

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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EASTER SUNDAY (YEAR B) – SUNDAY 4 APRIL 2021

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

Weekly Programme	Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA	St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG
Monday 5 April <i>Easter Monday</i>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	
Tuesday 6 April	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 7 April	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 8 April	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Friday 9 April	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Saturday 10 April	Rosary: 7.10am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 11 April	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (also streamed online)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Catherine Reynolds,
Kathy Campbell

Anniversaries

Leigh Martin, Tadeusx Seweryn
Elizabeth Ray, Dorris Murphy
William John Weldon

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

As we gather for Easter, there is a sense of renewal in more ways than one! Covid restrictions are gradually easing, and fittingly, being the Easter weekend, this will be the first weekend in over a year that we've been allowed to sing together in church! Also, while we aren't quite at full capacity, with the 2 square metre rule more and more people have been returning to church.

I'm very sorry to anyone who hasn't been able to book in time to get a place at ceremonies you may have wished to attend. You can join the **live stream for Good Friday 3pm, and Easter Sunday 10am**, through our Facebook pages and YouTube channel.

There is a sense in the community of wanting to reconnect again. This is not surprising, since our faith teaches us that we are not created to be alone, but to be in "Communion" – with God and with one another – and the Church can help achieve this, not just through gatherings for Mass, but in many other ways as well. See below a number of ways that you can get connected with others in the coming weeks. It doesn't matter how regularly you come to church, you are always welcome and we would love to see you at as many events as possible!

PENTECOST PARISH GATHERING

There are many more plans in the works through the Immaculate Conception Pastoral Council, and everyone is invited to come together on the Saturday after Pentecost, 29th May from 10am at St Pius School Hall. It will be a chance to get together for food and fun, but also to meet the Pastoral Council, hear what they have been planning, with activities to help to discern what your own unique gifts are and whether and how you may like to get involved in the Parish in new ways. More details to come in coming weeks – it is indeed a time of renewal for our Parish, so come and see!

YOUNG ADULTS EVENTS (aged 18-35)

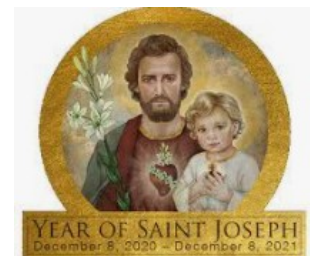
Sometimes, after high school it can be hard to find connection. There are now many exciting opportunities to connect with other local young adults through our parishes. If you're interested please email Fr Duane on duane.fernandez@dow.org.au and he'll give you more info – come and see!

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

REFLECTIONS FROM SR KERRY ON THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH.

Joseph. Beloved Father, you faced the numerous crises in your life with courage and resilience. Be with parents and guardians as they deal with the challenges of raising families today. Help us as we respond, each according to our own capacity. Amen.



ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

	Church Washing	Helen Murphy
Sat 10 Apr	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Anderson
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 10 Apr
Sat 10 Apr 6pm Mass	V Cleary	B Mannix, W Brown, R Murphy,
Sun 11 Apr 8am Mass	C Walsh	J Lonard

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

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YEAR AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY, 19 MARCH 2021 – 26 JUNE 2022

On March 19, Pope Francis will launch the Year “Amoris Laetitia Family”, which will conclude on 26 June 2022, on the occasion of the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father. Families are encouraged to break open the resources and stories at <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia.html>

Pope Francis has decided to institute throughout the Church the celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will be held beginning this year on **Sunday July 25th**, near the liturgical memory of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus.



POSITION VACANT—DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Closing date extended

Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Youth Ministry Coordinator in the Diocese of Wollongong. Applications close on **Wednesday 7 April 2021**. For more information and a detailed role description, please go to <http://dow.sh/CYMWJob> or for enquiries contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au.

VOCATION NEWS

The stone is rolled back, the tomb is empty! We are to go and tell the Good News. Rejoice in the power of the resurrection! Alleluia! (Mark 16:1-8) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au



CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS WOLLONGONG

Please be advised the Cathedral Books and Gifts Wollongong will be re-opening after Easter with renovations almost finished.

FORMED

Would you like to nurture your faith at home, in your own time and at your own pace? FORMED.org is a large Faith Formation Resource library website containing thousands of faith formation documentaries, courses, movies, audio and books covering all aspects of our Catholic faith. Materials for both adults and children. Sign-up for Free using our Diocesan Subscription by contacting darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au or helen.bennett@dow.org.au

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 4 APRIL 2021 –

This week's show is all about the Joy of the resurrection, featuring a Gospel reflection from Bishop Brian Mascord, and an Easter Story for 5-yr-olds from Sr Therese Mills MGL. The Journey available as a podcast at jcr.org.au



FAITH CIRCLES—FREE SMALL GROUP RESOURCE:

During this period of Pandemic isolation, you are encouraged to spend time in prayer and spiritual reading and faith Circles is one way that you can do this. The weekly Faith Circles resource is available for free to download. It is easy to use and could easily be done in your household or even by skype / phone with others at this time, with its questions and prayer points. It is available to download at www.faithcircles.dow.org.au or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION FAMILY FUN DAY PICNIC!

Who: EVERYONE - of any age, from Unanderra and West Wollongong parish / school communities or beyond, and their friends!

When: Saturday April 17th from 12 noon

What to Bring: Bring your own picnic lunch, chair or picnic rug and any play equipment!

Where: Byarong Park
321 Mount Keira Rd, Mount Keira NSW 2500.

Toilet facilities available



FINANCIAL AUDIT

The financial audit of the parish books has been completed for 2020. A summary of the parish income/ expenditure is on the church noticeboard



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 4 APRIL 2021 — EASTER SUNDAY (YEAR B)

First Reading — Acts 10:34,37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm — This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

1. Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' R.
2. The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. R.
3. The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. R.

Second Reading — Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel — John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION EASTER MASS TIMES

Holy Thursday, 1 April, 7pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, 2 April 10am Stations of the Cross
3pm: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Easter Saturday, 3 April 7pm: Easter Vigil—**Sold out**
Easter Sunday, 4 April, 8am Mass—**Sold out**

Polish Masses:

Holy Thursday, 1 April, 12pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, 2 April 12pm Ceremony of the Cross
Easter Saturday, 3 April 10am: Blessing of the food (in the church car park)
Easter Sunday, 4 April, 10am: Mass

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