

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) – 18 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 19 Aug <i>St John Eudes, priest</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tues 20 Aug <i>St Bernard, abbott, doctor</i>	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Rosary: 6pm Adoration: 6pm - 6:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 21 Aug <i>St Pius X, pope</i>	Mass: 7am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm - 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thurs 22 Aug <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Adoration: 6pm - 6:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 23 Aug <i>St Rose of Lima</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 24 Aug <i>St Bartholomew, apostle</i>	Rosary 7am Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 11am Mass: 5pm	Rosary: 8:30am Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am
Sun 25 Aug	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Patricia Eileen Weinart

Prayers for the sick

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

Anniversaries

Marjory Dean, Terry Dean
 Gloria Sheppard, Tim Fisher,

Fr Rom Jasko, Joseph Davis, Thomas Brown



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

Thank you for all your well wishes and prayers during my time of leave, and for the warm welcome from those I've seen since returning to work. It was a most blessed time with my family, and while I am missing them a lot, especially my sister and her husband and two precious nephews who have now flown back to Canada, I am so grateful for the time we had together. I sincerely thank all who took on extra work in various ways in both parishes to make it possible for me to have this time away. I remembered my parishes often in my prayers and am glad to be back with you, hopefully with more energy to serve you better – although I apologise in advance if I take a while to respond to messages, as there is a lot for me to catch up on!

This weekend we have the opportunity to contribute in practical ways to the wonderful work of the St Vincent De Paul Society. We thank God for the volunteers who give so much of their time, energy, wisdom and compassion to those who are facing hardship in our local community. Our parish vision states that we work together as one to bring the overflowing love of Jesus to all people, and the work of Vinnies is a key part of living out this vision. Thank you to our Vinnies volunteers, and to all of you for your prayers and generosity that supports their work – every prayer and every donation makes a difference!

Fr Duane Fernandez

Message from Sr Kerry

Arriving at the holiday home I immediately took myself to the back door that overlooks the inlet. It is a serene sight. The jetty of a home two houses up from my stay caught my attention. On top of one pylon sat a cat. I was absorbed by the sight. How did the cat manage to get on top of the pylon? With the mind puzzling away it then dawned on me the cat was a statue and obviously placed there for a particular reason. I couldn't believe I have been tricked by this ornament.

We hear a great deal about fake news, but that is something 'out there.' What about the fake news we may be to ourselves, our God, our neighbour, our community? God doesn't create rubbish. Be proud of who you are and who you are becoming. Let your light shine forth.

Sr Kerry Gardiner



ROSTER – THIS WEEKEND

August	Church Washing	Susan Adams	
Sat 17 Aug	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson	
Sat 17 Aug	Lawns	No lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
5pm 17 Aug	M Rodwell		
8am 18 Aug	C Lyon	A Arnone	Leah Galea, Alison Sharwood.
Counters	A Kelly, B Farraway		

ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

August	Church Washing	Susan Adams	
Sat 24 Aug	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, R Tassone, K McCrohon	
Sat 24 Aug	Lawns	Mannix, Brown, F Caruana, Lonard, J Sharwood	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
5pm 24 Aug	N O'Donoghue	B Collins	
8am 25 Aug	P Gunning	A Kelly	Alicia Sanchez-Levine, Luke Jansons
Counters	A Gunning, M Caudero, C Garrett		

PARISH NEWS

Vinnies Winter Bucket Appeal - 17/18 August 2024



Vinnies Unanderra Conference will hold its annual Winter Appeal bucket collection after each Mass this weekend 17 and 18 August. Envelopes will be available for those requiring a receipt also an eftpos machine will be available at the church side door.

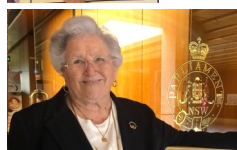
All money raised is used by the Unanderra Conference to support local families in need. The Unanderra Conference receives on average more than 10 requests for help every week for a variety of reasons, especially for food and rent assistance. When you give to Vinnies you're helping our volunteers rebuild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



Congratulations to Two Amazing Ladies

On Monday 12 August, **Phyllis Connell and Barbara Spain**, two ladies that have given much of their time over many years to volunteer in our parish and elsewhere, were presented with the **Jean Arnot Award**.

