

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) – 28 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 29 July <i>Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tues 30 July <i>St Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor</i>	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Rosary: 6pm Adoration: 6pm - 6:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 31 July <i>St Ignatius of Loyola, priest</i>	Mass: 7am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm - 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thurs 1 Aug <i>St Alphonsus Ligouri, bishop, doctor</i>	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Adoration: 6pm - 6:30pm	No Mass today
Fri 2 Aug	Mass: 7am Extended Adoration: 7pm - 10pm	No Mass today
Sat 3 Aug <i>St Dominic, priest</i>	No Reconciliation today Rosary: 7am Mass: 7:30am Mass: 5pm	Rosary: 8:30am Mass: 9am
Sun 4 Aug	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

Marguerite Hillman, Sr Sheila Curnow RSJ,
 Cd Edward Clancy, Fr Peter Caruana
 Bonnie Miller, Lorraine Brame



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

As a young religious it was daunting to be moved from one 'destination' to another. In those days we would receive a mailout. It was pages long. It listed in alphabetical order the names of the places we had within NSW. You would frantically search for your name and see where you were going to take up your next appointment. For months prior to receiving this mailout I would fervently pray this prayer

'Lord send me where You want me to be, among those whom You wish to be among, to that which You wish to do in my life. Any good that I can do let me do it now for I may never pass this way again.'

As I age, I have learnt the need to grasp the moment. A recent experience was watching the sunrise. It was magnificent. Thirty minutes after taking this photo that morning the sky was overcast and dull. Had I missed the sunrise I would never have known the beauty and majesty that woke the day. Let's pray that we can be awake to the God who wants us to treasure the moments.



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 27 July	Church Cleaning	J Haywood, L Salway, M Hurley, T Vaafusuaga	
Sat 27 July	Lawns	No lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
5pm 27 July	N O'Donoghue	B Collins	
8am 28 July	C Walsh	A Kelly	Sandra and Lisa Michelin, Ella Alessi
Counters	M Murphy (FT), S Alessi, H Murphy .		

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

August	Church Washing	Susan Adams	
Sat 3 Aug	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
Sat 3 Aug	Lawns	M & J Winner, Walsh, Carrigan, Bennett, Walker	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
5pm 3 Aug	D Ferrer		
8am 4 Aug	A Kelly	G Simmonite	Kirra Calvert, Maria Matos
Counters	A Kelly, B Farraway		

PARISH NEWS

Celebrant for Sunday Mass

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

STIC young adults—Special guest speaker, Monica Doumit Thurs 1 August, 7pm St Therese Parish Centre



The call to be in the world but not of the world is always challenging, but can seem especially difficult for young Catholics in a secular workplace. Is it possible to maintain and even witness to the beauty of the Catholic faith in a culture that seems increasingly hostile to religion, particularly Christianity?

If you're 18-35 years old, this is a great opportunity to meet other young adults, encourage each other in faith and be encouraged and inspired by a brilliant speaker. Newcomers are always welcome!

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

Seafarer's Sunday

Thank you to the generous people who donated to the support of the Seafarers - \$123 was raised. This money will be used to purchase items for our Christmas packages for the seafarers. Some ladies from the Unanderra CWL attended the service for Seafarers Sunday at St Michael's Anglican Church, Wollongong. After the service, they met and spoke with some of the seafarers from Port Kembla



Silver Circle results - week 7

1st C Brown No. 22
2nd G Simmonite No 44

Christian Meditation: *Inquiries: Please text Monica 0412 056 877*



Meets weekly at 6pm Mondays at St Therese' Parish Centre. Please invite friends and those of all faiths and none who may be interested to come along.

Each must learn just to be.....open to the silent presence of the Spirit.. John Main OSB

Parish Finances - week ending 21 July 2024

\$514	First Collection	- Clergy Remuneration Fund
\$339	Second collection	- Parish expenses
\$120	Tap Point donations	
\$311	Planned giving envelopes	
\$529	Direct debits (weekly average from June).	

Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly

Morning tea - Sunday 4 August 2024

Morning tea will be served after 8am Mass next weekend
Sunday 4 August 2024

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.

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 28 JULY 2024

On the Journey this week. Fr Daniel Serratore says that today's readings show us how to overcome our scarcity mentality. Mother Hilda asks how did we ever get the idea that we are fit to judge others? Fr Tony Percy on Jesus satisfying our hunger and God taking what is elementary, not extravagant, and doing marvellous things. Peter Abela on training for life's marathon, and Fr Mike Delaney's experience journeying with a friend in palliative care. Listen at jcr.org.au



A VOCATION VIEW

Each year the Church in Australia marks "**National Vocations Awareness Week**" in August, connected with the celebrations of the Feast of St John Vianney (patron saint of priests) and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop (Australia's first saint). This year, in the week of **4-11 August**, we reflect once more upon Pope Francis's message from Good Shepherd Sunday, reminding us that all of us, whether married, ordained, religious or single, are "called to sow seeds of hope and build peace".

Read the Pope's full message here: dow.sh/gss24

Pope Francis beckons us to "Rise up!" Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace! Let us be passionate about life and commit ourselves to caring lovingly for those around us, in every place where we live. Let me say it again: Have the courage to commit!"



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.

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 ignite.conference.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

The Internet is increasingly present in the lives of children and families. While it has great potential to improve people's lives, it can also cause harm and injury, such as through intimidation, disinformation, sexual exploitation, and addiction. There is an urgent need to consider how the Christian community can support families in ensuring that the online space is not only safe but also spiritually life-giving

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

28 JULY - THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

First Reading - 2 Kings 4:42-44

They will eat and have some leftover

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

Responsorial Psalm - The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

1. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. R.
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. R.
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. R.

Second Reading - Ephesians 4:1-6

There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel - John 6:1-15

He distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted.

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.