

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

UNANDERRA (U) & WEST WOLLONGONG (WW)

Monday	11 Nov	St Martin of Tours	
		Mass: 7am	(U)
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Tuesday	12 Nov	St Josaphat	
		Mass: 7.45am	(WW)
		Adoration: 4.30pm–5.30pm	(U)
		Mass: 5.30pm	(U)
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Wednesday	13 Nov	Mass: 7am	(U)
		Adoration: 4.30pm (inc Reconciliation)	(WW)
		Mass: 5.30pm	(WW)
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Thursday	14 Nov	Anniversary of the Dedication of Immaculate Conception Church (1992)	
		*Mass: 7.45am	(WW)
		Adoration: 4.30pm–5.20pm	(U)
		(Reconciliation Available)	(U)
		Mass: 5.30pm	(U)
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Friday	15 Nov	Mass: 9.30am	(U)
		Mass: 10.15am	(WW)
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Saturday	16 Nov	Mass: 7.30am	(U)
		Mass: 9am	(WW)
		Reconciliation: 9.30am–10.30am	(WW)
		Reconciliation: 5pm–5.30pm	(U)
		Vigil Mass: 6pm	(U)
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Sunday	17 Nov	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
		Mass: 8am	(U)
		Mass: 10am	(WW)
		Mass: 10am (Polish)	(U)
		Mass: 5pm	(WW)

*We've changed Thu Mass at St Therese to 7.45am — in this way there will be alternating morning/evening Masses between Immaculate Conception and St Therese Tue/Wed/Thu

32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C 10 NOVEMBER 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading:

Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full.

Second Reading:

Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 20:27-38

Communion Antiphon:

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

PARISH OFFICE

NB: The Parish office will be closed on **Wednesday 13 Nov** due to a planned power outage — however will be **open on Tuesday 12 Nov 9am–12noon** instead.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Ada MARCOLIN



Anniversaries

Madeline HEFFERNAN

Josie NEWMAN

Don MASCORD

Vincent STUBBS

Teresa LEGGOTT

Bertha VARLEY

William VARLEY

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

November	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 16 Nov	Church Cleaning	J Allen, J Haywood, A Gollop, S Chavez	
Sat 16 Nov	Lawns	B Mannix, W Brown, F Caruana, R Murphy	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 16 Nov 6pm Mass	A Carlotto	R Baxendale	B Farraway
Sun 17 Nov 8am Mass	N Dwyer, C Carolan	D Ferrer, J De Battista	L Harper, P De Battista
Counters	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, C Garrett		
Children's Liturgy	K Hertsch, S Walsh		



PARISH ACTIVITIES

- Catholic Women's League:** 2nd Thursday of the month - 10.30am in St Joseph's room
New members always welcome!
Please contact: Barbara - 4271 1584
- St Vincent de Paul Conference:** Every Tue 7.30pm in St Joseph's room
- Parish Pastoral Council:** Mark Walsh (PPC President)
Mark.Walsh@bluescopesteel.com
0407 604 498
- 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
 - Uniting Nursing Home FarmHts: 3rd Friday of the month - 9.30am

Refreshments after the 8am Mass on the first weekend of each month in St Joseph's Meeting Room (Unanderra)



ADVENT PROGRAMME 2019

"The Way" available now
(located on the middle pew) —
Still only \$4.00 each

PASTORAL CARE GATHERING

Thank you to all who attended either of the Pastoral Care meetings. It was so encouraging to feel the enthusiasm and energy. Now that our thoughts have been combined, we will commence in earnest in the new year.

For anyone who was unable to come to the meetings, Sr Kerry is very happy for you to contact her if you are interested in being a part of the pastoral care group.



PLENARY 2020

Thank you to the people who have attended Plenary sessions held so far. After listening to each other and prayerful discernment on each of the Plenary themes, a number of practical suggestions for action have been sent to the National Committee as well as Bishop Brian.

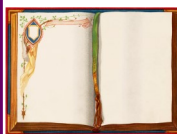
The next sessions are as follows:

- **Tuesday 12 November 6pm-7.30pm in the demountable at St Therese.** Theme 5: *How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is 'A Joyful, Hope-filled and Servant Community'?*
- **Monday 18 November 6pm-7.30pm in St Joseph's Room at Immaculate Conception.** Theme 6: *How is God Calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is 'Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform'?*

We hope to see many parishioners present at the sessions to add their voice to this once in a life time opportunity to help shape the future of our Church.