This award is presented to women 90 years and over for their services to the Community.



23 women across all of NSW were presented with the award during a special lunch at State Parliament House. We would like to congratulate Phyllis and Barbara upon receiving this prestigious award and thank them for all they have

done to help those in need. Both ladies are still continuing to volunteer to assist others. Their life of service is an example for all of us.

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 10

1st Telesia No 2,

2nd Helen Murphy No 20

This was the final week for the Silver Circle, thank you to all who participated, it was very much appreciated

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 11 August 2024

\$739 First Collection - Clergy Remuneration Fund

\$393 Second collection - Parish expenses

\$160 Tap Point donations

\$310 Planned giving envelopes

\$949 Direct debits (weekly average from July).

Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly

Recycling bins - \$443 raised this year

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

All proceeds go to the Parish.



Used stamps for Peru

Please remember to place all of your used stamps (leaving a 1cm / 1/2" border) in the box near the side door of the church.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME - AIRS SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2024



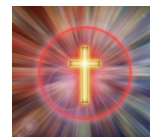
On the Journey this week. Fr John Corrigan says that all of today's readings evoke the theme of feasting. Mother Hilda says the 2014 film, the Water Diviner, aptly describes our heavenly Father. Fr Tony Percy and the Eucharistic tradition of the day of the Sun. Pete Gilmore and is it really hard to love? Mark Raue delves into the meaning of "radical" and "woke."

And a special announcement: Mother Hilda and The Benedictine Sisters of Jamberoo Abbey are facing a severe financial crisis due to extensive structural damage to their abbey, with repairs estimated to cost up to \$4 million. Now it's time for Mother Hilda's supporters on the Journey to help, go to www.jamberooabbey.org.au to donate.

A VOCATION VIEW

Because we have been called, formed, and nourished by Christ, our actions must be in accord with the great gifts we have received. To strive for holiness every day of our lives is to live in accord with the promises made at Baptism. (Eph. 5:15)

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

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2024 RISE UP!

SYDNEY 26 - 29 SEPTEMBER

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.

The Diocese of Wollongong is taking a group 30 young people to the conference at a subsidised cost.

There a few spots left, if you would like to join us, know someone who would, or would like to sponsor someone to attend, please contact Arnie Hurdoyal, Diocesan Youth Ministry Leader, Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au or **0431 611 128**.

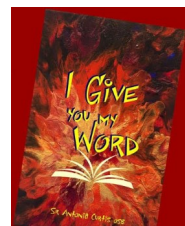
WEEKEND RETREAT

JAMBEROO ABBEY - 26 TO 28 SEPTEMBER

The Jamberoo Abbey invites all people to come and join in a face-to-face retreat at the Abbey 26 to 28 September 2024, titled "**Encountering God in Lectio Divina**".

The retreat will be co-ordinated by local author Sr Antonia Curtis, who has put together an amazing weekend of prayer, learning and reflection. The retreat will make use of the new resource written by Sr Antonia.

There is also the option of staying on at the Abbey for private reflection after the retreat ends on Sunday afternoon 28 September 2024. Please note that cottage accommodation must be vacated by Monday morning at 9am. For more information, please visit jamberooabbey.org.au



SOCIAL JUSTICE POINTS

In an increasingly digital world, how do we avoid being trapped within a mindset that seeks only to conserve what we are already doing and instead unleash new energies for new forms of mission? -- 'XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops' (Synod on Synodality) Synthesis Report.

18 AUGUST - THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading - Proverbs 9:1-6

Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared.

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars,
she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table.
She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights:
'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.'
To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared!
Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

Responsorial Psalm - Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. R.
2. Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. R.
3. Come, children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? R.
4. Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. R.

Second Reading - Ephesians 5:15-20

Be watchful that you may know the will of God.

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but you redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! All who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel - John 6:51-58

My flesh is real and my blood is real drink

Jesus said to the crowd:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever;
and the bread that I shall give is my flesh,
for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:

'I tell you most solemnly,
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood
has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:
they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'