruth Wilson who this week celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary.

**Sr Kerry Gardiner**



### ROSTER – THIS WEEKEND

June	Church Washing	Helen Murphy	
Sat 10 Jun	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
Sat 10 Jun	Lawns	No lawn mowing this week.	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
6pm 10 Jun	D Ferrier	B Farraway	
8am 11 Jun	S Walsh	Zali & Aidan Calvert	Leah Galea, Alison Sharwood
Counters	M Murphy (FT), S Alessi		

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Sat 17 Jun	Church Cleaning	J & D McInerney	
Sat 17 Jun	Lawns	No lawn mowing this week.	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
6pm 17 Jun	D Nugent	S Marsala	
8am 18 Jun	M Matos	F Carolan, J Sharwood	Sarah Walsh, Gemma Farrugia
Counters	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, M Winner		

## PARISH NEWS

### Church rosters

The church rosters for July -> December have been emailed this week. Please check to make sure you have received your copy. Any enquiries please contact Barbara on: [bfarraway@bigpond.com](mailto:bfarraway@bigpond.com)

### Used stamps for Peru

Please remember to place all of your used stamps (leaving a 1cm / ½" border) in the box near the side door of the church. All used stamps donated are sent to Sydney to raise money for the work of the Sisters of St Joseph in Peru



### Alternative Weekday Masses in the area:

- **St Francis Xavier's Cathedral**  
7am Monday to Friday, and Wednesday and Friday 12:10pm
- **St Francis of Assisi Warrawong**  
9am Tuesday to Friday
- **St John's Dapto**  
Wednesday to Friday 9:30am;
- **St John Vianney Fairy Meadow**  
Tuesday 9:30am;
- **St Brigid's Gwynneville**  
Thursday 9:30am.

### Parish Social - Dinner at Figtree Sports

Friday 30th June, 6.30pm. ALL WELCOME  
RSVP Melissa at the Parish Office  
E: [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) or call 4271 1068.

### Lost property

Are you missing a Sunday Missal, reading glasses or an umbrella? Would you please check our lost property box on your way out of Mass this weekend and collect your belongings.

### Parish Finances - week ending 4 June 2023

\$442 First Collection - Clergy Remuneration Fund  
\$417 Second collection - Parish expenses  
\$190 Tap Point - Parish donations  
\$334 Planned giving envelopes  
\$498 Direct debits (weekly average from May).  
Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

### Recycling bins - \$321 raised this year.

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



### Fr Jerzy's annual leave

Fr Jerzy has travelled to Poland for his annual leave this year. There will be no Polish Masses during June and July. Polish Masses will resume on *Sunday 6 August 2023*.

### Carmelite meeting - 1 July 2023

The next meeting of the Lay Carmelites will be in the St Joseph's room on Saturday 1 July at 10am. All are welcome. Call Ann Baumber on 0427 235 955 for more information.

## ST PADRE PIO RETREAT DAY

- ST COLUMBKILLE'S PARISH CENTRE AND CHURCH  
3PM TO 7PM SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2023

Fr Patrick Vaughan is hosting a retreat afternoon where people can come together for prayer and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join.

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME - AIRS SUNDAY 11 JUNE 2023

On the Journey this week: Mons. Graham Schmitzer's Gospel reflection on Corpus Christi and the new covenant. Mother Hilda is seeing patterns in everything around her. Plus, Fr Mike Delaney, Trish McCarthy and Fr Dave Callaghan. Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)



## A VOCATION VIEW

"Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." Even before the beginning of your life, God has set out a plan for your ultimate happiness. Have courage to embrace that plan. (Jeremiah 1:4)

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)



## PETITION TO SAVE CALVARY HOSPITAL

Bishop Mascord encourages you to sign the petition and write to the Prime Minister in order to Save Calvary Hospital in Canberra, which the ACT Government is seeking to forcibly acquire, ignoring their own legislative processes. This is an issue that while impacting a faith institution on this occasion, sets a terrible precedent for the whole federation, including potentially for schools. Share this request to urgently act with your family and friends, to let the ACT and Federal governments know that we want our Catholic hospitals to stay Catholic. Urgently write to the Prime Minister <https://www.pm.gov.au/contactyour-pm> to seek his intervention to stop this from occurring.

Please sign the petition <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/petition-tosave-calvary-hospital-bruce/>

## SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Materialism and the love of money can prevent us from preferring an option in favour of the poor. It can prevent us from removing unjust circumstances in our communities. When we prioritise objects, wealth and power above other people's need we discount their innate dignity and disregard the need to share with them.

Pope Francis states: "[t]he Apostle Paul tells us that "the love of money is the root of all evils" (1 Tim 6:10). It is the main cause of corruption and a source of envy, strife and suspicion. Money can come to dominate us, even to the point of becoming a tyrannical idol (cf. *Evangelii Gaudium*, 55).

Instead of being an instrument at our service for doing good and showing solidarity towards others, money can chain us and the entire world to a selfish logic that leaves no room for love and hinders peace." (*Message for Lent 2017*) <https://justiceandpeace.org.au/lent-easter-social-justice>

## UOW CATHOLIC SOCIETY WINTER RETREAT

ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA, GERRINGONG  
9AM- 4PM SATURDAY 10 JUNE 2023 | COST \$10

Are you aged 18-35 and keen to refresh your faith? UOW Catholic Society invites you to come along for our Winter Day Retreat.

There will be Mass, Reconciliation, spiritual conversation, adoration and a light lunch provided. **RSVP: 5 June 2023**

[UOW Catholic Society Winter Retreat Sign-Up](#)

# 11 JUNE 2023 – THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (YEAR A)

## First Reading - Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16 *He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.*

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

## Responsorial Psalm - Praise the Lord Jerusalem!

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you. R.
2. He established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth and swiftly runs his command. R.
3. He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees. R.

## Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 10:16-17 *Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever. Alleluia!

## Gospel - John 6:51-58 *My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.  
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;  
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh,  
for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,  
you will not have life in you.

Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood  
has eternal life,  
and I shall raise him up on the last day.

For my flesh is real food  
and my blood is real drink.  
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
lives in me and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,  
myself draw life from the Father,  
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.

This is the bread come down from heaven;  
not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead,  
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'