NOVEMBER MASSES



The November Mass envelopes are now available, located next to the side door of the church.

Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the back of the envelope and place on the collection plates — they will be included in our

Book of Remembrance and prayed for during November Masses.
(Note: Enclosing money in the envelopes is optional; if you do choose to do so, please keep to a maximum of \$10)

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING

Called to ministry?

Upcoming liturgical ministry training events

Have you considered serving your parish as an extraordinary minister of holy Communion, adult altar server, or minister of Communion of the sick and homebound?

The 2019 diocesan training courses in these ministries are scheduled as follows:

Extraordinary ministers of holy Communion and adult altar servers

Saturday 23 November 2019 — 10am-2pm

Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong

Members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission will lead two sessions in the morning covering the common ministry of extraordinary minister of holy Communion and one session after lunch for servers. Morning tea and lunch provided.

For further information visit www.liturgy.dow.org.au or contact Paul Mason at liturgy@dow.org.au or 4222 2462.

Registration is essential - Anthony Rewak on 4222 2465 or anthony.rewak@dow.org.au

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT

Unanderra / West Wollongong Parishes
invite you to hear Fr Ray Sanchez CP, who will explore
the relevance of Passionist Family Groups in
a change of era in our Church today.
There is an opportunity to hear Fr Ray - all interested in
building a sense of community in their parish would be
interested in this presentation.



Saturday 16 November 2019 — 6pm Vigil Mass
Immaculate Conception Church, Unanderra

2020 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Now on Sale — \$12.00 (inc GST and postage). To order,
either call **(03) 9375 9475** or go to **www.columban.org.au**

ASCEND CATHOLIC YOUTH

Come and join us... after 6pm Mass on
Saturday 16 November 2019
in St Joseph's room.

Years 6—9 welcome!

A gold coin donation to cover dinner would be
much appreciated. For more info, please email
ascendcatholicyouth@gmail.com



YOUTH MASS — WEST WOLLONGONG

The 3rd Sunday of the month "Youth Mass" takes place on
Sunday 17 November at 5pm at West Wollongong, followed by a
BBQ for all, and a young adults gathering (18+) at the convent for
fellowship and refreshments. All are welcome to attend the Mass,
but if any young people attend a different Mass, they are still very
welcome to attend the BBQ and young adults gathering.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The monthly CWL meeting will be held on
Thursday 14 November at 10am in St Joseph's Room

Everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa at 10am
before the meeting starts.

All welcome — we look forward to seeing you there!
During this meeting, we will be packing our hampers
for our annual Christmas Raffle.



**Any donations will be gratefully received — these can be dropped
off to the Parish Office during office hours (see front page).**

PARISH WORKING BEE!

We are planning a working bee around Unanderra
church on **Saturday 16 November, starting from 8am.**
Activities include:

- ✿ **Gardening:** Our gardens would love a spring TLC
including weeding, fertilising, deadheading the Birds
of Paradise, etc.
- ✿ **Edges:** Defining and tidying up the edges around
gardens and under fences.
- ✿ **Maintenance:** Minor repairs and painting.

We welcome any parishioner who wishes to come and assist.
Any enquiries, please contact **Wayne Rodgers** on **0402 026 310.**



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

— AIRS SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2019 —

You won't want to miss the exceptional line-up we have
on the show this week. Getting closer to the season of
Advent, we reflect with Fr Mark, Mother Hilda Scott,
Pete Gilmore and Byron & Francine Pirola. You'll hear
your all-time favourites Trish McCarthy and Fr Dave
Callaghan too. We have lots in store in this week's show,
you won't want to miss it! Tune into **LIFE 101.9** or **98.5** or go to
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show, with it sent to you each week as a podcast via email — for free!



