

# 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

First Sunday of Lent / C

21<sup>st</sup> February 2010

Sunday Masses	
morning	7am 9am 10.45am (Polish)
evening	5pm
Weekday Masses	
Monday	5.30pm The Chair of St Peter
Tuesday	7am
Wednesday	7am
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

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

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## Entrance Antiphon

When he calls to me, I will answer; I will rescue him and give him honour. Long life and contentment will be his.

## Communion Antiphon

Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Rosters for next weekend			
Sat. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Church Cleaning	Rodgers Family	
	Lawns	Tony Franklin, Pat Browne, Wayne Brown, Fred Caruana	
Sun. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
7am	Hans Lambert	Kirra Calvert	S. & J. Brown
9am	Leo Haywood	Emma Rodgers	C. Verheyen, M. Garrety
5pm	Neil Dwyer	Ted Thrift	G. Grey, A. Farrington
Counters	T. & L. Barnes, J. Carolan		
Childrens Liturgy	Maria Vasconcelos, Helen Hobbs		

**Baptism this Sunday** Jade Lovell Milgate

**Prayers are requested for:** Louisa Ronchin (rec. dec.)

Topics in the Catholic press this week	
Catholic Weekly \$2.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outcry over shop's ban on Vinnies store</li> <li>New missal moves closer</li> <li>New claims over Shroud of Turin</li> </ul>
Catholic Leader \$1.50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>St. Patrick's College community mourns young student</li> <li>Caritas helping to build a better future in Cambodia</li> </ul>

**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 also available at the side door.

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

## The First Reconciliation Programme.

(Sacrament of Penance) The enrolment forms are available at Mass this Sunday.

**Group leaders are now required.** Contact Fr Mark or Sister Joan if you can help.

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

**Caritas Australia** A total of \$5,265.35 was raised for the relief efforts in Haiti. This amount includes the total from the Polish Mass. Thank you to all who contributed.

**"Five minutes with the Word"** is the title of a small booklet of daily reflections for Lent. About 30 copies have been provided free of charge to the parish, to gauge the level of interest, for possible future subscriptions. The samples can be found at the table near the font.

**New altar servers** names are being taken by Fr Mark of those who wish to train as altar servers. The lessons are likely to occur soon after Easter.

**Fr John Makewa** will speak at Masses this Sunday. For those who wish to support his work, the funds given to the second collection this Sunday which are above the usual amount, will be given to Fr John to assist in his work in Machakos Diocese in Kenya. It is anticipated that a seminarian from his parish will come here in a few months time, to commence studies for the Diocese of Wollongong.

**Repairs to the church** which were undertaken last Tuesday have not closed the cracks, but may have stabilised the area under pressure. The matter will be further investigated.

**Lenten Programme 2010** is entitled "Do you love me?" Contact Sister Joan (4272.9980) for details and books, if you would like to form or join a group.

## Notices for Lent, Holy Week and Easter

### Second Rite of Penance

Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 6pm - Unanderra

**Holy Week rosters** If you can help as a lector, acolyte or altar server for the Holy Week ceremonies, or volunteer (12 needed, any age) for the washing of the feet on Holy Thursday, please sign up this Sunday.

**Washing of the feet on Holy Thursday** Please meet at 5.50pm at the side door, for a brief instruction.

**The Old Testament readings at the Easter Vigil** will be 1 (Genesis), 3 (Exodus) 5 (Isaiah) and 7 (Ezekiel)

### Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross

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.

**Collection for the Holy Places** will be taken up at both ceremonies on Good Friday, in support of the church in the Holy Land. The total for this collection last year was \$1485.40

**Ash Wednesday and Good Friday** are days of abstinence from meat and also fast days. 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.

**Paschal Precept** Catholics are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, in the time between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> May.

**The Chrism Mass** will be celebrated at St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral, 7.30pm, Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March. Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation are encouraged to attend.

**Holy Thursday** Mass at 6pm, followed by Adoration until 9pm, then Night Prayer at 9pm.

### Good Friday

Stations of the Cross 10am  
Sacred Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3pm

### Easter

Vigil Mass 7.30pm  
Sunday Masses 7am, 9am, 5pm