

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (YEAR B) – 2 JUNE 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 |
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| Mon 3 June <i>Sts Charles Lwanga</i> | Mass: 7am | |
| Tues 4 Jun | Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Rosary: 6pm Adoration: 6pm - 6:30pm | Mass: 7:45am |
| Wed 5 Jun <i>St Boniface, bishop, martyr</i> | Mass: 7am | Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm - 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm |
| Thurs 6 Jun <i>St Norbert, bishop St Marcellin Champagnat, religious</i> | Mass: 11am (Polish) Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Adoration: 6pm - 6:30pm | Mass: 7:45am |
| Fri 7 Jun <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i> | Mass: 7am Extended Adoration: 7pm - 10pm | Mass: 9:30am |
| Sat 8 Jun <i>The Immaculate heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> | Reconciliation: 11am - 12noon Rosary: 7am Mass: 7:30am Mass: 5pm | Rosary: 8:30am Mass: 9am |
| Sun 9 Jun | Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish) | Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm |

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Wladyslaw Nowak, Mieczyslawa Switaj,
 Patricia O'Neil, Pamela O'Hearn

Prayers for the sick

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

Anniversaries

Peter Joseph, Katrina Meehan,
 Brielle Falzon, Mary Dredge,
 Fr Doug Smith, Brenda Geary.



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 “**Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**”, also called “Corpus Christi” (Latin for “Body of Christ”), is a special opportunity to reflect upon the mystery of the Eucharist – the celebration of which is at the very heart of our faith as Catholics. It is a mystery that we cannot fully understand this side of heaven – but we enter more deeply into the mystery every time we come to Mass with open hearts and minds. Let us give thanks to God for this most precious gift of the Eucharist, by which Jesus strengthens and renews us, and changes our hearts to become more like his own – one Mass at a time.

There are a number of special events coming up in our parish in coming weeks. I especially draw your attention **to CatholicCare’s Ageing with Confidence Forum this Wednesday 5th June** at the Fraternity Club for all who are interested in our local region, which promises to be a fun and interactive event offering practical support and connections for older people and those who care for them. Take this bulletin with you to read the rest of the events and see what you might get involved in – and let’s also keep in mind what events we might consider inviting other to come along to.

On a very practical note: a minor structural problem has been identified beneath one part of the floor of St Joseph’s Room. We have begun the process of discerning the best path forward to remedy this. For the time being, we are minimising the use of St Joseph’s Room, which includes a pause on our morning teas after 8am Mass on the first Sunday of the month. We will keep you informed as to updates of the work to diagnose and remedy the situation as it comes to hand.

Fr Duane Fernandez

Message from Sr Kerry

When taking this photo, I was amazed the bird was not even aware of my presence. The bird was so focused on the tap, and it was longing for a drop of water to issue from the tap. He sat and waited, longed for, and desired.



On the Feast of St Augustine, the Church uses a prayer that I love. The prayer prayed after Communion asks that ‘we may become what we have received.’ I pray that our hearts will always long for this gift and that our world is a better place as we grow into what we have received. As we celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi it may be time to ponder my thirst for Christ in my life and how do I live that life of CHRISTian?

Sr Kerry Gardiner

ROSTER – THIS WEEKEND

| June | Church Washing | Fiona Fernandez | |
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| Sat 1 Jun | Church Cleaning | McInerney Family, B Collins | |
| Sat 1 Jun | Lawns | No lawn mowing this week | |
| | Lectors | Welcomers | Children’s liturgy |
| 5pm 1 Jun | D Ferrer | C Cleary | |
| 8am 2 Jun | M Matos | G Simmonite | Sandra Michielin, Lisa Michielin, Ella Alessi |
| Counters | A Gunning, M Caudero, C Garrett | | |

ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

| June | Church Washing | Fiona Fernandez | |
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| Sat 8 Jun | Church Cleaning | W & J Rodgers, J Andersson | |
| Sat 8 Jun | Lawns | M & J Winner, M Walsh, S Carrigan, A Bennett | |
| | Lectors | Welcomers | Children’s liturgy |
| 5pm 8 Jun | D Nugent | B Farraway | |
| 8am 9 Jun | A Kelly | J Sharwood | Kirra Calvert, Maria Matos |
| Counters | A Kelly, B Farraway | | |

PARISH NEWS

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Thank you for your generosity in supporting our recent appeal for Cancer Council. A total of **\$330** was forwarded to the Cancer Council.



Grief and bereavement workshop - Wed 12 June

CatholicCare Wollongong will be hosting a session on grief and bereavement, supplemented by self-care strategies, facilitating comprehensive learning through the use of visual aids and expert-led discussions. It will be held at the St Therese Parish Centre and will be a one hour workshop beginning at 6:30pm. If you like you can arrive from 6:15pm for a cup of tea, and there will be an opportunity to stay afterwards for questions.

