

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B) – 14 APRIL 2024

**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 15 Apr	Mass: 7am	
Tues 16 Apr	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:45pm Rosary: 6pm Adoration: 6pm - 7pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 17 Apr	Mass: 7am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm - 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thurs 18 Apr	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:45pm Adoration: 6pm - 7pm	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 19 Apr	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 20 Apr	Rosary 7am Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm	Rosary: 8:30am Mass: 9am
Sun 21 Apr	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Frank Logue, Carmela Curcio, Ronald Hill  
 Helen Pham, Porfirio Domingo Jr

#### Prayers for the sick

Peter Lathourakis, Peter Stoyles, Antoinette Sakr  
 Kerrie Maidment, Roger Baxendale, Josephine Moran

#### Anniversaries

Fr Leo Stevens, Bill Nissen,  
 Mary Clifford, Anita Johansson,  
 Minnette Villanueva, Michelle Villanueva  
 Corazon Domingo  
 Betty Barnett

### 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 who came to the **“Come and See Cup of Tea”** last weekend after Masses, to the Parish Pastoral Council for organizing it, and to all who represented the various ministries and groups in the parish. If you couldn’t make it, it’s not too late to get to know more and possibly get connected. You can simply see me any time, or contact the parish office, or take a form from the resource table that outlines various ministries, groups and activities. I am always so grateful for all the generous volunteers who keep our parish going, and of course to every single person who comes along to Mass as your presence and prayers are your greatest gift of all!

For those interested in continuing **Adult Faith Formation**, we will be sharing Bishop Robert Barron’s video series on the Mass, with refreshments and discussion – an excellent opportunity to deepen in our appreciation of this high point of our Catholic faith. Starting this Wednesday 17th April at 7pm (cuppa and cake, 7:30pm video) at St Joseph’s Room. Thank you to Josephine and Mark for organizing this exciting new opportunity.

Finally – don’t forget to save the date for the **Community Fun Day on Sunday 5th May, 11:30am** at Edmund Rice College grounds – a wonderful opportunity to connect with each other and invite others to connect with us, across the two parishes. If anyone is interested in volunteering at this event, for example in welcoming or hospitality or helping with the BBQ, please contact the Parish Office at [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) – otherwise just come along and feel free to invite others along too!

**Fr Duane Fernandez**

## *Message from Sr Kerry*

Arriving at the supermarket with my extensive list I set out lost in my own world. In the fruit section I was next to a little boy aged about six. He was gently rummaging through the pears. It turned out he was looking for his \$2 coin that he lost. He didn’t find it and just went back to his mum. I was amazed this little boy wasn’t screaming, stamping his feet, and yelling out about how unfair life was. He walked on with his mum. This boy touched my heart. He was so accepting of his lot. I took \$2 from my purse and gave it to him telling him what lovely manners he had.

Nearing the end of my shop the boy sought me out. With \$2 in his hand, he told me he found his money in the trolley. Again, he touched my heart. What manners and honesty. Long after I had unpacked the shopping this little boy continues to touch me. Our paths will probably never meet again but a young, innocent child taught me so much that day. I hope a messenger is sent by God to you this week. Savour the experience.



**Sr Kerry Gardiner**

### ROSTER – THIS WEEKEND

April	Church Washing	Susan Adams	
Sat 13 Apr	Church Cleaning	J Haywood, L Salway, M Hurley, T Vaafusuaga	
Sat 13 Apr	Lawns	H Fernandez, Milan Family, Broeckmann	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children’s liturgy
6pm 13 Apr	D Nugent	B Farraway	
8am 14 Apr	A Kelly	J Sharwood	School Holidays
Counters	A Kelly, B Farraway		

### ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

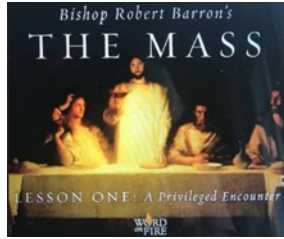
April	Church Washing	Susan Adams	
Sat 20 Apr	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
Sat 20 Apr	Lawns	<i>No lawn mowing this week</i>	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children’s liturgy
6pm 20 Apr	M Rodwell	S Marsala	
8am 21 Apr	C Walsh	A Arnone	<i>School Holidays</i>
Counters	A Gunning, M Caudero, C Garrett		

## PARISH NEWS

### Upcoming Adult Faith Enrichment Evening - Wed 17 April

At short notice, a 6-week video series on 'The Mass' presented by Bishop Robert Barron will be held in St Joseph's room, commencing **Wednesday evening 17 April at 7:00pm** with a cuppa & cake available; video will start at 7:30pm.

Come and join us as we learn more about the Mass from Bishop Barron in his dynamic & informative presentation; there is always more to learn & appreciate about the Mass.



### Crafty Angels - 10am - 12 noon, Thursday 18 April

Come and have a chat and a cuppa and bring along the craft items that you are working on. Or, learn some new crafty skills from others. Oh! And there might even be cake and cookies. If you've got some repair works to do on clothing, like sewing on a button, hemming, darning etc they can be dropped off for completion.

