

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR B) – 19 MAY 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 20 May <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tues 21 May <i>Sts Christopher Magallanes and companions</i>	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:45pm Rosary: 6pm Adoration: 6pm - 7pm 	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 22 May <i>St Rita of Cascia</i>	Mass: 7am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm - 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 
Thurs 23 May	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:45pm Adoration: 6pm - 7pm 	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 24 May <i>Our Lady, Help of Christians</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 25 May <i>St Bede, St Gregory VII St Mary Magdalene</i>	Reconciliation: 11am - 12noon Rosary 7am Mass: 7:30am Mass: 5pm 	Rosary: 8:30am Mass: 9am 
Sun 26 May	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Kathy Faulks, Bishop Peter Ingham,
Bernard L Gordon (Snr), Pat Nolan

Prayers for the sick

Michael Murphy (Figtree), Peter Lathourakis, Peter Stoyles,
Antoinette Sakr, Kerrie Maidment, Josephine Moran, Julie Murphy

Anniversaries

Fr Joe Gillis, Thomas Staniforth



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

The Easter Season culminates with this wonderful celebration of Pentecost Sunday – 50 days after Easter. We speak of Pentecost as “the birthday of the Church”, when the Holy Spirit filled the first followers of Christ, and empowered by his Spirit they began to fearlessly proclaim the good news of his resurrection to people of every nation and language, gathered that day in Jerusalem – and from there, the good news has truly spread to the ends of the earth!

As we move into the new Saturday schedule, I hope and pray that it is possible for our Saturday Vigil Mass community to remain united in this high point of our week together. I do realize that it might not be possible for some to attend at this time, which I truly regret, and I hope that anyone for whom this might be the case would be able to stay connected with our parish by joining us at the 8am Sunday Mass. Above all, let us pray during this beautiful feast of Pentecost that the Holy Spirit will renew us and empower us to live out our mission, individually and as a parish, as expressed in our parish vision –united by our love for Jesus and for one another, may we constantly seeking to grow in this love especially through the Eucharist, help each other to discover their unique gifts, and joyfully work together as one to bring the overflowing love of Jesus to all people!

Fr Duane Fernandez

Message from Sr Kerry



A parishioner sent me this photo. She was away for a few days and was out on her morning walk.

She did look up and this is what she saw....



How might the Spirit be speaking to you today?
Have you the courage to look up and see God in your life?
Is the Spirit moving you to something that may be asking you to change your vision?

Sr Kerry Gardiner

ROSTER – THIS WEEKEND

May	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway	
Sat 18 May	Church Cleaning	J Haywood, L Salway, M Hurley, T Vaafusuaga	
Sat 18 May	Lawns	<i>No lawn mowing this week</i>	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
6pm 18 May	M Rodwell		
8am 19 May	P Gunning	A Arnone	Leah Galea, Alison Sharwood
Counters	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, M Winner		

ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

May	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway	
Sat 25 May	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
Sat 25 May	Lawns	H Fernandez, Milan Family, Broeckmann	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
6pm 25 May	N O'Donoghue	B Collins	
8am 26 May	A Browne	A Kelly	Alicia Sanchez-Levine, Luke Jansons
Counters	A Kelly, B Farraway		

PARISH NEWS



2024 Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Novena - 13 May to 21 May

No.	Day	Date	Mass Time	Before/After	Start	Rosary mystery
6	Sat	18	7:30am	Before	7:00am	Joyful
7	Sun	19	8:00am	Before	7:30am	Glorious
8	Mon	20	7:00am	After	~7:30am	Joyful
9	Tues	21	5:30pm	After	~6:00pm	Sorrowful

2024 Sacramental Program - Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Registration nights for this year's program will be:

- Tuesday 18th June 7pm at St Therese Parish Centre
- Thursday 20th June 7pm at St Therese Parish Centre

Please contact the Parish office if you have any questions.

Anointing of the Sick Mass - 11am Wed 29 May 2024



You are invited to a Mass for the Anointing of the Sick and Elderly. The Mass will be celebrated at the Immaculate Conception Church on Wed 29th May commencing at 11am.

Following the Mass a light lunch will be served in the St Joseph's room.

If you would like transport to and from the Mass, please contact **Sr Kerry on 0421 463 871**. We

look forward to welcoming you.

ALPHA – "Come and See" Celebration – 7pm Wed 29 May

To register for the one-off come and see evening at the St Therese Parish Centre, either email us at alphawwu@gmail.com or fill out this form: <https://tinyurl.com/alphacomeandsee2024>



Australia's Biggest Morning Tea - 18 and 19 May

The CWL will be having a "virtual" morning tea at the Masses on the weekend. For a donation to the Cancer Council, you will receive a tea bag and biscuits. All money raised will be sent directly to the Cancer Council.

