

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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CHRIST THE KING (YEAR B) – 21 NOV 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 22 November <i>St Cecilia</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tues 23 November <i>St Clement I, St Columban</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wed 24 November <i>Sts Andrew Dung-Lac and companions</i>	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thur 25 November <i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 26 November	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 27 November	Rosary: 7.10am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sun 28 November <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<i>Polish</i>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Sr Eileen Brown, Monica Mullen
 Andrew Alvares, Beverley McGoldrick
 Bishop Bill Wright

Anniversaries

Sr Marie Kennedy, Colin McCabe,
 John Richards, Winifred Staunton

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

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 Fr Duane

This weekend is the culmination of the Liturgical Year (next weekend will begin the “new year” for the Church with the season of Advent.) The culmination of the Church’s year is marked by the Feast of “**Christ the King**” – a reminder that we look forward to the coming of the Christ as universal King. At the same time, this Feast reminds us of our own call to bring about this Kingdom of peace, justice and love in our own unique ways.

It is fitting that it is on this Feast Day that we are holding our Catholic Mission Appeal. Catholic Mission operates in over 160 countries to help meet the material and spiritual needs of communities in need. It is a wonderful example of the universal church coming together in solidarity, to assist local churches in the areas of the world most in need. I thank David Harrison for sharing more about the work of Catholic Mission with us this weekend and facilitating the Appeal. By contributing prayerfully and financially to this Appeal we can extend God’s Kingdom of love to those most easily forgotten throughout our world. At the same time it is an opportunity to renew our commitment to being missionaries of Christ’s love in our own local context - in the words of Pope Francis:

“Always, but especially in these times of pandemic, it is important to grow in our daily ability to widen our circle, to reach out to others who, albeit physically close to us, are not immediately part of our “circle of interests”. To be on mission is to be willing to think as Christ does, to believe with him that those around us are also my brothers and sisters. May his compassionate love touch our hearts and make us all true missionary disciples.

We are also fast approaching our Parish Feast Day, the **Feast of the Immaculate Conception on 8th December**. We are planning a **special program of Holy Hours and Masses** to prepare spiritually as individuals and a parish to celebrate this great Feast. The details of this program will be finalized this week and published in next week's bulletin.

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

Message from Sr Kerry

Today as we celebrate Christ the King I struggle to think of the Feast itself. I made my First Communion on this Feast. When Christ the King is mentioned my thoughts immediately go to my First Communion Day.

While I like to remember this day with fond memories, I would like to think my thinking and living as a Christian has grown over the years. Each year on the Feast of St Augustine the prayer following Communion says, ‘Help us to become what we have received.’ I find that powerful and is often my prayer.

This feast marks the end of the Church year. New beginnings start next week. A friend once told me she made a resolution to read the Bible in a year. I am reminded in this of a poignant story. It goes “Rabbi,” the disciple said, “have you really gone through the entire Torah?” The Rabbi answered, “My friend the question is not Have you gone through the Torah? The question is Has the Torah gone through you?”

As we stretch out our hands to receive the Body of Christ may we become what we have received.

Christmas preparation.

It is hoped a small group of people will be able to come together to prepare for our Christmas Masses. To this end a meeting is proposed for **Wednesday, 7th Dec commencing at 7:00 pm**. The gathering will be held at the Convent. In order to comply with Govt directives it is imperative that all wishing to attend must be doubly vaccinated. To assist with numbers would you kindly contact me to indicate your intention to attend. With thanks,

Sr Kerry Gardiner

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez
Sun 28 Nov	Counting	A Kelly, B Farraway
Sat 27 Nov	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 27 Nov
Sat 27 Nov 6pm Mass	M Gillis	B Mannix, W Brown, F Caruana,
Sun 28 Nov June 8am	A Browne	R Murphy, J Lonard

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:
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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

At our November meeting we discussed:

- 2022 activities for a variety of groups within the parish including Family Fun Day, Senior's lunch, Lenten Group, Walking group and Children's liturgy (Feb 2022).
- Review of PPC guidelines and new membership.
- Fr Duane's 10th anniversary of Ordination Mass on Saturday 11 December 2021, celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord.
- Pastoral Council suggestion box - located at the side door of the church. Your input is welcome.
- St Pius school update - increased enrolments for 2022.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE

On the first Sunday of Advent, the Christmas Giving Tree will be up in the church. **Donations of food and toys** for our Christmas hampers is most appreciated. Your generosity will make a difference to many local disadvantaged families.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

VOCATION NEWS



Jesus claims, "**Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice.**" Commit yourself to truth and heed the voice of God. (John 18:33-37)

If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane

Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

PINK CANDLES

Do you have any pink candles (new or used) that you no longer want? We can make new candles from them for the altar. Please contact George (sacristan) on **0435 790 019**



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, 23 November**, Seth Harsh will lead us in the Prayer of the Church. Otherwise known as the **Liturgy of Hours**, it was at the Second Vatican Council this sacred prayer was encouraged to be reclaimed by all people of the Church. The Prayer of the Church reminds us that God is present with us, each hour of every day, such that each day it becomes a 'liturgy of hours'.



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

– AIRS SUNDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2021 –

On the Journey this week: Fr Christopher del Rosario asks in the gospel reflection; What does Christ the King mean for us? Mother Hilda on the saying "to die for" and that sometimes our language betrays us as shallow. Fr Mike Delaney learns to lead like Jesus while bushwalking. Listen at jcr.org.au



BLESSED ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

Blessed is a 92-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (28 November 2021) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January 2022).

Blessed also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters such as Murillo, Strozzi, Jouvenet, Botticelli and Reni with enlightening "Artwork Spotlight" reflections written by the popular Monsignor Graham Schmitzer.



Blessed is available from the seat near the side door of the church and **costs \$3.00**. Please leave your money in the box at the end of the seat.

CAN YOU HELP?

Each week many parishioners volunteer in various ministries to keep our parish running smoothly. We are always seeking more volunteers to assist those already doing a wonderful job.

Would you be able to give some of your time to assist in the following ministries:

- **Church Cleaning— 1 hr Saturday mornings**
- **Lawn mowing of Church grounds –1-2 hrs Saturday**
- **Lector**
- **Church washing**

If you would like to help please email Barbara at bfarraway@bigpond.com stating the area you would like to assist, before 20th November. Thank you.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Joseph knew what it was to flee his homeland and take his family with him. This scenario is repeated in many countries today. Are you able to extend a friendly welcome to the stranger in your neighbourhood?

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

The Bishops invite the whole Catholic community to join them in taking up Pope Francis' invitation to a seven-year journey towards total ecological sustainability, guided by seven Laudato Si' Goals. These Goals are: **response to the cry of the earth; response to the cry of the poor; ecological economics; sustainable lifestyles; ecological spirituality; ecological education; and community engagement and participatory action.**

21 NOVEMBER 2021 — CHRIST THE KING (YEAR B)

First Reading — Daniel 7:13-14 *His sovereignty is eternal.*

I gazed into the visions of the night.
And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven,
one like a son of man.
He came to the one of great age
and was led into his presence.
On him was conferred sovereignty,
glory and kingship,
and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty
which shall never pass away,
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Responsorial Psalm — The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;
the Lord has robed himself with might,
he has girded himself with power. R.
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved;
your throne has stood firm from of old.
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. R.
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted.
Holiness is fitting to your house,
O Lord, until the end of time. R.

Second Reading — Apocalypse 1:5-8 *The ruler of the kings of the earth... made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.*

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Gospel — John 18:33-37 *You say that I am a king.*

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

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.