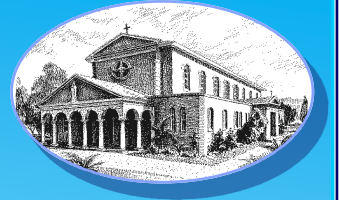




PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION UNANDERRA



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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

Monday	Feb 5	No Mass
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Tuesday	Feb 6	Adoration: 4:30-5:30pm
THE JAPANESE MARTYRS		Mass: 5:30pm
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Wednesday	Feb 7	Mass: 7:00am
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Thursday	Feb 8	Adoration: 4:30-5:30pm
St JOSEPHINE BAKHITA		(Reconciliation available)
		Mass: 5:30pm
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Friday	Feb 9	Mass: 9:30am
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Saturday	Feb 10	Mass 11am with Anointing of the sick and elderly. Lunch to follow. (11th February, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, is the Annual Day of Prayer for the Sick.) Reconciliation: 5 - 5:30pm Vigil Mass 6pm
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Sunday	Feb 11	6th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Masses: 7:00am, 9:00am 10:45am (Polish)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B 4TH FEBRUARY, 2018

READINGS: JOB 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 COR 9:16-19, 22-23;
MK 1:29-30

The question of human suffering, especially that of good people, was a big problem in biblical times. This was the problem Job was wrestling with. Job was a good man, yet he suffered terrible tragedies.



This resulted in his gloomy view of life. Jesus did not accept the Old Testament view that suffering was a punishment from God for sin. God cannot create evil. God is good. What we see in the Gospel is not so much an answer to the question 'why suffering?' as Jesus' response to actual suffering.

That response was a very practical one, as we see from today's Gospel. The problem of suffering became an opportunity for Jesus to show what God is like. By the way He gave Himself to the sick, Jesus reveals to us the compassion of God in the face of human suffering.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries: Reg MASTERSON, Godfrey ZAMPA, Bruno MORI

Recently Deceased: Anna COPPA

Maria, Francesco, Angelo, Roso and Pietro POMPEI

Pasqua GIOMMI

Irma BROZETI

Rosters of next weekend

Sat, 10 th	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson	
	Lawns	B Mannix, W Brown, F Caruana	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 6pm	P Jones	R Baxendale	Volunteer
Sun, 11th 7am	M Walsh	K Calvert	S Brown
9am	R Klaus, C Carolan	V Cleary	K Hertsch, C Hailstone
Counters	A Gunning, M Cauduro, C Garrett		
Children's Liturgy	K Hertsch, S Walsh		

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Catholic Women's League: 2nd Thursday of the month, 10:30am

St Joseph's room. New members welcome.

Contact: Barbara 42711584 or Margaret 42715804

St. Vincent de Paul Conference: Tues, 7:30pm St. Joseph's room

Parish Pastoral Council: 2nd Monday of alternate months, 7:30pm
St Joseph's room

Nursing Home Masses

Hillside Nursing Home: 1st Tuesday of the month, 2pm

Figtree Nursing Home: 2nd Tuesday of the month, 10:45am

Villa Maria Nursing Home: 3rd Tuesday of the month, 9:30am

Refreshments after the 9am Mass on 1st weekend of the month.

PART TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY – PARISH SECRETARY

Unanderra parish is seeking the services of a secretary for 3 days – 18 hours per week Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

The position requires skills administration, bookkeeping and maintaining a database. Good communication skills essential.

The parish secretary needs to be a committed and practising Catholic, embracing the teachings and ethos of the Catholic Church in their daily life.

If interested, please make contact via email to request an application pack for this position

frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au

Applications close Monday 5th February 2018.

PARISH TEACHERS COMMITMENT MASS

All teachers of Religion in our Parish, Sacramental Leaders, Children's Liturgy Leaders, Catechists, St Pius X Teachers and Secondary School Teachers are invited to the **Parish Teachers Commitment Mass** to be held on **Sunday 18th February at the 9am Mass.**

Morning Tea to follow in St Joseph's Room.

Gospel Reflection

Jesus often went off to a lonely place to pray.

Yet the same

Jesus who prayed in lonely places said, "When you pray, go into your room, and pray to your Father in secret".



This means that the lonely place is not necessarily a place far away, or that by 'room' He means four walls that separates us physically from others. The room is the room of our innermost heart. This room is with us at all times.

We should make it a place to which we can go to find rest and spiritual recovery when the world is too much for us.

Then we will discover that the innermost room is not empty after all, but is occupied by the God of love who dwells in us all.

