

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) – 6 OCT 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 7 Oct <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	Mass: 8am	
Tues 8 Oct	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Rosary 6pm Adoration: 6pm - 7pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 9 Oct <i>St Denis and companions</i>	Mass: 7am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm - 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thurs 10 Oct	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Adoration: 6pm - 7pm	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 11 Oct <i>St John XXIII, pope</i>	Mass: 7am Adoration: 7:30am - 8am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 12 Oct	Rosary 7am Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 11am Mass: 6pm	Rosary: 8:30am Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am
Sun 13 Oct	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Margaret Collins, Fr Len Helm, Mario Skofic, Maya Borja, Domenico Carvana; Nicole Morris

Prayers for the sick

Michael Murphy (Figtree), Peter Lathourakis, Felix Johnson, Antoinette Sakr, Kerrie Maidment, Josephine Moran, Tonina Volpato, Goran Andersson

Anniversaries

Tracey Marchesi, Pat Heffernan, Jan Powell



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 Season 4 of Alpha in our parishes of West Wollongong and Unanderra has recently concluded – another great success, with new friendships formed, and many wonderful stories of deeper experiences of God’s presence and love in people’s lives. The best thing about this Alpha from my perspective was that, since I was on leave for a good part of it, I ended up doing nothing – and it was entirely run by the generous volunteers of Alpha. I am very grateful to the small group hosts, helpers and caterers and to Jeff and Melissa for co-ordinating the volunteers – and of course to all the guests who came along to try Alpha!

If you are at all curious about **Alpha**, you can come to the **“Come and See” evening on Wednesday 23rd October at St Therese Parish Centre, 7pm**. Also please consider who in your life you might invite along. Remember Alpha is for everyone – from those who have never considered faith, to lifelong Catholics. Registration for this one-off Come and See evening is essential for catering purposes – to register you can use the QR code, or contact the parish office.



There is also growing interest in **Connect Groups** – see Parish news for more information. The deadline to register for this round of Connect Groups is Friday 25th October, after which time we will start preparing to launch the first groups.

Fr Duane Fernandez

Message from Sr Kerry

It was early morning when I was driving up Mount Kembla. It didn’t take me long to realise it must have been ‘Clean Up Australia Day.’ People were busy rummaging through the bushland and depositing the rubbish in a pile near to where they were working. I admired these people for their enthusiasm and care of the environment. Driving home later that afternoon I observed neat piles of rubbish at pick up points. I was taken by the number of old tyres I passed on the way.

It caused me to question people. I know it is hard to dispose of tyres, or you pay someone to do it for you. Obviously, some people don’t care as long as it isn’t in their backyard. You dump when no one is looking, you throw them into the bush, so they are ‘out of sight, out of mind.’ It doesn’t seem to matter if they are a fire hazard should we experience a fire.

My mum used to say that we shouldn’t need Clean Up Australia Day if everyone looked after their own rubbish. What inner ‘rubbish’ needs your attention? Can you pile it all up and leave it for your God to tend? God is the great receiver and reliever.



Sr Kerry Gardiner

ROSTER – THIS WEEKEND

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

ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

October	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 12 Oct	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
Sat 12 Oct	Lawns	<i>Mannix, Brown, Caruana, Leonard, Sharwood</i>	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children’s liturgy
5pm 12 Oct	D Nugent		
8am 13 Oct	C Lyon	J Sharwood	<i>School holidays</i>
Counters	A Kelly, B Faraway		

PARISH NEWS



Morning Tea - Sunday 6 Oct

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

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
Mon	7/10	A (8:30am)	Joyful	Mark	Our Lady of the Rosary
Tue	8/10	During Ado	Sorrowful	Colleen	
Wed	9/10	A (7:30am)	Glorious	Mary	
Thu	10/10	During Ado	Luminous	Mark	
Fri	11/10	A (7:30am)	Sorrowful	Mark	St John XXII
Sat	12/10	B (7am)	Joyful	Mark	
Sat	12/10	B (4:30pm)	Joyful	Mary	
Sun	13/10	B (7:30am)	Glorious	Colleen/Coral	28th Sunday of OT



Thank you from Ruth Wilson

Thank you for your concern, love and prayers after Ruth's recent trip to hospital. Ruth is doing much better now.

