

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) – 4 AUGUST 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 5 Aug	Mass: 7am	
Tues 6 Aug <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Rosary: 6pm Adoration: 6pm - 6:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 7 Aug <i>St Sistus II, pope and companions</i>	Mass: 7am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm - 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thurs 8 Aug <i>St Mary of the Cross, virgin</i>	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Adoration: 6pm - 6:30pm	No Mass today
Fri 9 Aug <i>St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</i>	Mass: 7am	No Mass today
Sat 10 Aug <i>St Lawrence, deacon, martyr</i>	No Reconciliation today Rosary: 7am Mass: 7:30am Mass: 5pm	Rosary: 8:30am Mass: 9am
Sun 11 Aug	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

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

Anniversaries

Ken Wood, Bernard Gillis, Geraldine Dries
 Brian Henderson, Ben Graham, Kathleen McGuinness

Francis Murphy, Geoff Goodwin, Frank Toohey

Joseph Fenech



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

This coming week we will celebrate the Feast of Mary MacKillop. Did you know that the attached icon is an icon produced by the Diocese of Wollongong? We tend to be unrealistic about the lives saints once lived. Mary MacKillop certainly knew hardship, burdens beyond her young age, insecurity and responsibilities beyond her age. If you think you need someone to understand you why not try 'chatting' or praying with Mary MacKillop?

Let's also remember the words attributed to Mary... 'Never see a need without trying to do something about it.' Perhaps you may see a need this week. Will you have the courage to respond in a positive way?

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

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		Kirra Calvert, Maria Matos
Counters	A Kelly, B Farraway		

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

August	Church Washing	Susan Adams	
Sat 10 Aug	Church Cleaning	McInerney Family, B Collins	
Sat 10 Aug	Lawns	No lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
5pm 10 Aug	D Nugent	B Farraway	
8am 11 Aug	T Vaafusuaga	J Sharwood	Kylie & Molly Hertsch, Gemma Farrugia
Counters	Murphy (FH), C Stratton, M Winner		

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 Fr Bill Goldman
Sunday 8am Fr Bill Goldman



Morning tea - Sunday 4 August.

Morning tea will be served after 8am Mass on Sunday. Everyone is welcome to join us in the St Joseph's room.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(15th August) is a "Holy Day of Obligation" for Catholics. This means that, along with Christmas Day and the Sundays of the year, all Catholics are called to gather for Mass, if possible, to celebrate our heavenly mother, who was assumed body and soul into heaven at the end of her earthly life.

For West Wollongong and Unanderra, there will be three opportunities to celebrate the Mass of the Assumption:

- * **Wed 14 Aug 5:30pm** Mass at West Wollongong will be the Vigil Mass of the Assumption;
- * **Thurs 15 Aug 7:45am** at West Wollongong;
- * **Thurs 15 Aug 5:30pm** Mass at Unanderra (Fr Duane & Fr Jerzy).

Catholic Women's league

The monthly meeting of the Catholic Women's league will be held on Thursday 8 August at **9am** in St Josephs room. Everyone is welcome to join us. Please note the change of time to 9am as we will be attending mass at 12noon at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong to celebrate the Feast of St Mary Mackillop. Everyone is welcome to attend the Mass to celebrate Australia's saint.

STIC young adults meets each Thursday



Young adults (18-35) are warmly welcome to get involved with the great events being hosted by STIC Young Adults

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

Last Thursday: Prayer and Pub (5:30pm 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.

Silver Circle results - week 8

1st Telesia No. 21 , 2nd M Skylas No 18

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

Vinnies Winter Bucket Appeal - 17/18 August 2024



Vinnies Unanderra Conference will hold it's annual Winter Appeal bucket collection after each Mass on the weekend of 17 and 18 August. Envelopes will be available for those requiring a receipt also hopefully an eftpos machine will be available at the church side door. All money

raised is used by the Unanderra Conference to support local families in need. The Unanderra Conference receives on average more than 10 requests for help every week for a variety of reasons, especially for and rent assistance. When you give to Vinnies you're helping our volunteers rebuild lives.

Parish Finances - week ending 28 July 2024

\$572	First Collection	- Clergy Remuneration Fund
\$435	Second collection	- Parish expenses
\$120	Tap Point donations	
\$449	Planned giving envelopes	
\$529	Direct debits (weekly average from June).	

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 4 AUGUST 2024

On the Journey this week. Fr Sheldon Burke CRS says Jesus wants to move our hunger away from perishables. Mother Hilda tells the story of the Ravensbrück prayer. Fr Tony Percy on God's work in both Opus and Labor contexts. Trish McCarthy says the Holy Spirit plants seeds in our heart, and Deacon Josh Clayton says that it's good for us to encounter new people, to hear how God has worked in their lives.



JOURNEY
CATHOLIC RADIO

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

FIRE WEEKEND - 9-11 AUGUST

CARMEL HOUSE, VARROVILLE

Fire Weekends are for singles and young marrieds aged 18 -35 who want to grow deeper in their relationship with God and discover more about their faith. The event will include activities such as talks, personal sharings, dramas, recreation time, sport, prayer, good food, live music, reconciliation, Mass, and Adoration. *Note: The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available throughout the weekend, and Mass will be celebrated on the Sunday.* https://form.jotform.com/ymtaustralia/dojfireweekend2024

4 AUGUST - THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

First Reading - Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

I will rain bread from heaven on them.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God."'

And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That,' said Moses to them, 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

Responsorial Psalm - The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. R.
2. He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. R.
3. Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food;
So he brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won. R.

Second Reading - Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

Gospel - John 6:24-35

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs
but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.
Do not work for food that cannot last,
but work for food that endures to eternal life,
the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,

for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven,
the true bread;
for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered:

'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'