

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) – SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2021

**Registrations ESSENTIAL for ALL Masses — via Unanderra Parish Office:
unanderra@dow.org.au or 4271 1068**

Weekly Programme	Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA	St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG
Monday 8 February	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 9 February	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 10 February <i>St Scholastica</i>	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 11 February <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Carmelite Profession Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Friday 12 February	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Saturday 13 February	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 14 February	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<u>Polish</u>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (<i>also streamed online</i>)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS Anniversaries

Pat Rogan, Beryl Clarke, Andrew Browne, Porfirio Domingo,
Marcial Villanueva Jr, John William Brame, Fr Kevin McGovern,
Fr Barry Swift, Garry Lewis

Please also pray for the sick and those unable to attend Mass

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

unanderra@dow.org.au / 4271 1068

Monday: 11am-3pm (*Magda*)
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: 8:30am-1:30pm (*Melissa*)
Thursday: 9am-3pm (*Magda*)
Friday: 8:30am-1:30pm (*Melissa*)

Message from Fr Duane

Many of you would have seen and heard from Aaron Walsh, a young parishioner doing his 3rd year with Youth Mission Team this year, who spoke recently at Masses to share his journey with our community. After two weeks of training he has now been sent to his location for the year (Sydney Team) and is very grateful for the financial support given by the Parish of over \$1000 to assist him and his Team in covering expenses this year. He is also grateful for our prayers and let's be sure to keep him in our prayers as they undertake this exciting new challenge!



Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest



Sunday 5pm Mass at West Wollongong continues to be live-streamed every week:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ICASTImmaculateConceptionStThereseParishes>



REGISTRATION PROCESS - BOTH UNANDERRA & WEST WOLLONGONG

Registrations are ESSENTIAL for ALL Masses at both Unanderra and West Wollongong — ALL registrations must be via the Unanderra Parish Office: unanderra@dow.org.au or 4271 1068 (please only call during office hours, shown in pink box on front page of bulletin). Please include the name of all family members who will be attending, contact phone number, email address and the day/time/church of your preferred Mass(es), both weekday and weekend. For weekend Masses, please await a confirmation email from Fr Duane approximately 24 hours prior to the Mass time, before attending the church.

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway
Sat 13 Feb	Church Cleaning	J Allen, J Haywood, L Salway
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 13 Feb
Sat 13 Feb 6pm Mass	V Cleary	M and J Winner, M Walsh,
Sun 13 Feb 8am Mass	C Walsh	S Carrigan

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

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LENTEN GROUP



You are invited to join a Lenten Group which will be held in St Joseph's Room commencing on **Thursday, 18th Feb** and running for the following five weeks. We will begin at 7:30pm and conclude no later than 9:00

pm. It is suggested you purchase a Lenten Book from the church resource table. If you are interested please contact Sr Kerry for your name to be added to the list.

CATECHIST NEWS

Thank you to two very generous people who have expressed an interest in committing themselves to assist our children in the local State Schools. May their teaching touch the hearts of those in their care and give them much satisfaction and joy through this marvellous ministry.

Thank you too to the Catechist who continue to give generously year in and year out.

A special thank you to Mary Carolan, who due to family and work commitments, has not been able to continue this ministry this year. Mary has been extremely generous over the years and while her rewards will be great in heaven I pray she experiences some of those rewards here with us on earth.

Please hold this vital ministry in your prayers. With gratitude Sr Kerry

VOCATION NEWS

Proclaiming the Gospel is our Christian mission. Jesus proclaimed the Good News and healed because he was rooted in prayer. Take Jesus' lead-pray! (Mark 1:29-39) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au



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 **Monday 22 February 2021** and comprise of 5 face to face (or 6 online?) consecutive sessions each Monday. Applications are now invited. For more information and an application form, please contact Carmen Karauda at ckarauda@gmail.com or phone: 0419 430 676

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2021 –

The Journey This Week – Finding God in Suffering – Monsignor Graham Schmitzer says Jesus isn't concerned about why suffering but rather how to respond to illness & need, and Mother Hilda says God always speaks to us when we're suffering. The Journey available as a podcast at jcr.org.au



COMFORT LENTEN PROGRAMME

The 2021 Lenten Program Booklet "Comfort" is available for purchase on the church resource table **\$5 per copy**. Comfort is a 76-page full colour book containing short daily reflections (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) perfect for individual devotional reading.



YOUNG ADULTS LENTEN GROUP

YOUNG ADULTS AGED 18-35 who wish to join a Lenten Group, **Wednesdays 7:30pm** starting Ash Wednesday, please contact Bridget Haywood at bhaywood22@gmail.com or Fr Duane at duane.fernandez@dow.org.au for more information.

WE'RE ALWAYS HERE, IF YOU EVER NEED...

These are challenging times for everyone and CatholicCare are here to support you and your family to navigate the uncertainty. We offer confidential online and phone counselling to support you with the frustration of managing family emotions, relationship pressures and employment changes. To find out more about CatholicCare's counselling service call us on 42549395 or email intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au



ADORATION

CYMW is holding Holy Hour **every Wednesday evenings from 6:30PM to 7:30PM** for an hour of Adoration at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. There will be time for silence and reflection before the Lord and is a great time to quiet our hearts to listen to Him more closely. We hope to see to you there!



SUNDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2021 — FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

First Reading — Job 7:1-4,6-7

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief.

Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind.

Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

Responsorial Psalm — Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving:
to him our praise is due. R.
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles,
he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds.
He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. R.
3. Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. R.

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak: I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

Gospel — Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held on the 2nd Sunday of every month at West Wollongong (12noon) and the 4th Sunday of every month at Unanderra (12noon). Please email westwollongong@dow.org.au or unanderra@dow.org.au to ask for a Baptism Enquiry Form to be sent to you.