

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2020

Weekly Programme	Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA	St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG
Monday 3 February	Mass: 7am	<b>* NB: There will be no Reconciliation at WW on Sat morning 8 February</b>
Tuesday 4 February	Adoration: 4.30pm-5.20pm Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 5 February <i>St Agatha</i>	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration/Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.20pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 6 February <i>St Paul Miki and Companions</i>	Mass: 11am ( <u>Polish</u> ) Adoration/Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.20pm Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Friday 7 February	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday 8 February	Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am <del>* Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am</del>
Sunday 9 February <i>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am ( <u>Polish</u> )	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Anniversaries

Brian BROOKS



Godfrey ZAMPA

Mary & Charlie MICALF

Connie & Victor TABONE

### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Sidney HARTIN



**\* Reconciliation is cancelled next Saturday morning 8 February at West Wollongong, as Fr Duane will be concelebrating a Jubilee Mass at Sts Peter and Paul Church Kiama for Sister Kerry Gardiner (now ministering at Unanderra Parish).**

# Message from Fr Duane

This Sunday at 8am Mass we have the wonderful privilege of celebrating Sister Kerry's Golden Jubilee here at Unanderra Parish, which she marked with her congregation of Josephite Sisters in North Sydney a few weeks ago. Fifty years is a truly remarkable innings of service to God and countless people, and Kerry has already been a wonderful presence and active help in this Parish, even after such a short time. Let us take this opportunity to thank her, to congratulate her, to be inspired by her, and to pray God's continued blessings upon her.

Finally, you have heard a lot about Alpha in recent weeks, and you may be wondering how the first Alpha night went on Thursday (at least I hope you are!). It was a great start, with a capacity crowd of guests, led beautifully by the MCs and small group facilitators from both parishes, with the catering team (consisting of 17 generous parishioners across both parishes) doing a truly outstanding job of working together to prepare the tables and food, as well as a team of volunteers supporting the whole initiative through prayer. Please continue to pray for Alpha - that relationships continue to deepen and many encounter the love of God more deeply in their lives.

**Fr Duane Fernandez**  
Parish Priest

## COMMISSIONING MASS – VIGIL MASS 8 FEBRUARY

Next weekend will be the Commissioning Mass for Catechists, Teachers and Children's Liturgy volunteers in the parish at the **6pm Mass at Unanderra**. As well as praying special blessings upon them, those among them who are able, will then head over to Wests Illawarra to get to know each other better. Thank you for your vital ministry!

### ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

February	Church Washing	Barbara Faraway	
Sat 8 Feb	Church Cleaning	P & A Browne, K Harrison	
Sat 8 Feb	Lawns		
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 8 Feb 6pm Mass	G Attard	L Milan	C Dean
Sun 9 Feb 8am Mass	M Walsh, L Burns	A Browne	Z & A Calvert
Counters	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, M Winner		
Children's Liturgy	V Cleary		

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

### ASCEND CATHOLIC YOUTH

At **7pm** (after 6pm Mass) at Immaculate Conception Parish Unanderra on **Saturday 8 February 2020**.

This is the first ASCEND night for 2020!

New members (years 6-9) are always welcome!

Gold coin donation to cover dinner appreciated.

For more info: [ascendcatholicyouth@gmail.com](mailto:ascendcatholicyouth@gmail.com)



### LAY CARMELITE PRAYER MEETING

The Lay Carmelites would like to invite you to their next monthly Prayer Meeting on **Saturday 15 February at 10am** for morning tea followed by 10.30am start. Meetings are held in the Meeting Room of the Sacred Heart Chapel in Stewart Street Wollongong and conclude at 12noon. Come and find out how you can delve deeper in Carmelite spirituality and be of service to the community.

For enquiries please call **0415 926 132**.

### PARISH MORNING TEA

The February parish morning tea will be held this weekend — **after the 8am Mass on Sunday 2 February 2020** in St Joseph's room. We will be gathering to celebrate Sr Kerry's recent Golden Jubilee. *All welcome!*



### AUSTRALIA DAY PARISH BREAKFAST



An enormous 'thank you' to all who worked so hard to make our Australia Day breakfast such an enjoyable gathering. Great food! Great company! Great get together and great chefs! Thank you to each and every one involved.

### THANK YOU, PARISHIONERS!!

A big **Thank You** to all of the parishioners of Immaculate Conception who donated to the Bushfire Appeal last weekend — our parish raised **\$2,310.30**.



