

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) – 31 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.**

Weekly Programme	Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA	St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG
Mon 1 November <i>All Saints</i>	Mass: 7am Mass: 11am ( <i>Polish</i> )	Mass: 7pm
Tues 2 November <i>All Souls Day</i>	Mass: 11am ( <i>Polish</i> ) Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wed 3 November	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thurs 4 November <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 5 November	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 6 November	Rosary: 7.10am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sun 7 November	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am ( <i>Polish</i> )	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm Mass: 7pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Maria Skofic

#### Anniversaries

Madeline Heffernan, Patricia Geyling  
 Josie Newman, Don Mascord  
 Leo Haywood, Vincent Stubbs  
 Teresa Leggott

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

### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

[unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) / 4271 1068

Monday: 8:30am-3:30pm

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 8:30am-3:30pm

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 8:30am-3pm

## *Message from Fr Duane*

It has been such a joy to have people back in the pews at Church, and to reconnect with so many of you this past week. As I mentioned at the end of the weekend Masses, it was a wonderful change to have people responding, rather than responding to myself as I had been in my private Masses! I hope to never take for granted the privilege of being able to worship together as a community. At the same time I know many are still waiting and watching the case numbers and for vaccination rates to increase and I look forward to seeing you when you are ready.

A special thank you to those who signed up to come to the special 7pm Sunday Mass to ease pressure on numbers at the standard Masses. We were comfortably within capacity at all Masses, but numbers will be likely to increase in coming weeks, so if anyone is open to attending the 7pm Mass (knowing you will be guaranteed a seat at that one!) please contact [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) to let us know (just to help with planning). For all other Masses, try to come about 10 minutes early to assist our wonderful monitors. The registration processes were quite smooth, and should be even smoother after a few improvements the monitors suggested after the weekend.

This **Monday 1st November will be All Saints Day**. In addition to the regular 7am Mass at Immaculate Conception Unanderra, there will be a special 7pm Mass at St Therese West Wollongong.

This Tuesday 2nd November will be All Souls Day. We will have the usual 7:45am Mass at St Therese West Wollongong, and 5:30pm Mass at Immaculate Conception Unanderra.

The whole month of November is dedicated to remembering and praying for the dead, and if you would like to enter the names of your deceased loved ones into our Parish Books of Remembrance prayed for during our November Masses, please email [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) with "November Masses" in the subject. ***Eternal rest grant to them O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.***

**Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest**

## *Message from Sr Kerry*

This coming Tuesday the Church celebrates All Souls Day. A few years back a sister in my community gave me the following prayer which I have savoured ever since. Perhaps you may like to pray the litany.

After each intercession the response is ***We entrust them to your abiding care.***

Those taken from us all too soon.....	All who died while incarcerated....
People afflicted with a terminal disease....	Children stillborn or miscarried.....
First responders who died trying to save lives.....	Those who suffered from addictions.....
Loved ones who slipped away without warning....	Fearful ones who did not die peacefully.....
Victims of war, violence and abuse of any form.....	Persons surprised by death during surgery.....
Elderly men and women and those in nursing homes.....	People who left without extending forgiveness.....
Men and women who died while at work.....	Traffic accident fatalities and homicide victims.....
Parents who left behind young children....	Those filled with excruciating, unbearable pain.....
Persons who lived unknown and lonely lives.....	Each person dear to our hearts whom we miss today.
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine on them Amen.	

**Thank you** to the many people who volunteered during Covid lockdown to take on the ministry of contacting parishioners. This was a big commitment on your part; a commitment that has been very much appreciated. Thank you for giving so generously of your time, care and concern. With my personal thanks and blessings.