Please use the QR code to register or contact the parish office for assistance in registering.



Parish Pastoral Council meeting

The PPC met this week and discussed:

- Ways to share the Bishop's Vision for Parishes.
- Ways to promote and live out our Parish Vision
- Update Parish Calendar with new events including:
June 12 - CatholicCare Grief and Bereavement workshop.
July 24 - Alpha #2 starts at the St Therese Parish Centre.

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

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

Anointing of the sick Mass - thank you

Thank you to everyone who assisted in the organization of the Anointing Mass for the Sick. It was wonderful to be there and share this Sacrament with so many peopleand then the added bonus of time together over a delicious finger food lunch so beautifully prepared by the CWL

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.



Extended Adoration - Friday 7 June, 7pm to 10pm.

Reconciliation available throughout.

Parish Social - 6:30pm Friday 21 June



Save the date and join us for our upcoming Parish Social night, with St Therese West Wollongong at Figtree Sports Club. Please make your booking by contacting Mary O'Rourke **4227 3663** or email maryo42@optusnet.com.au

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**.

Parish Finances - week ending 26 May 2024

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| \$767 | First Collection | - Clergy Remuneration Fund |
| \$320 | Second collection | - Parish expenses |
| \$330 | Tap Point donations | |
| \$498 | Planned giving envelopes | |
| \$546 | Direct debits (weekly average from April). | |

Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly

Recycling bins - \$280 raised this year

Your donations of 10c recyclable bottles, cans and plastics are welcome. All proceeds go to the Parish.



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME - AIRS SUNDAY 2 JUNE 2024

On the Journey this week: Fr Mike Delaney says that the broken body of Christ builds unity and community. Mother Hilda stresses the need for regular breaks to pause and sit with God to be reinvigorated. Fr Tony Percy on redemptive fruits, Trish McCarthy and managing our hidden voice, and Peter Abela praying yourself first.

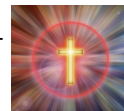
Listen at jcr.org.au



A VOCATION VIEW

Christ is the mediator of the New Covenant, established in His Precious Blood, so that we might make a return to Him. As we gather Sunday after Sunday, may we become more and more like whom we receive from the altar of the Lord. (Hebrews 9:11-15)

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



PRAYING WITH THE ARAMAIC JESUS

Friday 28 June to Sunday 30 June

A weekend retreat with Sr Magdalen Mather OSB

In the framework of Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina, this weekend retreat will meet the Jesus who was Jewish, spoke Aramaic and was formed in a Middle Eastern culture. Through this lens we will meditate together and contemplate some well-known words and teachings of Jesus, providing a wealth of rich meaning to nourish our prayer and spiritual life. Pensioner discount or other reductions according to need are available.

CONTACT: Book and pay for this retreat by ringing 4236 0011 Extension 114 or email cottageretreats@jamerooabbey.org.au

CATHOLICARE'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: Wed 5 June at 9.30am-1pm at The Fraternity Club, 11 Bourke St, Fairy Meadow. To register, call **02 4227 1122** or visit www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events.

SOCIAL JUSTICE POINTS

People who suffer the many different forms of poverty, exclusion and marginalisation within our unequal societies also turn to the Church in search of love, listening and accompaniment. This listening allows the Church to understand the realities of poverty and marginalisation, and to draw close in friendship to those who suffer. Crucially it also enables the Church to be evangelised by those who suffer. Listening to them allows the Church to understand their point of view and to place itself concretely at their side, and to be evangelised by them.-- 'XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops' (Synod on Synodality) Synthesis Report.

AWAKE DAY RETREAT

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Varroville
Saturday 15 June 2024, 9am- 4pm
BYO lunch, \$25. Begins with Mass.

Awaken to a renewed experience of God's love and rediscover the joy of your life with the Risen Jesus during the day retreat with the MGL sisters. It will include praise, inputs from the MGL sisters, time for silent prayer, Reconciliation and prayer ministry together as a group.

Register on: <http://www.trybooking.com/CNTCH>

2 JUNE - THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (YEAR B)

First Reading - Exodus 24:3-8

This is the blood of the covenant that the Lord has made with you.

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. 'This,' he said, 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

Responsorial Psalm - I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord.

1. How can I repay the Lord
for his goodness to me?
The cup of salvation I will raise;
I will call on the Lord's name. R.
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.
Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds. R.
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people. R.

Second Reading - Hebrews 9:11-15 *The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves*

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than the one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God. He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel - Mark 14:12-16, 22-26

This is my body. This is my blood.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.