

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) – 21 JULY 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 22 July <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tues 23 July <i>St Bridget</i>	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Rosary: 6pm Adoration: 6pm - 6:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 24 July	Mass: 7am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm - 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thurs 25 July <i>St James, apostle</i>	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Adoration: 6pm - 6:30pm	No Mass today
Fri 26 July <i>Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Mass: 7am	No Mass today
Sat 27 July	No Reconciliation today Rosary: 7am Mass: 7:30am Mass: 5pm	Rosary: 8:30am Mass: 9am
Sun 28 July	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Prayers for the sick
 Michael Murphy (Figtree), Peter Lathourakis,
 Antoinette Sakr, Kerrie Maidment, Josephine Moran, Julie Murphy

Anniversaries

Concesa Mamanglu, Rudy Geyling,
 John Walsh, Ernie Smith, Adam Borg.



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 Sr Kerry

Melissa, our amazing, hard working secretary, has been sitting with her dad for the last week. Warren died last Tuesday morning on the beautiful Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. Warren had his faith and praying with her dad Melissa and Warren felt much peace.

Warren is now enjoying his rewards but let us hold Melissa, her mum and family in prayer as they mourn the death of Warren. Let's give thanks for the blessing Warren has been in their life.

A prayer I often pray is taken from a book titled 'Good Friday People.' I first prayed this prayer for my mum and have prayed it often since . Perhaps you too may like to make it yours.

"We pray O Lord for all who must soon face death whether by illness, old age or violence. Strengthen them in their fear, comfort them in their grief, and give them some taste, some inkling of the joy you have prepared for them."

Let's be gentle with each other today for we do not know what they may be carrying.



Sr Kerry Gardiner

FOSTER CARE - MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BRIAN

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It has been brought to my attention a crisis affecting our diocese that I feel compelled to share with you all. Currently, over 350 children and young people in NSW are in urgent need of foster care, with nearly 100 of them residing in our diocese. These vulnerable young people are placed in high-cost emergency accommodations, such as hotels and caravan parks, without the stability and nurturing relationships they deserve. It is imperative that we come together to offer these children a loving and secure environment by opening our homes and hearts. Whether through weekend respite care or full-time fostering, we can make a significant impact on their lives. I urge you to watch and share a video I have created outlining the challenges faced by the foster care system in our diocese at dow.sh/bmfc24 and consider reaching out to CatholicCare Wollongong at **4227 1122** to inquire about becoming a foster carer. Your support can provide these children with the love and stability they need to thrive. Thank you for your attention to this critical issue, and may we all strive to be the loving, faithful families these children deserve.

ROSTER — THIS WEEKEND

July	Church Washing	Helen Murphy	
Sat 20 July	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, R Tassone, K McCrohon	
Sat 20 July	Lawns	<i>No lawn mowing this week</i>	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
5pm 20 July	C & M Carolan		
8am 21 July	M Matos	A Arnone	<i>School holidays</i>
Counters	A Kelly, B Farraway		

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Sat 27 July	Church Cleaning	J Haywood, L Salway, M Hurley, T Vaafusuaga	
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	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
5pm 27 July	N O'Donoghue	B Collins	
8am 28 July	C Walsh	A Kelly	<i>Sandra and Lisa Michelin, Ella Alessi</i>
Counters	M Murphy (FT), S Alessi, H Murphy .		

PARISH NEWS

Celebrant for Sunday Mass

This weekend's priests: Saturday 5pm Fr David Hore;
Sunday 8am Fr David Hore
Next weekend's priests: Saturday 5pm Bishop Brian;
Sunday 8am Fr Bill Goldman

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



Alpha - 7pm Wed 24 July

You are most welcome to come and experience Alpha for yourself, whatever your age (18+) or stage of faith. Please register as soon as possible to enable sufficient time for catering and logistics for the first Alpha night. Use this QR code to

register or go to <http://dow.sh/alphaww>.

"Doing the Alpha course I discovered there is so much more to life. I feel happier, I "see" and appreciate God's little miracles every day and made new friends. Alpha became the highlight of my week. It felt like hanging out with good friends, catching up and connecting over delicious meals, being inspired and awakened to new possibilities through the short films. Everyone should gift this experience to themselves because it changes your life for the better."

Natalie – 46 years old

Silver Circle results - week 6

1st H Brown No. 11
2nd B Faraway No 27

Christian Meditation: Inquiries: Please text Monica 0412 056 877



is on break for school holidays and **resumes Monday 22 July**, meeting weekly at the St Therese Parish Centre. The group looks forward to welcoming parishioners, friends and those of all faiths and none who may be interested to come along.

Parish Finances - week ending 14 July 2024

\$631	First Collection	- Clergy Remuneration Fund
\$456	Second collection	- Parish expenses
\$170	Tap Point donations	
\$310	Planned giving envelopes	
\$529	Direct debits (weekly average from June).	

Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly

Recycling bins - \$382 raised this year

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

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 raise money for the work of the Sisters of St Joseph in Peru.

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: helen.bennett@dow.org.au by 29 July 2024.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 21 JULY 2024

On the Journey this week. Fr John Corrigan says that this Gospel gives priority to rest for weary missionary disciples. Mother Hilda says forget getting even, let Jesus be our first point of reference. Fr Tony Percy says emerging from the Gospel are three important spiritual matters, and Jude Hennessy is in conversation with Fr Tony Percy on the upcoming 2024 Tim Fischer Oration Listen at jcr.org.au



A VOCATION VIEW

"I will appoint shepherds for my people." The call to priestly and religious life is to be a shepherd after the heart of Christ, to give of yourself so that others may live. (Jeremiah 23 and Mark 6)



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

CCD LEVEL 1 CATECHIST COURSE

VIA ZOOM STARTS ON 19 AUGUST FOR 4 MONDAYS

Dates: Mondays, 19, 26 Aug, 2, 9 Sept (via Zoom)

Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm

Beginning and experienced SRE Catechists are invited to register by following this link dow.sh/ccdlevel1onzoom or contact Sue Clark at support@ccdwoollongong.com.

Please note that the first day of the Level 1 course includes the Child Protection and Classroom Management training update that must be revisited by SRE Catechists every 3 yrs.

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

8 AUGUST 2024

We invite you to celebrate the Solemnity of Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop on Thursday 8 August 2024 at St Francis Xavier Cathedral at 12:10pm. To assist us with catering, kindly RSVP with the number of attendees by emailing liturgy@dow.org.au

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 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

SOCIAL JUSTICE POINTS

We cannot evangelise digital culture without first understanding it. Young people, and among them, seminarians, young priests, and young consecrated men and women, who often have profound and direct experience of it, are best suited to carry out the Church's mission in the digital environment, as well as to accompany the rest of the community, including pastors, in becoming more familiar with its dynamics.

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

21 JULY - THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

First Reading - Jeremiah 23:1-6

The remnant of my flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

‘See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –
when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David,
who will reign as true king and be wise,
practising honesty and integrity in the land.
In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel dwell in confidence.
And this is the name he will be called:
The-Lord-our-integrity.

Responsorial Psalm - The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. R.
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. R.
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. R.
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. R.

Second Reading - Ephesians 2:13-18

Christ our peace has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel - Mark 6:30-34

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, ‘You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while’; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.