## 2020 WOLLONGONG HOSPITAL MASSES

All are welcome to pray for our sick EVERY Saturday at 9.30am, when Mass is held in the Public Hospital (Ground Floor Chapel); and at 9.30am on the FIRST Friday of every month in the Private Hospital (near lift on Level 3).



Fr George Condookala can be contacted on 0475 815 506

## ARE YOU AVAILABLE?

Some weeks ago, Sr Kerry made an appeal for catechists. She asked if YOU were available; she didn't ask if you were suitable. Sadly, we are in desperate need of more catechists. At this stage we have six classes that haven't a teacher for this year. Unless more people are able to give of themselves to this important ministry, it seems we will have to cancel one of our schools, meaning all Catholic children at this school will not have the opportunity for Catholic scripture. Our teaching days in our state schools is mainly Tuesday. There is one vacancy for Thursday.

If you are able to assist, please contact Sr Kerry.



## PASTORAL CARE GATHERING - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST THERESE

All who take Communion to the sick, the housebound and nursing homes, in both West Wollongong and Unanderra Parishes, are invited to a joint gathering in **St Joseph's Meeting Room, Unanderra** (just behind the church, entry off Grace Street), this **Sunday 2 February at 2pm**. It will be an opportunity to meet each other, to get to know how many we have in this ministry, to hear where there is need for more helpers, to share ideas and concerns with each other, and to better support one another in this vital ministry of our Church.



## LUNCH — WESTS ILLAWARRA

You're invited .... on **Friday 21 February from 12noon onwards** you are invited to lunch at the Wests Illawarra Club. A great lunch can be purchased from only \$10. Sr Kerry will be at the club reserving some tables — please don't leave her sitting there by herself! Come along any time after midday and join in the gathering. **All welcome!** There is a seat for YOU. **Any further enquires please speak with Sr Kerry.** It is hoped we will have a mystery guest join us, so don't miss out.



## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

The Journey Catholic Radio is currently in the Summer Series until early February.

Tune in to **LIFE 101.9** or **98.5** or go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://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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## PROJECT COMPASSION 2020

As we approach the end of January, Caritas Australia's Project Compassion material is arriving at our Parishes. As the Australian Catholic agency for international humanitarian relief and development, Caritas has a unique understanding and appreciation of the impact the recent bushfires, and ongoing drought, has had on our Australian communities. Caritas Australia has been touched to receive many messages and offers of support from our international partners, through our Caritas Internationalis network. Caritas Australia, and our international partners, stand in solidarity with those affected by these events. We send our ongoing love, support and prayers to all who have been impacted in any way. We encourage people to work with the relevant Catholic agencies such as St Vinnies and CatholicCare to provide the necessary support to the Australian communities affected. Project Compassion will again offer stories of hope throughout Lent. I invite Parishes to engage with these stories as they see fit, in light of recent circumstances.

If you have any questions or concerns, or you would like to chat about Project Compassion 2020, please do not hesitate to contact me:

**Monica Ward-McCann**

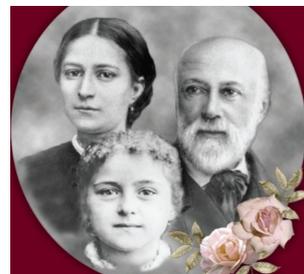
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## THE RELICS OF ST THERESE OF LISIEUX

The Relics of much-loved Carmelite Saint, St Therese of Lisieux — plus her parents, Sts Louis and Zelie 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.*



## CALLING ALL CHILDREN'S LITURGY TEACHERS!

Please join us **after 8am Mass on Sunday 9 February 2020** in St Joseph's Room to discuss the Year A Liturgical Children's Programme. Morning Tea will be provided.

If you are unable to attend please contact **Vera Cleary on 0415 926 132**

## SUNDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2020 — THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

**First Reading** — Malachi 3:1-4 — *The Lord whom you seek will come to his temple.*

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

**Responsorial Psalm** — *Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!*

1. O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! R.
2. Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. R.
3. O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! R.
4. Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. R.



**Second Reading** — Hebrews 2:14-18 — *He had to be made like us in all things.*

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

**Gospel Acclamation** — Luke 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. Alleluia!

**Gospel** — Luke 2:22-40 — *My eyes have seen your saving power.*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised;  
because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see,  
a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

### 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**

***(Please see Fr Duane after Mass for a form — 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](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) or telephone **4271 1068**