

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## THE TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) – 13 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
<b>Mon 14 Oct</b> <i>St Callistus I. pope, martyr</i>	Mass: 7am	
<b>Tues 15 Oct</b> <i>St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor</i>	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Rosary 6pm Adoration: 6pm - 7pm	Mass: 7:45am
<b>Wed 16 Oct</b> <i>St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>	Mass: 7am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm - 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
<b>Thurs 17 Oct</b> <i>St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr</i>	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Adoration: 6pm - 7pm	Mass: 7:45am
<b>Fri 18 Oct</b> <i>St Luke, evangelist</i>	Mass: 7am Adoration: 7:30am - 8am	Mass: 9:30am
<b>Sat 19 Oct</b> <i>Sts John de Brebeuf and Issac Jogues and companions</i>	Rosary 7am Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 11am <b>Mass: 6pm</b>	Rosary: 8:30am Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am
<b>Sun 20 Oct</b>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Beverly Mattiske, Margaret Collins,  
Fr Len Helm, Mario Skofic,

#### Prayers for the sick

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

#### Anniversaries

Kevin Kearney, Maisie Dredge,  
Fr John Horgan, Helen Anne Milway,  
Zanetti and De Michiel Families



### 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*

Have you ever felt a bit alone or anonymous in this parish community? It can so easily happen when large groups gather for Mass, so be assured you're not the only one! Over 40 people have expressed their interest in the new initiative of **"Connect Groups"**, so if you feel a desire to connect with like minded people of faith in smaller groups, OR if you have any questions about this new initiative, please register your interest by **Friday 25th October** (using the QR code or link in the main section of the bulletin).

This week and next week we will have an opportunity to put the love of Christ into action for those most in need, through our prayers and practical support for **Anti Poverty Week** this week, and **Catholic Mission next Sunday**. All are invited to the event at St Therese Parish Centre to watch the Rosalie Rendu Forum together, with great speakers on the topic of homelessness – more details in the main section of the bulletin. I take this opportunity to also thank you for all of your continued prayers and donations to our Unanderra Vinnies Conference. Next Sunday will be our annual Catholic Mission Appeal where we can donate financially to the work of Catholic Mission for those most in need in Australia and throughout the world.

We are also now beginning our planning for our **Christmas Day Lunch**, for anyone who might need food or company on Christmas Day. This is a joint initiative of Unanderra and West Wollongong parishes. The first of these events was filled with blessings for volunteers and guests alike last Christmas. If you would like to volunteer your services in any way, you can register your details and how you would like to contribute through the QR code or this link <https://tinyurl.com/christmasdaylunch2024>



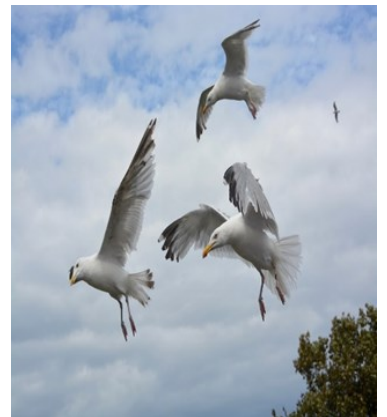
**Fr Duane Fernandez**

## *Message from Sr Kerry*

As I have said before, one of my favourite activities is enjoying a seafood lunch by the lake.

Pondering over my delectable lunch I could not help but notice the seagulls gathering. They landed and just sat there. There were large numbers of seagulls, and they sat, hoped, and waited. I pondered for if I only threw out one chip how many of them would miss the banquet of a chip? Despite the odds, which I presume they were aware of, they waited, then dived and squawked when a scrap was thrown their way.

