

MASS ATTENDANCE PROCESS

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST THERESE PARISHES

As of 5th June 2020

As Coronavirus-related restrictions continue to ease, we remain vigilant in keeping each other safe. We must not become negligent, as the risk of “spikes” in the number of cases and a “second wave” of Coronavirus infection remains.

The Diocese of Wollongong has developed new directives to help us comply with legislation, stay safe, and give everyone peace of mind as we gather again for worship.

Following the Diocesan Directives published on 4th June, at this point in time the maximum capacity is **50 worshippers** at Mass in our Parishes.

- As per the Diocesan Directives, we firstly reiterate that “all faithful in the diocese are dispensed from the obligation to physically attend Mass on Sundays”. Those who choose not to attend Mass are encouraged to join our live stream Mass on Sundays at 5pm to stay connected with our Parish Mass
- As per the Directives, anyone who is experiencing flu-like symptoms **must not** come to church at this time.
- As per the Directives, those over 70 years of age, or over 65 with chronic health conditions, or who have a compromised immune system, **are discouraged** from coming to church during this time, and instead encouraged to continue watching our live stream Mass on Sundays at 5pm. *Please note: we state this for your own safety, however anyone in this category who does choose to come to Mass will be warmly welcomed.*

ANYONE WISHING TO ATTEND MASS MUST REGISTER AS FOLLOWS:

- All registrations for Masses both at St Therese West Wollongong and Immaculate Conception Unanderra will go through the **Unanderra Parish Office** since the Unanderra secretaries are employed for more hours than at West Wollongong, and therefore best placed to process registrations.
- Please do not come to church until you receive confirmation of registration.
- **To register, please write in an email to unanderra@dow.org.au:**
 1. Your full name and contact phone number
 2. The full name and phone number of members of the same household if you wish to attend together and sit within 1.5m of each other
 3. Which of the following Masses you wish to register for (church, day, and time).

St Therese - West Wollongong

Sunday Masses

10 am Sunday Morning

5 pm Sunday Evening (also live streamed)

Weekday Masses

Monday

Tuesday: Mass 7.45 am

Wednesday: Mass 5.30 pm

Thursday: Mass 7.45 am

Friday: Mass 9.30 am

Saturday: Mass 9.00 am

Immaculate Conception - Unanderra

Sunday Masses

6 pm Saturday Evening – Vigil

8 am Sunday Morning

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Monday: Mass 7.00 am

Tuesday: Mass 5.30 pm

Wednesday: Mass 9.30 am

Thursday: Mass 5.30 pm

Friday: Mass 7.00 am

Saturday: Mass 7.30 am

Note: if you do not have email you can call the Unanderra Parish Office on 42711068 to register as above. Office hours: Monday: 8.30am-3pm; Wed/Thu: 8.30am-12.30pm; Friday: 8.30am-3pm. **Please do not visit the Parish Office at this stage.**

- At this stage, with the capacity of 50 worshippers, everyone registering for weekday Masses will have a place at that Mass every week – however please await confirmation of this from Unanderra Parish office.
- For Sunday Masses to ensure fairest possible access to Masses for all who wish to attend, a rotating roster may be necessary. **You will receive a confirmation of your registration for each Sunday Mass from Fr Duane approximately 24 hours before each Sunday Mass (including Saturday 6pm).**
- Please do not come to church unless you receive confirmation of registration.
- As per the directives, there will be “monitors” appointed to check registration at the door and to assist you in other ways during the Mass.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are most grateful to those who have already volunteered as monitors. They have worked hard throughout this week to ensure safety and peace of mind for all, and compliance with regulations. Please give them your gratitude and co-operation, and if you too would like to serve as “monitor” please contact Fr Duane.

I thank you once again for your patience, understanding and support for each other. May we strive to live by these words of St Paul during these times of transition:

*“I beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace”
(Ephesians 4:1-2).*

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