

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B) – SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2021

Mass registrations are helpful for our monitors. Register via Unanderra Parish Office:  
[unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) or 4271 1068

Weekly Programme	Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA	St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG
<b>Monday</b> 22 February <i>The Chair of St Peter</i>	Mass: 7am	
<b>Tuesday</b> 23 February	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
<b>Wednesday</b> 24 February	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
<b>Thursday</b> 25 February	Mass: 11am (Polish) Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
<b>Friday</b> 26 February	Mass: 7am Stations of the Cross: 7pm	Mass: 9:30am
<b>Saturday</b> 27 February	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
<b>Sunday</b> 28 February	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (also streamed online)

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

#### Recently Deceased

Bruna Tosti; Ruth Court  
 John Carolan; Kevin Barrett

#### Anniversaries

Socorro Tupaz Crebillo,  
 Antonio Marciano, Micky Walsh  
 Joseph Dredge, David Crowe,  
 Fr Tony Daly, Jason Fish

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

[unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto: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

## AN APPEAL FOR MORE MONITORS

One of the shining lights throughout the Covid pandemic has been our many wonderful monitors across our parishes of Unanderra and West Wollongong. They have served so faithfully and reliably, with calmness and wisdom in the face of some difficult logistical challenges, and always with a welcoming spirit. I wish to take this opportunity to thank them for all they have done and for their ongoing service to our parishes, and also to appeal for more volunteers to join this wonderful team of monitors. Many hands make light work, as they say, and if you are interested in helping please contact either parish office and we will ensure you are only rostered when you are able. In speaking with our current monitors, they have found it to be a privilege to enable people to come to Mass by their service, and have also enjoyed being able to get to know names and faces of parishioners. (Volunteers for this particular role will need to be in the “low risk” group for Covid defined as under 70 years of age and healthy.)

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the weeks of Lent, Stations of the Cross will take place in both parishes on Friday.

**5pm at West Wollongong** (from 26 February) and

**7pm at Unanderra** (from 19 February)

No pre-registration necessary, all registrations will take place at the door.



*Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest*

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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

At the moment, with the “2 square metre rule” we are not near capacity at any of our Sunday Masses. Registrations are still helpful for our monitors and admin staff. If pre-registering, please contact Unanderra parish office at [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) or 42711068, and include the names of all who will be attending Mass with you, contact phone numbers, and email addresses. If you don't pre-register you can still give your name to the monitor at the door.

## ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway
Sat 27 Feb	Church Cleaning	Volunteers needed
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 27 Feb
Sat 27 Feb 6pm Mass	L Milan	B Mannix, W Brown, F Caruana, R Murphy,
Sun 28 Feb 8am Mass	S Walsh	J Lonard

## ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

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## ST MARY'S IS NOW ENROLLING



Year 7 2022 and 2023  
(Current Years 5 & 6)

Come to our Expo and tour the College  
Thursday 11 March 2021  
3.30pm – 6.30pm

Register online for a tour and information session now!

All interested families welcome.

Meet the Principal, see the College in action  
and talk to students and senior staff.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE EXPO AND TOURS

Call us now for more information on 4228 6011

Book online [www.stmarys.nsw.edu.au](http://www.stmarys.nsw.edu.au)

## YEAR OF ST JOSEPH.

This year is the 150th anniversary of the proclamation of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark this special event Pope Francis issues an apostolic letter called, ' Patris Corde - With a Father's Heart' and dedicated this year of 2021 to St Joseph. Francis' own inauguration as Pope took place on the 19th March 2013, an indication of his personal devotion to St Joseph. Every fortnight a small section of our bulletin will pertain to St Joseph.



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH  
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

## VOCATION NEWS

As we begin this Lenten season, we are reminded of the everlasting covenant God made with us. Renew the promise you made with God. Believe in the Good New! (Psalm 25). If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto: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. For more information and an application form, please contact Carmen Karauda at [ckarauda@gmail.com](mailto:ckarauda@gmail.com) or phone: 0419 430 676

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2021 –

The Journey This Week – We get ready to kick off the Lenten Season and hear some amazing short reflections and great music all with a focus on making the Lenten season a grace filled time of transformation.

The Journey available as a podcast at [jcr.org.au](http://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.



## RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS 2021

If you have a child in your care who wishes to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation, Communion and / or Confirmation, a parent evening will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, Unanderra on **Wed 10th March commencing at 7:00pm**. More information to follow. Children must be baptised Catholic and in Year 3 or above.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the Fridays of Lent, Stations of the Cross will take place at **5pm at St Therese West Wollongong** and **7pm at Immaculate Conception Unanderra**.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

The Book of Genesis provides us with certain foundations of Christian anthropology: the inalienable dignity of the human person, the roots and guarantee of which are found in God's design of creation; the constitutive social nature of human beings, the prototype of which is found in the original relationship between man and woman.

– Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace

## 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 21 FEBRUARY 2021 — FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)

### First Reading — Genesis 9:8-15

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

### Responsorial Psalm — Your ways, O lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. R.
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.  
In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. R.
3. he Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. R.

### Second Reading — 1 Peter 3:18-22

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

### Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Gospel — Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

## 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](mailto:westwollongong@dow.org.au) or [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) to ask for a Baptism Enquiry Form to be sent to you.