

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) – 30 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
Mon 1 July	Mass: 7am	
Tues 2 July	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Rosary: 6pm Adoration: 6pm - 6:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 3 July <i>St Thomas, apostle</i>	Mass: 7am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm - 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thurs 4 July <i>St Elizabeth of Portugal</i>	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Adoration: 6pm - 6:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 5 July <i>St Anthony Zaccaria, priest</i>	Mass: 7am <b>Extended Adoration: 7pm - 10pm</b>	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 6 July <i>St Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr</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
Sun 7 July	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Joyce Campbell, Keith Copeland

#### Anniversaries

Fr George Ratizinger, Beryl Burns, Nelson Meez,  
 Jason Mou, Airynna Tanberg, Andre Van der Linden,

#### Prayers for the sick

Michael Murphy (Figtree), Peter Lathourakis, Ron Daniels, Fr Doug Rhiensburger,  
 Antoinette Sakr, Kerrie Maidment, Josephine Moran, Julie Murphy Eunice Mannix

### 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*

Our next season of **Alpha** is fast approaching. If you are interested in coming to see what it is like, even just for the first night, feel free to come along – no cost, no commitment, no follow up. However, if you are planning to come to the first session, please ensure that you register as soon as possible using the QR code or link on the Alpha cards or in the main section of the bulletin. Registration is essential for our planning for catering and logistics. Please pray for the continued success of Alpha which has already borne so much fruit in our parish and beyond.

There are a number of exciting events coming up for our young people in our Diocese and beyond, with the **iStand Camp** in July, and the **Ignite Conference** in September. This Thursday our own parish young adults are hosting Arnie Hurdoyal, the new Diocesan Youth Ministry leader for a special talk on discerning God’s will. More details about all of these events are in the main section of the bulletin. Spread the word to the young people you know!

I shared my leave dates in last week’s bulletin, and the priests who will be covering weekend Masses for the weekends of 13th July to 11th August (Bishop Brian, Fr Leo Duck, Fr Bill Goldman, Fr David Hore). I am very grateful to Fr Jerzy for providing weekday ministry across both parishes during my time away. Please note that during my leave, there will be no Thursday morning or Friday morning Masses at St Therese West Wollongong – also the Saturday 11am Reconciliation time at Unanderra will not take place during that time. I will share alternative Mass times in local parishes in next weekend’s bulletin for Thursdays and Fridays.

**Fr Duane Fernandez**

## *Message from Sr Kerry*

This sign appears in a public park in our area. The park is beautiful and overlooks the ocean. There’s plenty of space for all, but it seems the ‘locals’ don’t want others intruding on ‘their’ space.

As we think about our finances at the end of the financial year perhaps we should look into our hearts and see if things balance out there.

Are we able to open our hearts to embrace the ‘outsider’?

Are we able to extend a hand of friendship to someone who may not feel welcome?

May we all have the courage to walk over the line and know the gifts that bring life to our heart , homes and community.



**Sr Kerry Gardiner**

### ROSTER — THIS 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>	
	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Welcomers</b>	<b>Children’s liturgy</b>
5pm 29 Jun	B Faraway	B Collins	
8am 30 Jun	P Gunning	M Matos	Alicia Sanchez-Levine, Luke Jansons
<b>Counters</b>	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, M Winner		

### ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

July	Church Washing	Helen Murphy	
Sat 6 July	Church Cleaning	D Attard, L Lathourakis	
Sat 6 July	Lawns	<i>No lawn mowing this week</i>	
	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Welcomers</b>	<b>Children’s liturgy</b>
5pm 6 July	D. Ferrer		
8am 7 July	A Browne		<i>School holidays</i>
<b>Counters</b>	A Kelly, B Faraway		

## PARISH NEWS



**Extended Adoration - Friday 5 July, 7pm to 10pm.**

Reconciliation available throughout.

### STIC young adults

Young adults (18-35) are warmly welcome to get involved with the great events being hosted by STIC Young Adults right here in the parishes of St Therese and Immaculate Conception.

**First Thursday:** Guest speaker series (7pm @ St Therese)

**Last Thursday:** Prayer and Pub (5:30 Mass @ Immaculate Conception + dinner at Collegians Figtree)

**Every other Thursday:** Faith studies and fellowship (7pm @ St Therese)

**This Thursday (4 July), we welcome Arnie Hurdoyal who will be sharing his thoughts and experiences of discernment. What is it? How do we do it? How do we cultivate a lifestyle that helps us welcome God into our decision-making?**

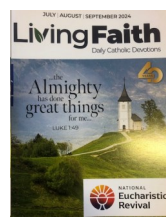
For further details, follow "STIC Young Adults" on Instagram and Facebook.