**Sr Kerry Gardiner**

### ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

	<b>Church Washing</b>	Fiona Fernandez
Sun 7 Nov	<b>Counting</b>	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, M Winner
Sat 6 Nov	<b>Church Cleaning</b>	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson
	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Lawns — Sat 6 Nov</b>
Sat 6 Nov 6pm Mass	D Ferrer	No Lawn mowing this week
Sun 7 Nov June 8am	A Browne	

### ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:  
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## SYNOD OF BISHOPS



Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme: **“For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission”**. The People of God are invited to use

a guided, prayerful reflection method to consider a series of questions and make submissions via an online portal. Those submissions will help the Bishops develop a national report to support the global process leading to an international gathering in 2023. Find out more at: <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

## PLENARY COUNCIL – WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

With the conclusion of the First General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, the members approved a concluding statement sharing the fruits of the first assembly and looking forward to nine months of “prayer, reflection, maturation and development” leading up to the second assembly. Please find attached a media release and a copy of the [concluding statement](#).

## VOCATION NEWS



In the reign of God love is essential. Loving God, self, and neighbour is the basis of all Christian vocations. How do/will you choose to love? (Mark 12:28-34). 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)

## CATHFAMILY

CAtHFAMILY brings you a selection of activities, prayer rituals, crafts and recipes from their website to assist parents and grandparents in being the first educators in faith for their kids. Don't miss CathKids <https://cathfamily.org/activities/>



## PRAYER SEMINARS

Please follow the link to register for Prayer Seminars: <https://www.dow.org.au/events>. Please register before the day of the seminar, to ensure you receive your zoom link on time.

Next **Tuesday, 2 November**, Fr Aloysius Rego will lead us in **Prayer with St Teresa of Avila**. Learn from St Teresa, Doctor of the Church, who remains one of the most influential saints of all time.



## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

– AIRS SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER 2021 –

On the Journey this week: Fr Patrick Vaughan says Jesus wants us to go to a deeper place in love of neighbour. Mother Hilda says there are only 3 things we need to know about God's love, Michelle Vass calls us to become more aware of the creation around us as we pray, Fr Dave Callaghan says we can learn from rose bushes about our love and relationships, and Francine Pirola challenges the assumptions on wedding plans & the time & effort couples put into a unique wedding day celebration. Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)

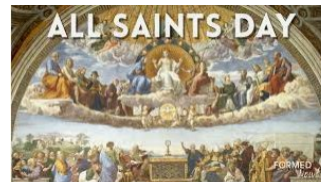


## LITURGY BRISBANE: ONLINE LITURGICAL FORMATION & TRAINING

The team from Liturgy Brisbane have launched an excellent online training platform titled **‘Learn + Discover’**. Learn at your own pace with comprehensive, multi-modal, and engaging training, all from the comfort of your own home. A certificate will be issued on course completion.

The current courses on offer are as follows: **Ministers of the Word (Readers) Course, Lay Ministers of Communion Course, and Combined Course: Ministers of Word & Communion**. To learn more and to purchase access to one of these online courses, please visit: <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/online-courses/>

## ALL SAINTS DAY – 1 NOVEMBER



Monday 1st November will be All Saints Day, and there will be a special **7pm Mass at St Therese** to mark that special feast (in addition to the usual 7am Mass at

Immaculate Conception).

**Tuesday 2nd November, All Souls Day**, will have the usual 7:45am Mass at St Therese and **5:30pm Mass at Immaculate Conception**.

If you would like to provide names of the deceased to be remembered during the month of November, simply email those names to the respective Parish Office ([westwollongong@dow.org.au](mailto:westwollongong@dow.org.au) or [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au)) with the subject **“November Masses”**.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

The Social Justice Statement 2021-22 provides theological foundations to ground and inspire efforts to care for creation while responding to the needs of the disadvantaged and excluded. The Statement reflects on creation in and through the Trinity; the sacramentality of all created things; the wonder and beauty available to the contemplative eye; and the need for conversion and change of life. <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

## 31 OCTOBER 2021 —THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

**First Reading** — Deuteronomy 6:2-6 *Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord with all your heart.*

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

**Responsorial Psalm** — I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise, when I call I am saved from my foes. R.
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me,  
He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed. R.

**Second Reading** — Hebrews 7:23-28 *This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.*

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia Alleluia! All who love me will keep my words and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

**Gospel** — Mark 12: 28-34 *This is the first commandment and the second is similar to it.*

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

### 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](mailto:westwollongong@dow.org.au) or [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) to ask for a Baptism Enquiry Form to be sent to you.