

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) – 23 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
<b>Mon 24 June</b> <i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	Mass: 7am	
<b>Tues 25 Jun</b>	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Rosary: 6pm Adoration: 6pm - 6:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
<b>Wed 26 Jun</b>	Mass: 7am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm - 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
<b>Thurs 27 Jun</b> <i>St Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, doctor</i>	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Adoration: 6pm - 6:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
<b>Fri 28 Jun</b> <i>St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
<b>Sat 29 Jun</b> <i>Sts Peter and Paul, apostles</i>	<b>Reconciliation: 11am - 12noon</b> Rosary 7am Mass: 7:30am <b>Mass: 5pm</b>	Rosary: 8:30am Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am - 10:30am
<b>Sun 30 Jun</b>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Joyce Campbell, Keith Copeland

#### Anniversaries

Norm Miller, Fr Geoff Allen, Norma Melki,  
 Clare Patton, Fr Peter Little(SJ), Elizabeth Jamiro

#### Prayers for the sick

Michael Murphy (Figtree), Peter Lathourakis, Peter Stoyles, Warren Yates, Marie Dawson,  
 Antoinette Sakr, Kerrie Maidment, Josephine Moran, Julie Murphy, Launa Wall

### 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*

Don't forget to register for **Alpha** if you're interested in coming along, and invite others in your social circles who you think might be interested. You can use the Alpha cards on the resource table to register or to invite others along – or simply contact the parish office. Feel free to come along to the first Alpha night to see if you like it – there is no commitment to continue coming after that (though the vast majority love it and keep coming). Registration is essential for catering and logistical purposes.

**Thursday 4th July, 7pm** at the St Therese Parish Centre, will be a special night for STIC Young Adults, with the new Diocesan Youth Ministry Leader, Arnie Hurdoyal, presenting a talk on **"Discernment"**. How do we do it? And how we cultivate a lifestyle that makes it easy for us to include God in our decisions and be able to actually make these decisions with confidence? We'll also look at some ways in which we can practice hearing God's voice in our lives as well as hearing about Arnie's personal stories of discernment in his life. All are welcome, and this night will be a great opportunity for young adults to try STIC for the first time, meet the Diocesan Youth Ministry Leader, and get to know other awesome young adults from our parish and beyond.

I have organized my annual leave for 2024, once again in conjunction with my sister visiting from Canada with her family – including my two little nephews! I will be away from 9th July to 11th August – a little longer than usual, but with a few work commitments sprinkled in. I am very grateful for the priests who will cover my Sunday Masses – Fr Leo Duck who will cover Sunday evening Masses, and Bishop Brian, and two of his friends from Sydney, Fr Bill Goldman and Fr David Hore, will cover the remaining Masses during my time away. I will give more details of other arrangements while I am on leave during the next two weeks.

**Fr Duane Fernandez**

## *Message from Sr Kerry*

Each month I drive into the carpark of a local nursing home. This car sticker always welcomes me to the carpark. I have never met the owner of the car. I can only guess the owner does brighten up the world around her.

Sometimes we get caught up with the disappointment of something that has happened. That is natural but do we get stuck in that space? Does this event cloud our entire day?

This week let's try to open our eyes and heart a little so that we may recognise something good that may have otherwise been missed by our cloudiness of heart. At the end of the day are you able to utter a prayer of gratitude? Acknowledge our disappointments but also appreciate the good things that come our way.

**Sr Kerry Gardiner**



### ROSTER – THIS WEEKEND

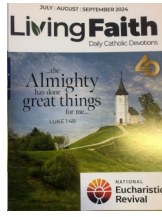
June	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 22 Jun	Church Cleaning	J Haywood, L Salway, M Hurley, T Vaafusuaga	
Sat 22 Jun	Lawns	<i>Mannix, Brown, Caruana, Lonard, J Sharwood</i>	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
5pm 22 Jun	T Chicharo	T Chicharo	
8am 23 Jun	T Vaafusuaga	A Kelly	Leah Galea, Alison Sharwood
Counters	A Kelly, B Farraway		

### ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

June	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 29 Jun	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
Sat 29 Jun	Lawns	<i>No lawn mowing this week</i>	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
5pm 29 Jun	K Gardiner	B Collins	
8am 30 Jun	P Gunning	M Matos	Alicia Sanchez-Levine, Luke Jansons.
Counters	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, M Winner		

## PARISH NEWS

### Living Faith books - are available now at the side door



The new Living Faith books for July to December 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 now \$6.** Please leave money in the small drawer.

