

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B) – 18 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 19 April	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 20 April	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 21 April <i>St Anselm of Canterbury</i>	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 22 April	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Friday 23 April <i>St George, St Adalbert</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Saturday 24 April <i>St Fidelis of Sigmaringen</i>	Rosary: 7.10am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 25 April	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<i>Polish</i>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (<i>also streamed online</i>)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Kathy Campbell
Richard Kingsman
Adelina Madrid

Anniversaries

Anita Johansson, Bh William Murray
Kenneth Varley,
Minnette Villanueva

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

This Easter Season is definitely proving to be a time of renewal and new life for our parish communities, and a perfect time to start considering how you may like to get more involved – both to receive from the opportunities available, and to share the unique gifts you have to offer – starting with simply your presence at these events!

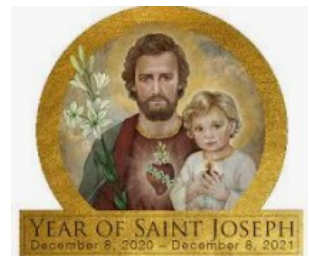
It was wonderful to see 16 young adults come together for the first bible study session on Thursday evening. Newcomers are always welcome for the rest of the 8 week course, “Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible”, led by young adults for young adults. Let’s all pray for its continued success – and invite any young adults you know who may be interested to come along! Let’s also pray for the success of the **Family Fun Day this Saturday 17th April, 12pm at Byarong Park**, and start praying towards the success of our Pentecost Parish Gathering on Saturday 29th May, 10am.

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

REFLECTIONS FROM SR KERRY ON THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

‘In Joseph, Jesus saw the tender love of God.....in the synagogue, during the praying of the Psalms, Joseph would surely have heard again and again that the God of Israel is a God of tender love who is good to all, whose ‘compassion is over all that he has made.’ [Psalm 145:9.] Pope Francis

‘Let us ask Joseph to obtain for us a generous devoted love for Jesus, a love that will make us like himself.....a love that.....will make us delight in serving him in His poor, and His neglected little ones....and this love of Christ cannot exist in our hearts without enabling us to live in perfect charity and love.’
Mary MacKillop 1893



ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

	Church Washing	Helen Murphy
Sat 24 Apr	Church Cleaning	J Allen, J Haywood, L Salway
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 24 Apr
Sat 24 Apr 6pm Mass	L Milan	No Lawn mowing
Sun 25 Apr 8am Mass	S Walsh	

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.



Married couples who have a passion for the beauty of Church teaching on marriage and family are urged to consider participating in marriage enrichment later in the year. You may even be keen to join with a team to help promote and deliver some of this online formation around the Diocese. If so please contact jude.hennessy@dow.org.au



PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

It is time to return your Project Compassion boxes. Would you please leave them in the basket at Grace Street entrance.

VOCATION NEWS

Jesus opened the minds of his followers to understanding of scripture. He pronounced them as his witnesses. Be the hands and feet of Jesus today. (Luke 24:35-48). If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au



WALKING GROUP

Our next walk will be on **Friday 7 May** around the lake, so mark it in your diary. More details closer to the date. We hope you can join us.

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 18 APRIL 2021 –

On the Journey this week: Fr Slawek Plonka OMI says we are the hands & feet of Jesus, it is our life of love & joy that is the resurrection. Mother Hilda says a presence friendly life is like a magnet, attracting people around us. And in our Faith Testimony, Robyn Bailey tells how a faith encounter six years ago changed her life. The Journey podcast: 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.



CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS WOLLONGONG

Please be advised the Cathedral Books and Gifts Wollongong has now re-opened. Operating hours: **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am – 2pm**
Entry via 38 Harbour Street



YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Are you a young adult keen for community? Hungry to learn and grow your faith? Eager to serve others? Join STIC (St Therese/ Immaculate Conception) young adults! We will be launching with a scripture study into the Bible as a whole, called “**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**”, Thursdays 7pm St Therese School Hall. Anyone aged 18 - 35yrs welcome! For more info or to register see:

FBgroup: STIC Young Adults
Text: Bridget 0481 842 530

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!



18 APRIL 2021 — THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

First Reading — Acts 3:13-15,17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Responsorial Psalm — Lord, let your face shine on us.

1. When I call, answer me, O God of justice;
from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! R.
2. It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves;
the Lord hears me whenever I call him. R.
3. 'What can bring us happiness?' many say.
Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. R.
4. I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once
for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. R.

Second Reading — 1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning;
but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father,
Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away,
and not only ours, but the whole world's.

We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments.
Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments,
is a liar, refusing to admit the truth.

But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

Gospel — Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'