Catholic Women's league - 10 October

The monthly meeting of the CWL will be held on Thursday 10th October at 10.00am in St Joseph's Room. Everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa and chat before the meeting.

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 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 29 September 2024

\$542 First Collection - Clergy Remuneration Fund
\$487 Second collection - Parish expenses
\$200 Tap Point donations
\$304 Planned giving envelopes
\$554 Direct debits (weekly average from August).
Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly



Recycling bins - \$599 raised this year

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME - AIRS SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER 2024

On the Journey this week. Mons Graham Schmitzer says this Gospel calls parents to be domestic bishops, nurturing faith and family. Mother Hilda says Hosea 11 is essential reading to remember God's activity in your life. Fr Tony Percy talks about two issues: marriage and death. Trish McCarthy on the wisdom of tears, especially spiritual ones. Listen at jcr.org.au



A VOCATION VIEW

"The Vocations to the priesthood and religious life spring from holy families, who strive to truly be united in Christ. Each vocation lived out in holiness strengthens and enriches the other vocations in the Church. (Mark 10:2- 16)

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



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

OCTOBER NEW DATE: Wednesday 9 October (Wollongong/ Zoom)

"Introduction to Parish Renewal" (Module 103). Last chance to register this weekend. Please register @ dow.sh/oct2024 to attend.

NOVEMBER REGISTRATION OPEN "Principles & Foundations of Come & See, Go & Make" (Module 107). Register today @ dow.sh/nov2024

CROSS + GENERATION TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

This program is a partnership between CatholicCare, Catholic Education DoW, Corpus Christi (Oak Flats) and Holy Spirit College (Bellambi). The program pairs students with seniors to assist you with technology. Bring in your device, either your phone, laptop or tablet and the students will assist you with becoming more confident and familiar with downloading apps, sending messages, using google maps or other help you may need. Refreshments will be provided at each session.

AVAILABLE SESSIONS: Corpus Christi, Oak Flats

Friday 25 Oct, 8 Nov, 22 Nov and 6 Dec - 11am-1.30pm

Holy Spirit College, Bellambi

Thursday 24 Oct, 7 Nov, 21 Nov, 5 Dec - 10am-11am
Please contact Jane Hollier at CatholicCare on **0417 018152** or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

LEGION OF MARY

SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2024 - 1:30PM

Legion of Mary warmly invites you to join us to recite 20 decades of the Rosary, followed by Benediction at Immaculate Conception Church, Unanderra on Sunday 13 October 2024 at 1.30pm. Tea and coffee will be provided afterwards. For any enquiries, phone **0449 807 814**.

REDEEMED CONFERENCE

1-3 NOVEMBER 2024

Become more like the man you were made to be. **REDEEMED** is a conference dedicated to fostering spiritual growth, strength, and a supportive brotherhood, empowering men to lead with grace and conviction in their lives and communities. Don't miss out! Spots are limited.

First class speakers - Fellowship with other like-minded young men - Hiking - Rafting - Prayer - Formation - Bonfire

Where: 71 Ryans Lane, Fitzroy Falls

Cost: \$250 (including catering and accommodation)

Information and tickets at <https://www.redeemconf.com/>

6 OCTOBER - THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading - Genesis 2:18-24

They were two in one flesh

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

'This at last is bone from my bones,
and flesh from my flesh!
This is to be called woman,
for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Responsorial Psalm - May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. R.
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. R.
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace! R.

Second Reading - Hebrews 2:9-11

He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have the same origin

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia

Gospel - Mark 10:2-16

What God has joined together, no one must divide.

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.