Parish Social - Friday 21 June - save the date

Parishioners from Immaculate Conception and St Therese are invited to a social gathering at Figtree Sports on Friday 21st June. More details in the next couple of weeks.

Parish Calendar - View the Parish calendar on the link below <https://tinyurl.com/parishcalendar2024>.

Christian Meditation:



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

Enquiries: Please text **Monica 0412 056 877**.

Church Ministries:

Our parish is always looking for volunteers to help with church ministries. Volunteers are needed to assist with church cleaning, lawn mowing and gardening, lectors and welcomers. If you would like to help please contact **Barbara 04199 89608**.

Parish Finances - week ending 12 May 2024

\$555	First Collection	- Clergy Remuneration Fund
\$411	Second collection	- Parish expenses
\$240	Tap Point donations	
\$209	Planned giving envelopes	
\$546	Direct debits (weekly average from April).	

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - 2 JUNE CORPUS CHRISTI - YOUNG ADULTS

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Rosemeadow will be offering young adults a Retreat. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. **Commencing at 10.00am** the day will conclude with the Corpus Christi Procession at 2.30pm. For catering purposes please register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CRSFQ>

Enquiries: phone **Elise on 0449 991 716**

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME - AIRS SUNDAY 19 MAY 2024

On the Journey this week: Fr Joshua Whitehead says that Pentecost can be extraordinarily experiential, Mother Hilda tells about God's broken heart. Fr Tony Percy and the tongues of fire symbolizing three things. Pete Gilmore and our personal temple maintenance. Deacon Josh Clayton's tips for good faith routines. Listen at jcr.org.au



A VOCATION VIEW

Peter and the Apostles preach with a power and conviction that can only be attributed to the Spirit dwelling among them. Is God calling you to speak for Him in our day and age? (Acts 2:1-11)

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

CATHOLIC BUSINESS CONNECTIONS LUNCHEON

Guest Speakers - Danny and Leila Abdallah

In 2020 the Abdallah's tragically lost 3 of their children when they were tragically killed by a speeding driver. The story of their decision to forgive has become an inspiring example worldwide, and a witness to their faith. Come and hear their story and the power of forgiveness.

When: Friday 31 May

Where: City Beach, Function Centre, Wgong (11.45am -2pm).

To book please visit <https://dow.sh/CBCMay2024>

CATHOLIC CARE'S AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE WED 5 JUNE 2024

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 Wed 5 June at 9.30am-1pm.

Where: The Fraternity Club, 11 Bourke St, Fairy Meadow.

Places are limited. To register, call **02 4227 1122** or visit

www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events.

UOW CATHOLIC SOCIETY RETREAT

Date: 9am – 4pm, Saturday 1 June

Location: St Mary's Church, Gerringong

Cost: \$15.00 including lunch

Sign Up Now: tinyurl.com/UOWCSReretreatDay

The UOW Catholic Society invites students and young adults (18-35) to come along to our Winter Retreat Day. The retreat's theme is "Called by Name". It will be a great opportunity for you to take some time out, and refocus attention on your relationship with The Lord. On offer will be some excellent talks, personal and communal prayer, Holy Mass, Confessions, adoration, and small group conversations.

Enquiries to: uowcatholicociety19@gmail.com.

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS WALK FOR LIFE

Friday 24 May & Saturday 25 May 2024

We walk to raise **PRAYERS** for Australia for all life issues.

B.Y.O Lunch, snacks, water and hat. Support vehicle provided.

Day 1: Kiama Coastal Walk to Gerringong (13km)

Start 9:30am Kiama Catholic Church (Holy Mass)

Finish 3:30pm Gerringong Catholic Church (Benediction, confession available).

Day 2: - Gerringong to Shoalhaven Heads (16km)

Start 8:00am Gerringong Catholic Church (Holy Mass)

Finish 3pm Shoalhaven Heads (final blessing)

Enquiries: Call **Sue 0435 336 195 or Gabriella 0414 205 404**

19 MAY - PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR B)

First Reading - Acts 2:1-11 *They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak different languages.*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm - Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches R.
2. You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. R.
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. R.

Second Reading - Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body.

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Please remain seated and join in the Pentecost Sequence:

*Holy Spirit, Lord of light, From the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure; Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow;
Thou in toil art comfort sweet; Pleasant coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay; All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour thy dew; Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and thee adore, With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die; Give us life with thee on high; Give us joys that never end.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel - John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

The Spirit of truth will guide you into all the truth.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.'