

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD – YEAR A 5 JANUARY 2020

Weekly Programme	Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA	St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG
Monday 6 January	Mass: 7am	<i>* Please note new times of some Masses</i>
Tuesday 7 January	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.20pm Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 8 January	Mass: 9.30am*	Adoration/Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.20pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 9 January	Adoration/Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.20pm Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Friday 10 January	Mass: 7am*	Mass: 9.30am*
Saturday 11 January	Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 12 January Baptism of the Lord	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<i>Polish</i>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries



Roland STUBBS
 Esther SCHEMBRI

Phyllis STANIFORTH
 Julie WALKER



ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

January	Church Washing	Jackie Allen	
Sat 11 Jan	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson	
Sat 11 Jan	Lawns		
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 11 Jan 6pm Mass	G Attard	L Milan	C Dean
Sun 12 Jan 8am Mass	A Michielin	K Calvert	Z & A Calvert
Counters	M Murphy (FT), A Kelly, S Alessi		
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		



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 Sunday of each month in St Joseph's Meeting Room (Unanderra)

PARISH ACTIVITIES

NEW 2020

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please note the new
Parish Office hours for 2020:

Monday: 8.30am—3pm (Magda)
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: 8.30am—1.30pm (Sue)
Thursday: 8.30am—1.30pm (Sue)
Friday: 9.30am—2.30pm (Sue)



Message from Fr Duane

The new year has begun with much sadness and grief for so many people affected by the bushfires, including in our own Diocese, and my previous parish of Nowra. Let us continue to pray for all those who have experienced losses, all who are facing anxiety and uncertainty at this time, and for all the brave men and women fighting to protect life and property. If you would like to donate to the Vinnies appeal you can do so at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-nsw/vinnies-nsw-bushfire-appeal-nsw>

This weekend as we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany, we especially remember that the Good News of Jesus is for all people, from every nation and every walk of life. This means we, as Christians, are called to seek to share the Good News of Jesus with others – and one of the tools that has proven most effective in doing so is “Alpha”. At this stage in our preparations, there are two specific ways we are looking for parishioners to help contribute to the success of Alpha: by joining the Catering Team; or by joining the Prayer Team. The Catering Team will be given guidance and funds to cater each week (10 weeks) and the more helpers the better, to share the load. The Prayer Team will commit to praying for the Alpha guests from wherever they are, especially during the times that Alpha takes place each week. If you are interested in helping in either of these ways, please place your name and contact details at the side entrance to the Church.

Finally, please note the minor timetable changes for weekday Masses at Unanderra and West Wollongong: Wednesday at Unanderra will move from 7am to 9.30am, Friday at Unanderra will move from 9.30am to 7am; and Friday at West Wollongong will move from 10.15am to 9.30am.

Wishing you and all your loved ones every blessing for 2020!

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES IN 2020 – UNANDERRA

The times of the Unanderra Wednesday and Friday Masses have changed:

Wednesday Mass:

9.30am

Friday Mass:

7am



SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL CARE TRAINING

Interested in growing your capacity to be fully present to others? An Introductory Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) course is being offered in Campbelltown and would be suitable for kind-hearted people wanting to learn more about providing holistic spiritual and pastoral care to patients in hospital, residents in aged care facilities or people in the parish.

This 40-hour course will commence on **Wednesday 5 February 2020** and comprise of five sessions.

Applications are now invited.

Please see the Southern Tablelands Clinical Pastoral Education Centre brochure near side door of church.

For more information please contact **Carmen Karauda** at ckarauda@mpx.com.au or phone **0419 430 676**



JOIN THE ADVENTURE

It is with great excitement we announce CatholicCare will be holding a fundraising trek to the iconic Larapinta Trail (near Alice Springs)

28 September – 4 October 2020

We are seeking participants to undertake the trek and help raise \$100,000 to help children in need throughout the Illawarra, Shoalhaven, Macarthur and Southern Highlands areas.

To find out more, please visit:

www.tiny.cc/CatholicCareLarapinta



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For enquiries, please phone 4222 2484

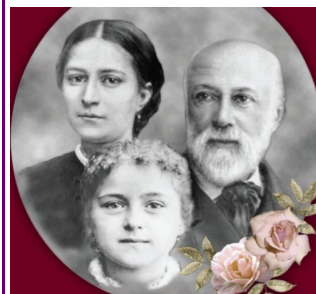
THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

The Journey Catholic Radio will enter our Summer Series until late-January. You can catch up on your favourite people such as Sr Hilda from the Abbey; Bruce Downes, The Catholic Guy; and many more. We will continue to play amazing contemporary music while our writers, contributors and presenters have a well-earned break.

Tune in to **LIFE 101.9** or **98.5** or go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au to ensure you never miss a show, with it sent to you each week as a podcast via email — for free!

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THE RELICS OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX



The Relics of much-loved Carmelite Saint, St Therese of Lisieux — plus her parents, Sts Louis and Zelig Martin — are coming to Australia for a national tour this year.

They are coming to Unanderra and West Wollongong for the weekend of **21-22 March**. More details closer to the date.

PRAYER FOR RAIN

Eternal God, in wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought-stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.

Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ your Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life:

Renew your faithful people;
Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,
Mary, help of Christians — Pray for us.
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop — Pray for us.



SUNDAY 5 JANUARY — THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

First Reading — Isaiah 60:1-6 — *The glory of the Lord shines upon you.*

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm — Lord, come and save us.

Second Reading — Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 — *The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.*

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

Gospel Acclamation — Matthew 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia! We have seen his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel — Matthew 2:1-12 — *We have come from the East to worship the king.*

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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**