

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR B) – 23 MAY 2021

Parish Vision—We are a diverse community united by our love for Jesus and for one another, constantly seeking to grow in this love especially through the Eucharist. We welcome everyone and help each other to discover their unique gifts, joyfully working together as one to bring the overflowing love of Jesus to all people.

Weekly Programme	Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA	St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG
Monday 24 May <i>Our Lady Help of Christians</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 25 May <i>St Gregory V11</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 26 May <i>St Phillip, Priest</i>	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 27 May <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Friday 28 May	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Saturday 29 May <i>St Paul V1, pope</i>	Rosary: 7.10am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 30 May <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<i>Polish</i>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (<i>also streamed online</i>)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Paul Downing, Mark Brian Langlands
 Sante Michelin, Bill Parnell
 Keith Cole, Pam Sellick

Anniversaries

Lyle Kevin Brown,
 Thomas Staniforth
 Eralda Cunzolo

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

Message from Fr Duane

The Feast of Pentecost

The Feast of Pentecost this Sunday is often referred to as the “Birthday of the Church” – since it was on that day that, filled and empowered with the Holy Spirit, the Apostles first began to proclaim the risen Christ to all the nations - starting from Jerusalem and continuing from that day to the ends of the earth. As for today: we have all received the Holy Spirit; we can be certain of this through the Sacraments we have received throughout our lives.

New Catholics – 10am Mass this Sunday

This Pentecost, we will have the great privilege at the 10am Sunday Mass of celebrating the Baptism, Confirmation, and First Communion for Shannon Phillips-Green and Jillian Stokes, and Confirmation and First Communion for Melanie Pilon and Hannah Clarke. It has been a joy and privilege to help prepare them throughout the year for this day, and I thank their sponsors Meg, Will, Angela and Cassandra, and Sarah Shields for her support of the whole group.

Pentecost Gathering

The Feast of Pentecost is the perfect time to gather as a Parish, to help each other discern the unique gifts the Spirit has given us, and to unite as one as we continue Christ’s mission together. I am convinced that each and every one of you has a completely unique and irreplaceable part to play in building up our Parish, for the sake of all the people of our region and beyond. For many of you it may be involvement in some active ministry or other; for others, joining a group or initiative in the parish; for others, simply joining in prayer ministry for the success of our Parish initiatives, and for the needs of all in our parish and beyond.

So if you are able, please come along to our Pentecost Parish Gathering, and may the Holy Spirit renew each one of us as individual Christians, and unite and empower our Parish in continuing Christ’s mission in our time and place. Hope to see you all there!

Details as follows: **Saturday 29th May at 10am at St Pius School Hall.**

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

MENALIVE MEN’S WEEKEND

Rediscover God’s Presence and Purpose for your Life

12-13 June 2021, St Patrick’s Church Catholic Church (Hall) 42 O’Donnell Street, Port Kembla

The menALIVE Men’s Weekend is an opportunity for all men from 18 years of age to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic, and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. Experienced leaders from menALIVE Team will be running the weekend.

Register via brochure or online www.dow.org.au/events

Enquiries: Helen Bennett (Diocesan Contact) 4222 2403;

Anthony Rewak (Parish Contact) 0488 233 078 or

Ian Boorman (menALIVE Contact) 0427 006 021

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

	Church Washing	Jackie Allen
Sun 30 May	Counting	A Kelly, B Faraway
Sat 29 May	Church Cleaning	J Allen, J Haywood, L Salway
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 29 May
Sat 29 May 6pm Mass	M Rodwell	M & J Winner, M Walsh, S Carrigan
Sun 30 May 8am Mass	M Walsh	

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:
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MONTH OF MAY AND YEAR OF ST JOSEPH:

"Mary, the Mother who cared for Jesus, now cares with maternal affection and pain for this wounded world. Just as her pierced heart mourned the death of Jesus, so now she grieves for the sufferings of the crucified poor and for the creatures of this world laid waste by human power. Completely transfigured, she now lives with Jesus, and all creatures sing of her fairness. She is the Woman, "clothed in the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" (Rev 12:1). Carried up into heaven, she is the Mother and Queen of all creation. In her glorified body, together with the Risen Christ, part of creation has reached the fullness of its beauty. She treasures the entire life of Jesus in her heart (cf. Lk 2:19,51), and now understands the meaning of all things. Hence, we can ask her to enable us to look at this world with eyes of wisdom. At her side in the Holy Family of Nazareth, stands the figure of Saint Joseph. Through his work and generous presence, he cared for and defended Mary and Jesus, delivering them from the violence of the unjust by bringing them to Egypt. The Gospel presents Joseph as a just man, hard-working and strong. But he also shows great tenderness, which is not a mark of the weak but of those who are genuinely strong, fully aware of reality and ready to love and serve in humility. That is why he was proclaimed custodian of the universal Church. He too can teach us how to show care; he can inspire us to work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us." (Pope Francis Laudato Si 241-242)

VOCATION NEWS

Jesus sends us the gift of peace and the Spirit to renew the earth. What gifts can you use to renew the earth? Let the Spirit fill you and use you! (John 20:19-23) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au



THE CHOSEN - A TV SERIES ABOUT JESUS

The Chosen is a new 'free to view', television program that creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers. The shows are of the highest quality and is receiving acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen> to watch



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME - AIRS SUNDAY 23 MAY 2021 -

On the Journey this week: Bishop Brian Mascord says the Pentecost story is one of many languages, most of which were not spoken. Mother Hilda says that God turns up every Sunday at our local church and asks will you meet him? Plus, some marriage tips, having a spirit of radical hospitality, grasping the many languages of faith and great Holy Spirit music! The Journey available as a podcast at jcr.org.au



POSTPONED - LOSS OF A CHILD

In recent weeks we have advertised an afternoon tea and prayer for any parent who has experienced the death of a child. This gathering has been postponed due to low participation. It is hoped to be held later in the year. To all who offered to assist, thank you. God bless. Sr Kerry.

Grief I have learnt is really just love. It's all the love you want to give but cannot. All of that spent love gathers up in the corners of the eyes, the lump in your throat and the hollow part of your chest. Grief is just love with no place to go. (Unknown.)

WALKING GROUP

Unfortunately we were not able to enjoy our walk together last Friday due to the rain. However we have rescheduled the walk for **Thursday, 3 June at 9:30** at the same place, Gilba Rd, Koonawarra. We hope that the weather will be favourable and you will be able to join us.



ST JOSEPH PILGRIMAGE MOTOR BIKE RIDE

Join with Catholic motor bike riders who will be undertaking a pilgrimage ride visiting 7 churches and riding 800km over three days in honour of St Joseph, including 2 Churches in our Diocese of Wollongong. The ride will commence from Oatley Parish on **Friday 11 June at 10am** and conclude at Camperdown on the **13 June at 6pm**, with overnight stays in Moss Vale and Orange. If you would like to join the ride, contact **Jim 0432 487 927** or **Branko 0411 281 299**

ADORATION



CYMW is holding Holy Hour **every Wednesday evening 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.

23 MAY 2021 — PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR B)

First Reading — Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm — Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. R.
2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. R.
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. R.

Second Reading — Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel — John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them 'Peace be with you'.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;

For those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