It reminded me of prayer. I too sometimes just need to sit and wait and hope for the God who journeys with me. it is not always easy to be patient and expectant, but that is what we are called to do. ... *'for what we hope for shapes what we live for.'*



**Sr Kerry Gardiner**

### ROSTER – THIS 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
6pm 12 Oct	D Nugent		
8am 13 Oct	C Lyon	J Sharwood	<i>School holidays</i>
Counters	A Kelly, B Faraway		

### ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

October	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 19 Oct	Church Cleaning	McInerney Family	
Sat 19 Oct	Lawns	<i>No lawn mowing this week</i>	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
6pm 19 Oct	M Rodwell	T Chicharo	
8am 20 Oct	D Browne	A Arnone	Alicia Sanchez-Levine, Luke Jansons
Counters	S Alessi, H Murphy		

## PARISH NEWS

### 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	14/10	A (8:30am)	Joyful	Mark	
Tue	15/10	During Ado	Sorrowful	Colleen	St Teresa of Jesus
Wed	16/10	A (7:30am)	Glorious	Mary	St Margaret Mary Alacoque
Thu	17/10	During Ado	Luminous	Mark	St Ignatius of Antioch
Fri	18/10	A (7:30am)	Sorrowful	Mark	St Luke
Sat	19/10	B (7am)	Joyful	Mark	
Sat	19/10	B (5:30pm)	Joyful	Mary	
Sun	20/10	B (7:30am)	Glorious	Colleen/Coral	29th Sunday of OT



### Alpha - "Come and See" evening - Wed 23 Oct

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.



### November Masses - book of remembrance

As we prepare for November as the month of praying for all souls, please email the Parish office with any names of the deceased that you would like to be included in the parish book of remembrance, with the subject "November Masses"

### 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:

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

### Living Faith books - available now at the side door

The new Living Faith books for Oct to Dec 2024 are available now. Cost is now \$6.

### Parish Finances - week ending 6 October 2024

\$707	First Collection	- Clergy Remuneration Fund
\$443	Second collection	- Parish expenses
\$210	Tap Point donations	
\$270	Planned giving envelopes	
\$535	Direct debits (weekly average from Sept).	

Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly

### Becoming Catholic

We are beginning our next season of "R.C.I.A", the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults". If you or anyone you know might be interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Fr Duane or the parish office, and we will get in touch to chat about what this might look like.

### Recycling bins - \$599 raised this year

Your donations of 10c recyclable bottles, cans and plastics are welcome.



## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME - AIRS SUNDAY 13 OCTOBER 2024

On the Journey this week. Fr Mark De Battista says that this Gospel challenges our attitude to possessions. Mother Hilda encourages us to respond to God's "emails" to us. Fr Tony Percy asks are we just content to follow rules or are we daring by leaving wealth behind? Byron and Francine Perola delve into the complementarity of masculinity and femininity. Mark Raue tells all about this year's catholic Mission appeal that focuses on Mongolia. Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)



## A VOCATION VIEW

"The word of God is living and effective." To know the Scriptures, is to know Christ. Maintain a pattern of reading the Scriptures daily to help hear the call you have been given by God. (Hebrews 4:12)

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)

## VINNIES NEWS

Sr Rosalie Rendu organised care for the poor in Paris during the 1800s, working with Frederic Ozanam, founder of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Each year, during **Anti Poverty Week**, Vinnies holds a forum in her name, dealing with a current issue affecting those in need. This year the focus is housing. Come along to the St Therese Parish Centre from **5.30pm on Wednesday 16 October** to view the forum online. The forum runs from 6-7.30pm. Please let us know if you can make it and bring \$5 to share in pizza for dinner while we watch. RSVP to **0402 742825** or via the QR code.



## 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.

**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](mailto: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/>

# 13 OCTOBER - THE TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## First Reading - Wisdom 7:7-11

### *In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing*

I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.  
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;  
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.  
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,  
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,  
and beside her silver ranks as mud.  
I loved her more than health or beauty,  
preferred her to the light,  
since her radiance never sleeps.  
In her company all good things came to me,  
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

## Responsorial Psalm - Fill us with your love, O lord, and we will sing for joy!

1. Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?  
Show pity to your servants. R.
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune. R.
3. Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. R.

## Second Reading - Hebrews 4:12-13

### *The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

## Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia**

## Gospel - Mark 10:17-30

### *Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.*

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'