

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) – 13 JUNE 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 14 June	Mass: 8am	
Tuesday 15 June	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 16 June	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 17 June	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Friday 18 June	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Saturday 19 June <i>St Romuald, Abbot</i>	Rosary: 7.10am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 20 June	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<i>Polish</i>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (<i>also streamed online</i>)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Maleea McFadden, Michelle Villanueva

Anniversaries

Judith Crowe, Michael Edwards

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)

Messages from Fr Duane

The Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is celebrated on the Saturday after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, with these two successive Feasts reminding us of the inseparable intimacy between the hearts of Jesus and Mary. The Diocese of Wollongong celebrates the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary as its Patronal Feast Day, such that on the Sunday Masses we use the readings of the Sunday and the prayers of the Feast of the Immaculate Heart. This Feast is especially significant for our parish, with the obvious link between the Immaculate Conception of Mary and her Immaculate Heart.

PARISH RENEWAL

As part of our Pentecost Parish Renewal, last Sunday we provided a “Self-Assessment Inventory” to everyone at Mass. It is a very useful resource to helping us discover the unique gifts and strengths that God has given us. I hope you have found some time to complete this and have kept your results on hand.

This weekend, you will be provided with resources prepared by the Parish Pastoral Council which will assist you in connecting your own unique gifts with the various ministries and initiatives in our Parish. It is, after all, when we are given opportunities to serve others according to the gifts God has given us that we find the most joy, and bear the most fruit, and we hope to be able to assist you in finding your unique and irreplaceable place in our parish plans, which may be possible for you now or into the future.

Note also – the inventory is not infallible, nor exhaustive. Let us not forget the power of invitation, and if you see a gift in another, why not affirm them and let them know that you have noticed this gift in them? In the words of our Parish Vision, may we all “help each other to discover their unique gifts, joyfully working together as one to bring the overflowing love of Jesus to all people”.

MY ANNUAL LEAVE

Priests are allowed (and encouraged) to take a month of annual leave each year. While I was unable to do so last year, I have now organized 4 weekends of supply priests, with thanks to Fr Paul Gurr and Fr Peter Gardiner (brother of Sister Kerry Gardiner) and will be on leave from 26th June until 23rd July. I will give more details next weekend of plans for pastoral care of the parish once my leave begins the following week.

While I am on leave, we will take a break from the live streamed 5pm St Therese Sunday Mass (beginning from Sunday 27th June). At the same time the Live Stream Tech Team will be looking to upgrade our technology to make the live streaming simpler and more sustainable into the future. We will provide a link to the Diocesan “Mass for You at Home” which you may wish to join during the absence of our parish live streamed Masses.

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

ST PIUS X FAITH IN ACTION - PJ DAY IN SUPPORT OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

On Tuesday 8th June it was an amazing site to see our school community spending the day in their warm winter woolies. This annual faith in action initiative is a way in which the school community can show support to the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal, more specifically offering assistance to our local Unanderra chapter. This year we were absolutely BLOWN AWAY by the generosity demonstrated by our wonderful families in taking up the donut and hot chocolate deal – we are pleased to share that from the efforts we will be presenting a WHOPPING \$1108 to St Vincent de Paul Unanderra. A MASSIVE thank you to our very special parent helpers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to orchestrate the delivery of donuts and hot chocolate to all of our eagerly awaiting students. Well done to everyone and a BIG THANK YOU once again!

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway
Sun 20 June	Counting	M Murphy (FT), S Alessi
Sat 19 June	Church Cleaning	W and J Rodgers, J Andersson
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 19 June
Sat 19 June 6pm Mass	M Gillis	No Lawn mowing this week
Sun 20 June 8am Mass	A Kelly	

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:
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ADULT EDUCATION EVENINGS

Come along & enjoy watching a video each **Thursday evening for 10 weeks**, presented by Bishop Robert Barron on aspects of Catholicism, starting at 7pm sharp in the St Joseph's room; the aim will be to finish by 9pm. At the beginning of each evening a light meal will be provided followed by a video to watch & ending with discussion on the video. **Registration is essential.**

This week's topic: Mary, The Mother of God

For further information contact Mark on 0407 604 498 or Josephine on 0425 236 214.

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION (CPE) FOUNDATIONAL UNIT

Are you interested in growing in knowledge, understanding, and developing skills that will enable you to offer effective pastoral and spiritual care? The CPE Foundational Unit will be conducted on two consecutive days per month from **13th July 2021 to 30th March 2022**. Please contact Carmen Karauda at ckarauda@gmail.com or phone: 0419 430 676 for more information and/or application form.

Applications are now open. Please apply early. **Applications close 25th June 2021.**

VOCATION NEWS



The reign of God is being planted now. How is it taking root in you? Trust that you can make a difference by nurturing God's life in you. (Mark 4:26-34). 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 has now re-opened.

Operating hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am – 2pm. Entry via 38 Harbour Street, W'gong.

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 13 JUNE 2021 –

Great to have Mother Hilda breaking open God's mercy in Hosea and a deeply personal faith testimony from Frances Fairs and of course great contemporary worship music too. Listen at jcr.org.au



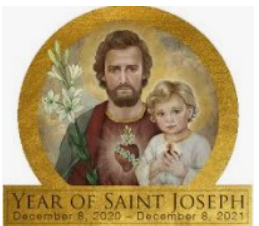
WALKING GROUP



Our next walk will be on Friday 2 July. It will be up to Mt Kembla with the opportunity to have morning tea at the Cordeaux Cafe after the walk. More details closer to the date.

REFLECTIONS FROM SR KERRY PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

Joseph we honour you; in your unconditional love and protection of Mary.....In your courageous trust in God's provident care.....In your silent listening to the whisperings of God in your heart.....in your acceptance of the mysterious action of God in your life. In your nurturing love for Mary and Jesus....in your fatherly instruction of Jesus in the ways of wisdom, love, mercy and forgiveness. Amen.



SAVE OUR GRAVES ONLINE PETITION

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has recently launched a **Save Our Graves online petition** to put pressure on the NSW Government to reverse its decision to exclude faith and charitable groups from the management of cemeteries in NSW that operate on Crown land.

The government's decision is a serious attack on religious freedom and raises significant questions as to the appropriateness of handing over the management of cemeteries to a bureaucracy that has no experience in providing comfort to grieving families or the management of burial grounds. An online petition page has been established at www.saveourgraves.com.au and you are encouraged to sign this petition and circulate it to family and friends in NSW.

BUS TRIP

The Wollongong Lay Carmelite Group is organising a Bus Trip to the Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy at Penrose Park–Sutton Forest on **Saturday 19 June 2021.**

An invitation is extended to parishioners who wish to take part in this free pilgrimage tour which departs at 8.30am from the Unanderra Catholic Church and returns by 4.30pm on the same day. Please contact **Vera on 0415 926 132.**

13 JUNE 2021 — THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

First Reading — Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this:

‘From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain.

I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel.

It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.

Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches.

And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green.

I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.’

Responsorial Psalm — Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. R.
2. The just will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. R.
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. R.

Second Reading — 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. Alleluia!

Gospel — Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: ‘This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.’

He also said, ‘What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.’

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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.