

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) – 29 SEPT 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
<b>Mon 30 Sep</b> <i>St Jerome, priest, doctor</i>	Mass: 7am	
<b>Tues 1 Oct</b> <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor</i>	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Rosary 6pm Adoration: 6pm - 7pm 	Mass: 7:45am
<b>Wed 2 Oct</b> <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	Mass: 7am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm - 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 
<b>Thurs 3 Oct</b>	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Adoration: 6pm - 7pm 	Mass: 7:45am
<b>Fri 4 Oct</b> <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	Mass: 7am Adoration: 7:30am - 8am <b>Extended Adoration: 7pm - 10pm</b>	Mass: 9:30am
<b>Sat 5 Oct</b> <i>St Faustina Kowalska, virgin</i>	Rosary 7am Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 11am <b>Mass: 5pm</b> 	Rosary: 8:30am Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am 
<b>Sun 6 Oct</b>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Mario Skofic, Maya Isobel Borja  
 Domenico Carvana; Nicole Morris

#### Prayers for the sick

Michael Murphy (Figtree), Peter Lathourakis, Felix Johnson,  
 Antoinette Sakr, Kerrie Maidment, Josephine Moran.

#### Anniversaries

Michael Blewitt, John Harris, Walter Vd Linden,  
 Mark Bogoni, May Garrety, Graeme Mayo,  
 William Blattman, Fr Benedict Groeshel CFR  
 Marta Boncompagni



### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Monday: 8:30am-1:30pm

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 8:30am-1:30pm

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 8:30am-3:30pm

## *Message from Fr Duane*

As we enter the month of October, the **“month of the Rosary”**, especially in our parish dedicated to the Immaculate Conception and the Diocesan Shrine to Our Lady, I commend to you the timeless letter of Pope St John Paul II on *“The Rosary of the Virgin Mary”*, from 2002 – a link for this will be shared in the emailed bulletin. The meditative approach to the Rosary described in that letter can be a great benefit to us in our spiritual life in our lives so often filled with busyness and distraction. There will be extra opportunities during October to pray the Rosary as a parish family, as noted in the bulletin, or else you may wish to pray it privately or as a family in your home. During this month of October may we come to a deeper appreciation of this beautiful prayer that has nourished the lives of so many saints throughout the centuries.

Let us pray also for our “partner parish” of St Therese West Wollongong as they celebrate the **Feast of St Therese** this Sunday (usually October 1, but transferable to a nearest Sunday for a parish patronal feast – in their case, Sunday 29th September). I encourage you all to read Pope Francis’s letter on St Therese published last year, entitled *“On Confidence in the Merciful Love of God”* – a link will also be shared in the emailed bulletin.

**Fr Duane Fernandez**

## *Message from Sr Kerry*

A group of friends wanted to purchase a gift for me. They were sounding me out as to what I may like. They had some great ideas, but I did not need or want any of their suggestions. I suggested I would like a spatula. That is what I really wanted. They would not hear of it!

The day came for the gift giving. I received a beautiful oil burner that has now long given up the ghost. However, I was also given a spatula. That spatula is incredibly special to me. I use it frequently and with gratitude and love in my heart I always remember to express a little prayer for my friends. My friends will never know how special that spatula is and how often I do pray for them. What prompts you to pray?



**Sr Kerry Gardiner**

### ROSTER — THIS WEEKEND

September	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway	
Sat 28 Sep	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, R Tassone, K McCrohon	
Sat 28 Sep	Lawns	Winner, Walsh, Carrigan, Bennett, Walker	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
5pm 28 Sep	T Chicharo		
8am 29 Sep	T Vaafusuaga	M Matos	School holidays
Counters	A Kelly, B Farraway		

### ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

October	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 5 Oct	Church Cleaning	J Haywood, L Salway, M Hurley, T Vaafusuaga	
Sat 5 Oct	Lawns	No lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
5pm 5 Oct	D Ferrer	C Cleary	
8am 6 Oct	P Gunning	G Simmonite	School holidays
Counters	A Gunning, M Caudero, C Garrett		

## PARISH NEWS

### Morning Tea - Sunday 6 Oct

Morning tea will be served after 8am mass on Sunday 6th October. Everyone is invited to join us in St Joseph's Room for a cuppa and a chat.



### STIC young adults meets each Thursday (18-35)



**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). Follow "STIC Young Adults" on

Instagram and Facebook.

### Connect Groups



This is a new initiative where relaxed small groups of about 10-12 people can gather (in parish spaces to begin with) to meet fortnightly for spiritual reflection, friendship and prayer, enabling people to go deeper in their relationships with God and with one another.

If you're interested, note that filling out this form is not a commitment at this stage, but you will be contacted soon where you can ask any questions and find out the next steps. You can register your interest, and potential availabilities, by:

1. going to this link <https://tinyurl.com/connectgroups2024>; or
2. contacting the parish office; or
3. Using the QR code

### Safeguarding training - 1pm Saturday 12 October

A free Safeguarding training session at St Therese Parish Centre on Saturday 12th October, from 1pm (approx 2 hours). This will provide essential knowledge for all involved in child-related ministries. Register at [training@dow.org.au](mailto:training@dow.org.au) with your name and parish to indicate your attendance.