LENT 2018

- * I need your palms for burning. Please leave in basket at side door.
- * Lenten Program Books - SURRENDER - on sale for \$5. Includes Daily Reflections.
- * Are you planning on holding a Lenten Discussion Group you would like to advertise?



There will be two groups held in St Joseph's Room:

- * Mondays at 1pm conducted by Sr Joan (Commencing 12th February)
- * Wednesdays at 7:30pm conducted by Fr Graham (commencing 14th February)

PARISH CATECHIST MEETING

All Catechists are invited to attend our first meeting for 2018 at the **Catechists Centre in St Pius' School.**

Entrance to the centre via School Office.

Date: Monday, 5th February at 10:30am

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The first meeting of the **CWL** will be held on **Thursday, 8th February at 10.30am in St Joseph's Room.** Everyone is welcome. Come along and join us for morning tea prior to the meeting.



**"It is in love that God leads me,
by love God reproves me,
by love that God lets me see
love in all."**

St. Mary of the Cross 1871

PARISH SEATING AT THE ORDINATION OF BISHOP-ELECT BRIAN MASCORD



Our parish will be seated together as a group at the Ordination of our new Bishop-elect Brian Mascord at 7:00pm on Thursday 22 February 2018 at the WIN Entertainment Centre, Wollongong.

The parish will need to RSVP by 8 February, so could you please fill out your name on the clipboard if you would like to attend the Ordination.

DIOCESAN CHOIR FOR ORDINATION

The Diocesan Choir will be singing at the ordination of Bishop-elect Brian Mascord. Advice of rehearsal dates and times has been sent to current members of the Diocesan Choir. If you wish to join the Diocesan Choir, please complete the form at the following link:
<http://www.liturgydow.org.au/diocesan-choir.html>

ANTIOCH REUNION: Calling all candidates, oldies, clergy, billet families, musicians, kitchen angels and friends of Antioch. A reunion is set for Saturday 3rd March 2018 at Fairy Meadow including a meet and greet afternoon tea, celebratory Mass and dinner.

To register your interest and receive an invitation please email antioch.wollongongdiocese@gmail.com
General enquiries to Dianne Hukins 0412840772 or Ann Packham 0423869803. Musicians wishing to be involved in celebrations please contact Elise (Nicholls) Burns 0407781359.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, February 12**. If you would like a matter of pastoral interest to be brought to the attention of the Council, you might like to contact one of the members:

Simon Carrigan (Chair), Rod Green, Lucy Salway, Alan Davis, Sr Joan Goodwin, Monica Mohr-Peters, Philip Moore, Mark Walsh, Joe Carolan, Helen Murphy, Fiona Fernandez.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM – SUMMER EDITION

This week and right throughout the summer period The Journey Catholic Radio program will continue to bring you weekly Gospel reflections, great music and wonderful inputs from the likes of Sr Hilda Scott, Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy, Dr Byron and Francine Pirola, Fr Dave Callaghan MGL, Trish McCarthy, Pete Gilmore, Sam Clear and Marilyn Rodriguez. What a great way to prepare for 2018 and the Year of Youth. Go to www.jcr.org.au to get weekly updates sent to you.

ANTI-SLAVERY FORCE SET UP IN SYDNEY

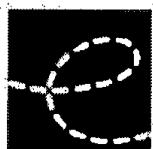
St Josephine Bakhita is one of our recent Saints, but has already become beloved. She was a Sudanese woman born about the year 1869—we say 'about' because she was kidnapped so young that she didn't even know what her name was. She was sold into slavery. Rescued by an Italian family, she became a Christian. She later joined the Canossian Daughters of Charity. This Thursday, February 8, St Bakhita's Feast Day, we are invited by Pope Francis and people of goodwill to join in anti-slavery observance.



The Pope calls on business to 'be vigilant so that forms of subjugation or human trafficking do not find their way into the distribution chain', and he calls on every person to be aware that 'purchasing is always a moral—and not simply an economic—act'. In their submission to Government the Australian Catholic Bishops have noted the importance of slavery-proofing supply chains, given the fact that 'the Catholic Church is one of the largest purchasing groups in Australia after Government'. The Bishops further noted that one in four Australians identify as Catholic and over 750,000 students are enrolled in Catholic schools—all of which provide opportunities for clergy and educators to engage the faithful and wider community.

The greatest exposure we have to modern slavery and human trafficking in our country comes from the goods and services we buy. From the clothes we wear to the food we eat, many of the products we consume each day are tainted by slavery in both Australia and abroad. The Anti-Slavery Task Force's recommended list of suppliers is enclosed on the back page of this Bulletin.

Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans (ACRATH) info@acrath.org.au works to raise enduring awareness of the situation of victims of human trafficking and for the promotion and protection of their rights.



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