

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) – 20 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 21 June <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga</i>	Mass: 8am	
Tuesday 22 June <i>Sts John Fisher and Thomas More</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 23 June	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 24 June <i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Friday 25 June	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Saturday 26 June	Rosary: 7.10am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 27 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
 Olga Hough

Anniversaries

Tamara Barron, Maree Bishop,
 Milan Zearo, Danny Bransgrove,
 Sr Anne Cerwin (RSJ), Norma Melki,
 Clare Patton

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

unanderra@dow.org.au / 4271 1068

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

PARISH RENEWAL

It's "response time" for the Parish Renewal process, now that the gift discernment materials and ministry directory have been made available on the Resource Table in the church. Please respond as soon as you can with either expressions of interest in ministries or your own ideas and feedback about renewing our parish, using the "Gifts of the Spirit Response" cards on the Resource Table and placing them in the box. The Parish Pastoral Council will continue to guide the process, collate responses and progress towards next steps while I am away.

ANNUAL LEAVE

My annual leave begins next Saturday 26th June, and I will return on Saturday 24th July. I thank Fr Paul Gurr and Fr Peter Gardiner for making this possible by celebrating the 4 Sunday Masses during this time across both parishes, and Fr Jerzy who will celebrate weekday Masses across both parishes. I also thank Sister Kerry who is already a pastoral leader in the parish for her willingness and availability to be the main contact for all pastoral needs. You can contact Sister Kerry directly outside of parish office hours on **0421 463 871** or Kerry.Gardiner@sosj.org.au

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL – DECISION REGARDING 7 GRACE ST UNANDERRA

Until recently this property had been rented to an elderly parishioner. This parishioner has moved, and I convened the Parish Finance Council to discern the best course of action moving forward, and after carefully assessing the possibilities, it was unanimously agreed to sell the property as soon as possible. The main reasons for this decision are as follows:
The annual Parish audit report observed challenges regarding the ongoing sustainability of the parish finances on several occasions, based on the relatively low cash reserves, and has recommended consideration of the sale of the property. This is even more pertinent given financial uncertainty relating to Covid

MMJ (the property managers) have estimated that \$100,000 is required to make the property fit for rental

The Parish finances have other significant demands, especially in relation to significant maintenance costs for the church, as well as of the presbytery and 3 Grace St (Sister Kerry's residence) – repairs which are not currently funded through recurring cash-flow

The property made a net loss of \$7,080 in 2020 and is forecast to make a loss of \$14,708 in 2021 (expenses including maintenance, management fees, insurance, rates, and loan repayments)

The PFC recommend selling 'as is' to limit the Parish's exposure to funding repair works that may not be realized in terms of an increase in the sale price.

If anyone has any questions, comments or feedback, please contact Henry Fernandez, secretary of the Parish Finance Council on henryffernandez@outlook.com I thank the Parish Finance Council for their dedication and commitment in ensuring faithful stewardship of the Parish resources.

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway
Sun 27 June	Counting	A Kelly, B Farraway
Sat 26 June	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, R Tassone
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 26 June
Sat 26 June 6pm Mass	L Milan	No Lawn mowing this week
Sun 27 June 8am Mass	S Walsh	

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:
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NEXT ADULT EDUCATION EVENING –24 JUNE 2021

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: Peter, Paul and the Missionary Adventure

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.

VOCATION NEWS



"Why are you terrified? Why are you lacking in faith?" If God is calling you, don't let fear stop you. (Mark 4:35-41) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

ST MARY'S SENIOR ENROLMENTS

Thinking about a change of high school for Years 11 & 12? St Mary's is now enrolling for Senior College in 2022. Come to the **Subject Selection Information Evening on 20 July 2021** from 6pm in the SGN Hall, 15 Harbour St, Wollongong and talk to staff and students about the many courses we offer. You could also apply for a St Mary's Senior Academic Scholarship. Application forms available online at www.stmarys.nsw.edu.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 20 JUNE 2021 –

This week: Fr Chima Ofor says this gospel story of Jesus calming the turmoil of the sea & wind reminds us that through faith in Jesus, we can let him calm our storms & turbulence and create deep within us a sense of calm & order. Francine Pirola ponders are we acting like nomads when it comes to friendships & marriage? 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.

SILVER CIRCLE

Results for 14 June 2021

1st Prize: L Battley

2nd Prize: J Browne

SENIOR'S LUNCH

Save the date—**Wednesday 21 July**. This will be a shared activity with St Therese, West Wollongong linked to the CatholicCare Parish and Community Liaison Programme. More information to come.

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.

2021 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

If you are celebrating 25, 40, 50 or 60 years of marriage this year and would like an invitation to the Mass to be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord at St John Vianney Co-Cathedral, Fairy Meadow on Sunday, **8 August 2021 at 2pm**, please contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or email helen.bennett@dow.org.au at the Office of the Bishop by Friday 2 July and an invitation will be sent to you.

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

First Reading — Job 38:1, 8-11

From the heart of the tempest the Lord gave Job his answer. He said:

Who pent up the sea behind closed doors when it leapt tumultuous out of the womb,
when I wrapped it in a robe of mist and made black clouds its swaddling bands;
when I marked the bounds it was not to cross and made it fast with a bolted gate?
Come thus far, I said, and no farther: here your proud waves shall break.

Responsorial Psalm — Give thanks to the Lord, his love is everlasting.

1. Some sailed to the sea in ships to trade on the mighty waters.
These men have seen the Lord's deeds, the wonders he does in the deep. R.
2. For he spoke; he summoned the gale, tossing the waves of the sea
Up to heaven and back into the deep; their soul melted away in their distress. R.
3. Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress.
He stilled the storm to a whisper: all the waves of the sea were hushed. R.
4. They rejoiced because of the calm and he led to the haven they desired.
Let them thank the Lord for his love, the wonders he does for men. R.

Second Reading — 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

The love of God overwhelms us if we reflect that if one man has died for all, then all men should be dead; and the reason he died for all was that living men should live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised to life for them.

From now onwards, therefore, we do not judge anyone by the standards of the flesh. Even if we did once know Christ in the flesh, that is not how we know him now. And for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and the new one is here.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people. Alleluia!

Gospel — Mark 4:35-41

With the coming of the evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat, and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, "Master, do you not care? We are going down!" And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him!'



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.