### Pyx for Holy Communion

Extraordinary ministers of Communion - do you have a Parish pyx that you are no longer using? If so, would you please contact George Attard on **0432 595 625**



### Parish Finances - week ending 22 September 2024

\$687 First Collection - Clergy Remuneration Fund  
\$478 Second collection - Parish expenses  
\$260 Tap Point donations  
\$364 Planned giving envelopes  
\$554 Direct debits (weekly average from August).  
*Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly*

### October rosary - before/after Mass

During the month of October, the rosary will be recited either before or after Mass. The rosary times for next week are:

Day	Date	B/A Mass	Mystery	Leader	Feasts/Other
Tue	1/10	During Ado	Sorrowful	Colleen	St Therese of Lisieux
Wed	2/10	A (7:30am)	Glorious	Mary	Holy Guardian Angels
Thu	3/10	During Ado	Luminous	Mark	
Fri	4/10	A (7:30am)	Sorrowful	Mark	St Francis of Assisi
Sat	5/10	B (7am)	Joyful	Mark	St Faustina Kowalska
Sat	5/10	B (4:30pm)	Joyful	Mary	
Sun	6/10	B (7:30am)	Glorious	Colleen/Coral	27th Sunday of OT

### Extended Adoration - Friday 4 Oct, 7pm to 10pm.

Reconciliation available throughout



### The Bishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you for your generous support of this appeal last weekend. Tax deductible donations are still being gratefully received online via the Diocese of Wollongong's website [www.dow.org.au/giving](http://www.dow.org.au/giving)

*"I am very grateful for your support in helping me to ensure that we can provide for the retirement and health of clergy, and the sound and holistic formation of our seminarians. God bless you."*

+Bishop Brian Mascord

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

### - AIRS SUNDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2024

On the Journey this week. Fr Bernard Gordon says that today's readings highlight embracing generosity and rejoicing in the gifts of others. Mother Hilda says that Don Columba Marmion, an Irish monk, emphasized that in God's Word, not only do we find God, but God also finds and listens to us. Fr Tony Percy on the distinction between false fears and true fears. Fr Dave Callaghan MGL says the image of gold being refined in fire illustrates how God works in our lives. Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)



## A VOCATION VIEW

"The Law of the Lord exists to guide and direct our steps here on earth so that we might arrive safely at the palaces of heaven. Embrace the Law with your whole heart, mind and soul that you might also grow in love with the law-giver. (Psalm 19)

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)



## "COME & SEE, GO & MAKE" FORMATION OPPORTUNITY!

Introduction to Parish Renewal (Module 103)

What is "parish renewal"? How do we recognise and honour all that is good in our communities and courageously move forward into the future? Then we can walk the path of renewal of heart, culture, and practice, and rediscover our reason for being.

**REGISTRATION COMPULSORY FOR CATERING PURPOSES**  
Wollongong (& Zoom) – Wednesday, 2 October, 7-9:30pm  
REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL: [dow.sh/oct2024](http://dow.sh/oct2024) All welcome!

## SOCIAL JUSTICE POINTS

There are those who would place responsibility [for environmental damage] on the poor, since they have many children, and even attempt to resolve the problem by mutilating women in less developed countries. As usual, it would seem that everything is the fault of the poor. Yet the reality is that a smaller, richer percentage of the planet contaminates more than the poorest 50% of the total world population, and that per capita emissions of the richer countries are much greater than those of the poorer ones. How can we forget that Africa, home to more than half of the world's poorest people, is responsible for a minimal portion of historic emissions? - *Laudate Deum* – Pope Francis - *To All People of Good Will on The Climate Crisis*

## A DAY RETREAT:

**BENEDICTINE VALUES – FERTILE SOIL FOR AN INTEGRAL ECOLOGY, SATURDAY 5 OCT 2024**

| PRESENTER: SR MECHTILD CRAWFORD

Time is moving on and the cry of the earth and the poor is intensifying. The appeal of Pope Francis in "Laudato Si" and "Laudate Deum" is now an imperative. There is a wisdom in the Rule of St Benedict that can provide fertile soil for an integral ecology for our time. Come, let us listen to Mother Earth during this day of retreat. Register at <https://www.jamberoabbey.org.au/events/2024-10-05/>

## SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

- THE SECOND ASSEMBLY BEGINS THIS WEEK

The participants will be arriving for the Second Assembly in Rome at the end of this week in preparation for the opening of the Second Assembly.

The Penitential Vigil will be broadcast by Vatican Media and is open to all.

More information about the details of the General Assembly can be found here: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/vatican-city/news/2024-09/synodpresentation-2nd-session-grech-hollerich-ruffini.html>

## 29 SEPTEMBER - THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### First Reading - Numbers 11:25-29

*Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?*

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

### Responsorial Psalm - The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart,

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple. R.
2. The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just. R.
3. So in them your servant finds instruction;  
great reward is in their keeping.  
But who can detect all his errors?  
From hidden faults acquit me.. R.
4. From presumption restrain your servant  
and let it not rule me.  
Then shall I be blameless,  
clean from grave sin. R.

### Second Reading - James 5:1-6

*Your wealth is rotting.*

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia! Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth. Alleluia**

### Gospel - Mark 9:38 - 43, 45, 47 - 48 *Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin cut it off.*

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'