### Defibrillator and First Aid Kit

Did you know our defibrillator and First Aid kit are located in the confessional (on the northern side of the church).

The Parish office will arrange replacement of any items that are used. Please let us know.



### Alpha - 7pm Wed 24 July



You are most welcome to come and experience Alpha for yourself, whatever your age (18+) or stage of faith.

Use this QR code to register or go to <http://dow.sh/alphaww>.

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

### Silver Circle results - week 2

1st. C Dean No.32  
2nd R Battley No. 13

### 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 16 June 2024

\$656	First Collection	- Clergy Remuneration Fund
\$579	Second collection	- Parish expenses
\$180	Tap Point donations	
\$425	Planned giving envelopes	
\$551	Direct debits (weekly average from May).	

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.



### 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.

## DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL

Bishop Brian Mascord invites suitably qualified and eager persons to apply for the Diocesan Youth Council, an advisory and implementation body, tasked with initiating missional outcomes for youth and young adult (Y&YA) ministry. The council will meet quarterly. Applicants should be aged between 16-40, have a range of experiences, and be passionate about outreach, formation and building community amongst Y&YA. Does this sound like you?

Applications are now open for those interested in serving on the council. To apply, head to: <https://tinyurl.com/5668bfmf>

For more information, please contact the our youth ministry leader; Arnie Hurdoyal [Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au](mailto:Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au) / MOB: 0431 611 128

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME - AIRS SUNDAY 23 JUNE 2024

On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista says that this Gospel is about faith and prayer, praying with intensity and working as if everything depends on God. Mother Hilda's story on Egyptian rug weavers' actions when they make a mistake. Fr Tony Percy says that we all speak too much and listen too little. Peter Abela on channeling your inner mediaeval monk.

Listen at [cr.org.au](http://cr.org.au)



## A VOCATION VIEW

"Why are you terrified? Why are you lacking in faith?" If God is calling you, don't let fear stop you. (Mark 4:35-41)

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)

## 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** Ext 114 or email [cottageretreats@jamberoobbey.org.au](mailto:cottageretreats@jamberoobbey.org.au)

## GROWING GOOD MEN FATHER AND TEENAGE SON WEEKEND

25 - 27 OCTOBER 2024

CATARACT ACTIVITY CENTRE, APPIN

One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father or significant father figure. The encouragement and affirmation that this relationship could, and should, provide, is a key ingredient for how young men view themselves and embrace their faith and gifts as they take their place in the world.

Don't miss this life-changing father and son weekend! Spots are limited to just 25 fathers with their sons aged between 12 and 17 years. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon and the team from menALIVE.

**Register online:** <https://dow.sh/ggm24>

## SOCIAL JUSTICE POINTS

What would need to change in order for those who feel excluded to experience the Church as more welcoming? Listening and accompaniment are a form of ecclesial action, not just the actions of individuals. They must therefore find a place within the ordinary pastoral planning and operational structuring of Christian communities at different levels, making full use of spiritual accompaniment. 'XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops' (Synod on Synodality) Synthesis Report.

## 2024 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, we invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries, to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on **Sunday 25 August 2024 at 2pm** at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong. Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room. Please register online at <https://dow.sh/MA2024> or contact Helen Bennett at the Office of the Bishop at 4222 2403, or via email [helen.bennett@dow.org.au](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au) by Monday, 29 July 2024.

## 23 JUNE - THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

### First Reading - Job 38:1,8-11

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:  
Who pent up the sea behind closed doors  
when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,  
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist  
and made black clouds its swaddling bands;  
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross  
and made it fast with a bolted gate?  
Come thus far, I said, and no farther:  
here your proud waves shall break.

### Responsorial Psalm - Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships  
to trade on the mighty waters.  
These men have seen the Lord's deeds,  
the wonders he does in the deep. R.
2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale,  
tossing the waves of the sea  
up to heaven and back into the deep;  
their souls melted away in their distress. R.
3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need  
and he rescued them from their distress.  
He stilled the storm to a whisper:  
all the waves of the sea were hushed. R.
4. They rejoiced because of the calm  
and he led them to the haven they desired.  
Let them thank the Lord for his love,  
for the wonders he does for men. R.

### Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

The love of Christ overwhelms us when we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was so that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here.

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!**

### Gospel - Mark 4:35-41

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'