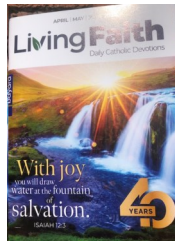
**Where:** St Joseph's room, Unanderra

**When:** Thursday 18 April 10am—12noon and thereafter every third Thursday of the month.

### Living Faith books (April - June)

The new Living Faith books for April to June 2024 are available now.

Living Faith provides daily reflections based on a scripture passage from the daily Mass. This booklet helps Catholics pray and meditate in spirit with the seasons of the church Year. Cost is \$5. Please leave money in the small drawer.



### Parish Pastoral Council

View the Parish calendar on the link below

<https://tinyurl.com/parishcalendar2024>.

If you would like to contact the PPC, please call *Chris Lyon* on 0403 296 837.

### Christian Meditation:



The Christian Meditation Group meets on Monday evenings in the St Therese Parish Centre 6pm - 7:30pm.

**ENQUIRIES:** Please text **Monica 0412 056 877**. All are welcome

### Parish Finances - week ending 7 April 2024

\$574	First Collection	- Clergy Remuneration Fund
\$528	Second collection	- Parish expenses
\$160	Tap Point - Parish donations	
\$334	Planned giving envelopes	
\$420	Direct debits (weekly average from March).	

Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly

### Recycling bins

Your donations of 10c recyclable bottles, cans and plastics are welcome. All proceeds go to the Parish. Our bins are located in the church car park.



### Community Fun Day - 11:30am Sunday 5 May at Edmund Rice College

Each year we have 150-200 people of all ages and backgrounds come along to this day to enjoy a bbq or picnic, fun, games and fellowship. Come along and bring your friends!

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 14 APRIL 2024

On the Journey this week: Fr Joshua Whicker says that Jesus is here now to redeem us in the fullness of our humanity in our current lived experience. Mother Hilda says speak and listen with the eyes of God. Plus, Fr Tony Percy, Byron & Francine Pirola, and Fr Mike Delaney. Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)



## A VOCATION VIEW

Peter, who once denied even knowing Jesus, now boldly preaches in His Name. Do not let past weaknesses hold you back from being willing to share the power of His Message. (Acts 3:13-15,17-19)

If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)



## EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT | WELCOMING AND INFORMATION – CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG

An exciting opportunity exists for a suitably experienced and qualified person to apply for the role of Executive Assistant | Welcoming and Information.

Please visit the website [dow.org.au/JOBS/](http://dow.org.au/JOBS/)

Applications can be emailed to [recruitment@dow.org.au](mailto:recruitment@dow.org.au)

For all enquiries, call Robin Williams on (02) 4222 2402

## CATHOLIC CARE'S AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE WED 5 JUNE 2024

This forum is returning across the Diocese, with sessions in Campbelltown, Wollongong and Nowra. The half-day information session will provide seniors with practical information on the aged care system and healthy ageing.

Expert presentations from CatholicCare staff will be joined by presenters from the Seniors Rights Services NSW and the NSW Fire & Rescue Service to discuss topics such as:

- accessing support services,
- keeping your mind and body fit, and
- advocating and supporting older people.

**When:** Wollongong Wednesday 5 June at 9.30am-1pm.

**Where:** The Fraternity Club, 11 Bourke Street, Fairy Meadow.

Places are limited. To register, call **02 4227 1122** or visit [www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events](http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events).

For any other information, contact Jane Hollier on **0417 018 152** or [janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au).

## SOCIAL JUSTICE POINTS

The family is the pillar of every Christian community. Parents and grandparents and all those who live and share their faith in the family are the first missionaries. The family, as a community of life and love, is a privileged place of education in faith and Christian practice, one that needs special accompaniment within communities. Support is especially needed for parents who must reconcile work, including within the Church community and in service to its mission, with the demands of family life.

-- 'XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops' (Synod on Synodality) Synthesis Report.

## LEGION OF MARY – ANNUAL ACIES CEREMONY

Invites all members present, past and auxiliary to the Annual ACIES Ceremony at Immaculate Conception Church, Unanderra at **2pm on Sunday 14 April 2024**. All are welcome and light refreshments will be provided afterwards in the parish room. Enquiries call 0449 807 814

## 14 APRIL - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

### First Reading - Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

*You killed the prince of life; God, however, raised him from the dead.*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

### Responsorial Psalm - Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;  
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! R.
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;  
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. R.
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.  
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. R.
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once  
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. R.

### Second Reading - 1 John 2:1-5

*Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes away our sins and those of the whole world.*

I am writing this, my children,  
to stop you sinning;  
but if anyone should sin,  
we have our advocate with the Father,  
Jesus Christ, who is just;  
he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,  
and not only ours,  
but the whole world's.  
We can be sure that we know God  
only by keeping his commandments.  
Anyone who says, 'I know him',  
and does not keep his commandments,  
is a liar,  
refusing to admit the truth.  
But when anyone does obey what he has said,  
  
God's love comes to perfection in him.

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!**

### Gospel - Luke 24: 35-48

*It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'