### 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.



### Parish Pastoral Council meeting

The PPC met this week and continued discussions on:

- Bishop Brian's Vision for Parishes.
- How to make our Parish Vision a lived experience.
- Establishing Connect Groups - a new parish initiative starting later this year.
- Safeguarding team update
- Come and See Cup of Tea - ministry leader's feedback.

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

### 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>.

### Silver Circle results - week 3

1st Hamish Brown  
2nd Barbara Spain

### 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 23 June 2024

\$671	First Collection	- Clergy Remuneration Fund
\$382	Second collection	- Parish expenses
\$120	Tap Point donations	
\$528	Planned giving envelopes	
\$551	Direct debits (weekly average from May).	

Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly

## CATHOLIC CARE SURVEY

CatholicCare is conducting a survey to better understand how we can support the needs of individuals and families within the Diocese of Wollongong. We would appreciate your time in completing our 'Supporting Community' survey by 30 June 2024.

Use this QR code to complete the survey and you could go in the draw to win one of 6 x \$50 Prize gift vouchers.



## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME - AIRS SUNDAY 30 JUNE 2024

On the Journey this week: Fr Richard Healey says that the Gospel calls us to confront our fears with faith. Mother Hilda's powerful story on life-saving encouragement. Fr Tony Percy and the sandwich in the Gospel, Francine Pirola on making a new relationship last, and Fr Mike Delaney on Mizpah. Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)



JOURNEY  
CATHOLIC RADIO

## A VOCATION VIEW

"Little girl, I say to you, arise!" Jesus reaches out to those in need and gives life to those who seek Him. Turn to Him in times of difficulty that you might have that same spark of divine life. (Mark 5:41)

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)

## INSTITUTED MINISTRIES FORMATION

SATURDAY 6 AND 13 JULY

Sr Monica Barlow will run formation sessions for anyone interested in exploring the possibility of becoming an Instituted Lector or Acolyte. These ministries are open to both men and women. The sessions will be held at the Xavier Centre Conference Room from **10.30am - 12.30pm on Saturday mornings 6th and 13th July.**

Attendance at the second session on 13th July is dependent on having attended the first session. It is not a repeat of the first session. To register for these formation sessions click <https://dow.sh/imf24>

## GROWING GOOD MEN FATHER AND TEENAGE SON WEEKEND

25 - 27 OCTOBER 2024

CATARACT ACTIVITY CENTRE, APPIN

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>

## IGNITE CONFERENCE 2024 RISE UP!

SYDNEY 26 - 29 SEPTEMBER

A conference for everyone, from leaders to first-time believers. This is the Church gathered and alive on mission. This is God's people united with one heart.

Ignite Conference is a gathering of Catholics for four days of real-world formation, renewal of faith, great people and powerful worship. Join with young people from our Diocese and over 2000 high schoolers, young adults, leaders, teachers, priests and religious taking part in a life changing encounter with God and His Church.

For more information, go to [igniteconference.com.au](http://igniteconference.com.au) and contact Arnie Hurdoyal at 0431 611 128 or

**Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au** to be part of our Diocesan Group attending this amazing event

## SYDNEY I STAND CAMP

WED 17 JULY - FRI 19 JULY

CARMEL HOUSE, VARROVILLE

**iSTAND** Events are for students in year 9 - 12 (age 14-18 yrs) and are a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow young people in a welcoming environment while learning more about yourself, others and God. This iSTAND Weekend will include activities such as games, group activities, prayer, reflection, testimonies and talks.

**COST:** \$160 inclusive of all food and activities

Registration: <https://form.jotform.com/240807884793875>

## 30 JUNE - THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

### First Reading - Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24

Death was not God's doing,  
he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living.  
To be – for this he created all;  
the world's created things have health in them,  
in them no fatal poison can be found,  
and Hades holds no power on earth;  
for virtue is undying.  
Yet God did make man imperishable,  
he made him in the image of his own nature;  
it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world,  
as those who are his partners will discover.

### Responsorial Psalm - I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,  
Restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. R.
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life.  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. R.
3. The Lord listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing:  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. R.

### Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his gospel. Alleluia!**

### Gospel - Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I shall be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.