

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) – 10 OCT 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.**

### *Message from Fr Duane*

During this past week, we have held two Parish “Zoom” sessions online. First, on the **Feast of St Therese** we gathered to watch a wonderful documentary on St Therese, and I thank all of the St Therese parishioners, St Therese school staff members, and Immaculate Conception parishioners who came along to celebrate this wonderful Saint of ours. Then on the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary** we held our first “Zoom Rosary”, and again a big thank you to all of the parishioners from both parishes who joined. Across both events, I counted altogether about 70 people, which was a wonderful turnout!

Now that we know Zoom works for so many of us, there is an opportunity for us to take this to the next level! It is true that restrictions are easing, but our capacity to gather for parish events other than Masses will remain very limited until December at the earliest. Would you like to connect with parishioners via Zoom during this period? It may be just socially for a “coffee and chat”, or for prayer, or discussion, or some combination thereof. If you’re at all interested please email Melissa at [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) and indicate your interest. We will then get back to you and aim to facilitate interactive Zoom gatherings as soon as we sense enough interest. You may even form bonds with other parishioners that can continue in person into the future.

As for our return to physically attending Mass together: as mentioned last week there are still a number of steps to be discerned. The Diocesan Council of Priests (of which I am a part) will meet on Wednesday 13th October to finalize the Diocesan directives. When those are finalized, the Parish Pastoral Councils will meet across our two parishes (all via Zoom). At this point, I can assure you that we will NOT be opening our churches by next weekend anywhere in Wollongong Diocese (even though the government will allow churches to open for the vaccinated). I should have more information and explanation for you next weekend. I look forward to seeing you all some time soon – and will keep remembering you all at my daily Masses until then!

**Fr Duane Fernandez—Parish Priest**

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Vita Barbagallo, Margaret Harris  
Noel Smith, Evelyn Ryan

#### Anniversaries

Manuel Mamanglu, Pilar Villanueva  
Jan Powell, Kevin Kearney



### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Monday: 8:30am-3:30pm

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 8:30am-3:30pm

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 8:30am-3pm

# Message from Sr Kerry

Dear Parishioners and Friends of Immaculate Conception Parish Unanderra,

It was the 25th June 1995. I was sitting in the family home having a cuppa with my mum and dad. The conversation was very pleasant.

I grew up in a family that didn't have a great deal in monetary pleasures, but I certainly had all that any child would or could want when it came to love, family, faith and security.

As we sipped on our morning cuppa my dad was speaking about the cake he had offered to make and decorate for the Seniors Club that were to celebrate their 25th anniversary. My mum had made a comment about the cost. Dad then said, 'We are the wealthiest people in Oatley.' It was a very poignant comment.

Less than twenty-four hours later my dad had dropped dead. His words will never leave me. We, as a family, were certainly the wealthiest of families.



Wealth is often measured by the numbers written on one's bank statement. Wealth is much more than possessions. True wealth is certainly much more than dollars. In the Gospel today we hear that Jesus said, 'How hard it is for anyone who has wealth to enter the kingdom of Heaven.' It isn't the wealth that causes the difficulty, it is how we choose to use the wealth given to us?

**What is your wealth? How do you use it?**

**The cake made by my dad for my Profession Day**

Always with my blessings and prayers,

**Sr Kerry Gardiner**

## LIVE STREAMED MASSES



Sunday 5pm Mass at West Wollongong with Fr Duane continues to be live-streamed every week:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ICASTImmaculateConceptionStThereseParishes>



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## ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

	Church Washing	
Sun	Counting	
Sat	Church Cleaning	
	Lectors	Lawns — 16 October
Sat 6pm Mass		B Mannix, W Brown, F Caruana,
Sun 8am Mass		R Murphy, J Leonard

## ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:  
please contact



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## PRAYER SEMINARS EXPERIENCE VARIOUS PRAYER STYLES —ALL WELCOME

There has been an overwhelming response to the Prayer Seminar series that runs each Tuesday evening, 7pm - 8:30pm via Zoom. Prayer Seminars are hosted by the CCD Team but are open to anyone and everyone in the Diocese to attend. Each week a different presenter will lead us in a style of prayer that is meaningful to them. The seminars will include information, but also the opportunity to be led by an expert in the prayer experience. Each week, the importance of praying for the Plenary Council and its members will be remembered, amongst many important prayer intentions for the Church and the world. You are welcome to come to any or all of the seminars. Registering does not require you to attend every seminar. Please follow the link to register for Prayer Seminars: <https://www.dow.org.au/events>  
**Tuesday 12th October, Sr Sue Barker SGS will lead us in Lectio Divina.**

## VOCATION NEWS



The rich young man desires to live a virtuous life. It requires letting go of what gets in the way of following Jesus wholeheartedly. Are you able to say "yes?" (Mark 10:17-30)

If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

Your PPC continue to meet once a month, via Zoom, to make plans for Immaculate Conception Church. The members of the Pastoral Council are: Fr Duane Fernandez, Sr Kerry Gardiner, Pauline Chrostowski, Barbara Faraway, Helen Murphy, Maria Matos, Alan Davis, Fiona Fernandez, Gloria Simmonite, Mark Walsh, Michelle Rodwell and Sarah Marsala.

During our last meeting we discussed:

- Discernment regarding PPC guidelines and new membership.
- Parish website improvements
- PPC suggestion box in church
- Pentecost gathering ministry renewal – which we will hold over until the New Year.

Should you have any feedback or questions for the PPC, please email [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) with "To PPC" in the subject.

## ONLINE ALPHA

Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong is holding an online youth alpha series for all young people **aged 13 to 18 years old.**

Youth Alpha is a video series that tackles questions on faith, life, and God. The weekly online youth group will run from **7pm to 8pm each Friday** starting soon. For more information and to register your interest, please visit <https://forms.gle/oXmRjx6QkNeydihs8>

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME — AIRS SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER 2021 —

On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista says just like the young man in the gospel, we too ask Jesus "what must I do?" Are we prepared to accept Jesus' answer and then carry through with it? Plus, Mother Hilda reminds us that compassion endures; material things just rust away. Fr Mike Delaney's says we need to remember the many "God moments" in our life's journey and Trish McCarthy has tips on creating faith virtuosity. Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)



## MELBOURNE CUP IS NOT FAR AWAY! JOIN IN THE PARISH SWEEP!

If you would like your household to be in a sweep for the Melbourne Cup you are welcome to join in the fun for free. All you need to do is email Sr Kerry on [kerry.gardiner@sosj.org.au](mailto:kerry.gardiner@sosj.org.au) indicating whether you belong to the West Wollongong or Unanderra Parish.

A sweep for each parish will be drawn up. You will be informed of your horse prior to the day. Prizes will be given for the first three horses and the last horse past the post. One thing is certain....you will not require a security guard should you be a lucky winner.

Entries are **now open and close 3pm Friday 29th October.**



## SERVICE NSW—CHECK IN CARD

There is now a quicker and easier way, with Service NSW launching personalised check-in cards to replace scanning in with QR codes for those without smartphones.

The cards contain a unique QR code that holds a person's registered contact details. When they attend a venue, a staff member can scan the card to register their attendance and details, rather than having them fill out a form. The cards are available from [Service NSW online](https://www.service.nsw.gov.au), or by calling 13 77 88.

## REFLECTIONS FROM SR KERRY YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

As we are all well aware Joseph was the foster father of Jesus. Joseph accepted Jesus as his own, despite the questions and puzzlement Mary's pregnancy presented him with. Joseph gives us the example of how we, male and female, should live our own lives.



# 10 OCTOBER 2021 — TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

## First Reading — Wisdom 7:7-11 *In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing*

I prayed, and understanding was given me;  
I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.  
I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;  
compared with her, I held riches as nothing.  
I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer,  
for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,  
and beside her silver ranks as mud.  
I loved her more than health or beauty,  
preferred her to the light,  
since her radiance never sleeps.  
In her company all good things came to me,  
at her hands riches not to be numbered.

## Responsorial Psalm — Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

1. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. R.
2. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. R.
3. Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. R.

## Second Reading — Hebrews 4: 12-13 *The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!

## Gospel — Mark 10:17-30 *Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.*

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'