

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY, UNANDERRA, NSW

(ESTABLISHED 1952)

Immaculate Conception Church was opened in 1954, solemnly dedicated in 1992, and became the diocesan shrine to the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1993

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

14th February 2010

Sunday Masses	
morning	7am 9am 10.45am (Polish)
evening	5pm
Weekday Masses	
Monday	5.30pm
Tuesday	7am 9.30am Villa Maria Oratory
Wednesday	7am Ash Wednesday 5.30pm Ash Wednesday
Thursday	5.30pm
Friday	12noon
Saturday	7.30am
Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)	
Saturday	9.30am to 10am
Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Monday	5pm

Entrance Antiphon Lord, be my rock of safety, the stronghold that saves me. For the honour of your name, lead me and guide me.

Communion Antiphon God loved the world so much, that he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him might not perish, but might have eternal life.

Rosters for next weekend			
Sat. 20 th	Church Cleaning	M. Georgievski, K. Minns, A. Bill	
	Lawns	Hans Lambert, Rod Leggett, Peters Family	
Sun. 21 st	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
7am	Neil Dwyer	Hans Lambert	R. & P. Wilson
9am	John Meehan	Kelvin Gadd	M. Fitzgerald, G. Petric
5pm	Rob Klaus	Mary Gillis	Adams Family
Counters	J. & S. Meehan		
Childrens Liturgy	Gillian Lord, Laura Zanetti		

Baptism this Sunday Jacob Timothy Edwards

Prayers are requested for: Katherine Smith, K Wong, Taye family, Michele Abbatantuono (anniv.),

Topics in the Catholic press this week	
Catholic Weekly \$2.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fr Neil Brown, teacher, dean and PP Housing shortage causing families to sleep in cars Local priests critical to future of Melkites, says archbishop
Catholic Leader \$1.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rosewood parish celebrates centenary Regional focus on northern NSW Caritas protecting vulnerable Haitian children

Planned Giving Programme envelopes The new sets of envelopes are now available at the side door and the series commences on 7 March. Joining cards and direct debit forms are available at the side door.

World Day of Prayer will be held on Friday, 5th March, 10am, Keiraview Uniting Church, Fisher Street, West Wollongong. The country of study is Cameroon. All welcome.

Caritas Australia The appeal for Haiti will be concluded this Sunday and the total raised will be available soon. About \$5000 has been raised so far.

Annual Parish Financial statement Copies are available at the side door.

Repairs to the church As announced last Sunday, the repairs to a part of the church near the font, at a cost of \$7000, is scheduled to be done on this Tuesday, 16th February. On that day the church will be closed to all users between 10am and 3pm.

Childrens' Liturgy will re-commence this Sunday, at the 9 o'clock Mass.

The parish catechists and the staff of SPX School will make their annual public commitment before the parish at 9am Mass this Sunday. As a part of the ceremony, the **Prayer of the Catholic community** will be recited by all present:

Heavenly Father, through your grace, strengthen these servants of yours. Help us as a Catholic community to support them in their work of Religious Education by prayer and action.

Information on the sacraments for 2010 for the programmes for First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, can be collected from Fr Mark.

Sacrament of Penance (First Reconciliation Programme) The enrolment forms will be available at Mass this Sunday. **Group leaders are now required.** Contact Fr Mark or Sister Joan if you can help.

Lenten Programme 2010 is entitled "Do you love me?" The following groups will welcome participants:

Group 1 will meet on Tuesdays at 2pm in the St. Joseph's Room, starting on 16th February.

Group 2 will meet at the home of Leo and Jo Haywood, 244 Farnborough Road, FH, (4271.3782) on Wednesdays at 7pm.

Contact Sister Joan (4272.9980) for details and books, if you would like to form a group.

Notices for Lent

Ash Wednesday Mass times:

7am and 5.30pm (Polish Mass at 7pm).
Also, a Mass is scheduled for SPX School at 10am. If rain prevents the school from attending, there will be a 10am liturgy at the school and the 10am Mass will be cancelled.

Fridays of Lent (commencing 19th February)

5pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
5.15pm Stations of the Cross
5.45pm Confessions
6pm Benediction

Project Compassion is the annual Lenten appeal of Caritas Australia, to support its works throughout the world. The boxes and envelopes are available at the church doors. The envelopes can be placed on either collection, and the boxes returned on Holy Thursday or a day soon afterwards.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast, and Abstinence (from meat).

Catholics between 18 and 60 years are bound to fast. All who are over 14 years are bound to abstain from meat on both days.

Acts of Penance should be undertaken on every Friday of the year, through prayer, self-denial and helping others.

Paschal Precept: Catholics are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, in the time between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday, 30th May

Fr John Makewa from Kenya will be visiting the parish until 2 March.

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