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CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

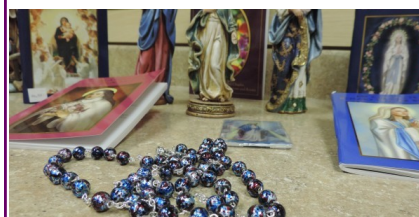
Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic
Mission World Mission Appeal through your
kind gifts and prayers, and for reaching out
to children and communities in need in India
and throughout the world. Immaculate
Conception Parish donated a total of
\$1,725.25. Your generosity makes it possible
for programmes such as the Eden Gardens
Children's Home to provide the practical and
spiritual support the children need to follow their dreams.
Right across the world, Catholic communities during the
Extraordinary Missionary Month will join together in a range
of actions that witness to an extraordinary work of mission
in the world — thank you for being part of this mission
through your generous support. For more information
about the work of Catholic Mission, please contact our
friendly team on Free Call **1800 257 296** or go to
www.catholicmission.org.au/about-us/contact



thank you

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED — CATHEDRAL BOOKS

Volunteers are required for
Cathedral Books & Gifts, Wollongong.



Do you have a spare
morning or afternoon
once a week?

No experience needed,
as you will be working
with another volunteer.

Please contact Wendy on 0457 023 556

COMBINED PARISHES DINNER

All welcome to attend our combined parishes dinner!

Parishioners and Friends of
Immaculate Conception And St Therese (ICAST)

Friday 22 November 2019 — Figgy Bowlo

6.30pm for a 7pm start

(Purchase your own meals/drinks on the night)

RSVP Sue Briscoe by

11am Wed 20 Nov

Call 4271 1068 (Wed/Thu/Fri) or

Email unanderra@dow.org.au



Message from Fr Duane

This week I thank Bishop Brian Mascord for officially installing me as Parish Priest of Immaculate Conception Parish. I also want to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful parishioners of Unanderra for your lovely warm welcome to me during this past two and a half months. I thank also the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council, Parish Secretaries, and all the wonderful volunteers, for all the work you have done to ensure that my transition has been as smooth as possible.

There have been many challenges with the new arrangements between Unanderra and West Wollongong parishes, but we have met these challenges together, and are already starting to notice some of the blessings that come from the two parishes working together — from youth ministry, to Plenary 2020 gatherings, to the upcoming social at Figgy Bowlo, which will be a wonderful opportunity to build relationships both within and across the two parishes (the more the merrier!) — *please see the notice regarding the Combined Parishes Dinner on the previous page of this bulletin in order to RSVP.*

I thank God for all of you, and I look forward to getting to know you all better, so as to know how best to serve you all as your Parish Priest and to work together with you to continue building up this wonderful parish!

Fr Duane Fernandez
Parish Priest

CHURCH MINISTRIES FOR 2020

Thank you to all of our faithful Volunteers who assisted throughout 2019 with our Church Ministries.

Have you considered being involved in one of the various ministries of our parish?

Over the next few weeks you will have the opportunity to volunteer for 2020.

We have an urgent need for new Volunteers for one or more of the following ministries:

Acolytes, Lectors, Children's Liturgy, Welcomers, Church Cleaners, Counters, Church Lawns and Gardens, Church Washing, Ministers of Holy Communion to Aged Care, Choir, Flower Arrangers, Building Maintenance Team, Hospitality Team, Catechists and Sacramental Team Leaders.

New Volunteers will have the opportunity to work with those who have experience. Please indicate your availability to help by putting your name on the relevant sheets, which are located along the middle pew in the church.



West Wollongong Parishioners who attend Unanderra Masses are also welcome to volunteer to be Welcomers, Lectors and/or Choir Members.

Your assistance will be much appreciated!

If you have any queries, please contact **Barbara** on **0419 989 608**.

WEST WOLLONGONG PARISH BULLETINS

For those who would like to read the West Wollongong Sunday bulletin each week, there are several copies located in a tray near the side door of the church — alternatively if you would like to receive the bulletin via email, please contact: **westwollongong@dow.org.au**



BAPTISMS

Sundays at 12 noon (second and fourth Sunday of each month only)

Second Sunday of the Month — **West Wollongong**

Fourth Sunday of the Month — **Unanderra**

(Minimum of one month's notice is required)

MARRIAGES / FUNERALS / ANOINTING OF THE SICK

By appointment only — please contact Fr Duane

(Minimum of six months' notice is required for weddings — no Sunday weddings)

PARISH SICK LIST

If you would like to include your loved ones' names on our Sick List — please email the Parish office at **unanderra@dow.org.au** or telephone **4271 1068**