

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 13 FEB 2022

**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 14 February <i>St Cyril</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tues 15 February	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 16 February	Mass: 9:30am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thur 17 February	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45 am
Fri 18 February	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 19 February	Rosary: 7:10am Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm—5:30pm Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am
Sun 20 February	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am ( <i>Polish</i> )	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Marina Putrina  
 Bernard Trudgett

#### Anniversaries

Bruna Tosti, Michele Abbatantuono  
 Derek Conroy, Michael Comensoli,  
 John Carolan, Vern Mannix, Tomasiello Aldo,  
 Andrew Gilfuyle, Norma McCorvey  
 Helen Warbutton, Fr Hugh Dowdell

### 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*

I'm pleased to announce that next week Darren McDowell will begin an extended parish placement in the parishes of Immaculate Conception and St Therese. Some of you would know Darren from his work with the Diocese, however in recent years Darren has entered into discernment and formation for the Priesthood. Since the West Wollongong presbytery remains the "home" parish for another seminarian, Sinh Le, Darren will be living at the Unanderra presbytery with Fr Jerzy, supervised by me and supported by all parishioners. We look forward to warmly welcoming Darren, encouraging him in his journey, and receiving the gifts he has to offer. Let's pray for him, and all 5 of our seminarians, as well as all people still discerning their vocations.

**Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest**

## *Message from Sr Kerry*

I know what bulldust really is. Do you? It is very dangerous. One needs to avoid it when driving. If not, your driving skills won't save you from the consequences.

The first reading today says, 'he is like a barren bush in the desert.' Having spent some wonderful years in the bush you can often taste the dust, be blinded by the dust, be hit by a huge swarm of locusts, encounter the snakes and be mesmerised by the tumble weed that occupies the road like Sydney traffic in peak hour.

These moments are harsh and while great experiences one would rather avoid the experience.

We are challenged to live our lives to the fullest. To be the person God has called us to be.

Am I like a barren bush in the desert? Am I tumbleweed? Dangerous bulldust?

How can I enrich my community? My neighbourhood? My faith community? My family? Myself?



**Sr Kerry Gardiner**

### ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

February	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway	
Sat 19 Feb	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson	
Sat 19 Feb	Lawns	B Mannix, W Brown, F Caruana, R Murphy, J Lon	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
Sat 19 Feb 6pm Mass	V Cleary	Gloria Simmonite	No children's liturgy
Sun 20 Feb 8am Mass	S Walsh	Fiona Fernandez	No children's liturgy
Counters	A Kelly, B Farraway		

### ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:  
please contact



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## LIVE LOCAL WOLLONGONG

Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong (**CYMW**) is excited to announce that LIVE Local is coming to Wollongong for the first time! Starting on the **4th of March** LIVE Local will run every Friday night in the school term from **7 - 9pm, at St Therese West Wollongong school hall**. This youth group is open to young people aged 13 -17 who want to make new friends and grow in their faith. Come along for snacks, games, formation, prayer and music.

For more information please contact our Deanery Youth Group Coordinator, Luke Vail at [luke.vail@dow.org.au](mailto:luke.vail@dow.org.au)

## STILL: A SILENT RETREAT WITH MGL SISTERS



The MGL Sisters are running a weekend silent retreat from the **18 -20 February at Carmel House** (345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville). Here is your opportunity to stop in the midst of a busy world,

listen to what God is saying to you, and respond.

More information and registrations at [www.trybooking.com/BWMJG](http://www.trybooking.com/BWMJG)

## SMARTLOVING THE MARRIAGE KIT LEADER FORMATION PROGRAM

April – June 2022 Online Gatherings: **Wed @7:30 pm / April 27, May 11, May 25, Jun 8, Jun 22**

The Marriage Kit is an online course for couples to strengthen and enrich their marriage. It includes multimedia input via SmartLoving's online learning platform, individual reflection, and couple activities.

### Enrolment includes:

1. Access to the Marriage Kit online course (Apr 1- June 30). The course is comprised of 5 lessons with each one taking approximately 2 hours to complete.
2. Access to Online Gatherings, community chat, file share, via MS Teams private group.

More Info & enrolment Web: [smartloving.org/mk-leader-formation-sydney](http://smartloving.org/mk-leader-formation-sydney) E: [info@marriagerc.org](mailto:info@marriagerc.org)

## VOCATION NEWS

Christ's resurrection makes our faith fruitful and our lives worthwhile. Be open to Jesus' great gift (1 Cor 12, 16-20).

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)



## LENTEN GROUP

Covid restrictions continue to impact our lives. With Easter approaching I am considering hosting a Lenten group on a **Tuesday morning commencing at 10:15**. Covid safe measures will be followed. The meeting will be either in the St Joseph's room or at my home. If you think you may be interested in joining the group - interest doesn't mean you have made a commitment to be there - would you kindly let me know. Thank you . Sr Kerry

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2022

On the Journey this week: Fr Anthony Crook says that the question is not whether we should be concerned that we might be happy, well fed, materially comfortable, or that we might be well-known and respected, but whether we put these things ahead of knowing, claiming, proclaiming and following Jesus. Mother Hilda reflects on her life as a nun. Fr Mike Delaney on living generously and graciously. Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)



## CURSILLO THREE-DAY WEEKEND

Ladies of the Wollongong Diocese. Life has been so unsettled and erratic for many of us. If you are feeling in need of revitalisation in your Spiritual life, please join us for our next 3-day Cursillo weekend. The weekend will be held at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park and consist of talks, discussion, friendship, daily Mass, and spiritual guidance on request. Our Spiritual Director is Father Chris Roberts. The weekend commences at **6pm on 17 March and concludes at 4pm on 20 March 2022**.

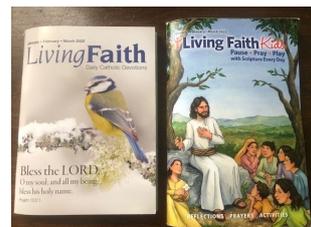
Accommodation and all meals included in the cost. The weekend organisation will be compliant with all COVID safe requirements. Please contact Denise **0438 254 139**

## OLD PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Please bring last years palms to the church and leave in the basket at the side door. These palms are burnt and ashes used on Ash Wednesday.

## LIVING FAITH BOOKS

Living Faith books for children and adults (**Jan, Feb and March**) are now available in the church. **Cost is \$5 each**.



Living Faith provides reflections based on a scripture passage from the daily Mass. Please leave money in the container.

## AMORIS LAETITIA (THE JOY OF LOVE)

Pope Francis' post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation, Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) on love in the family is an Apostolic Exhortation published after the conclusion of a two-year synod process discussing both the beauty and challenges of family life today. The 2015 Synod's theme was *"the vocation and mission of the family in the Church and the modern world."*

Fr Bernard Gordon and James Arblaster will be presenting a **9-week course on Amoris Laetitia commencing Wed 27 April 2022, 7pm** at St Francis Xavier Cathedral in the Monsignor Rigney Meeting Room. To follow the talk, please purchase a copy of Amoris Laetitia from St Pauls Publications or from the parish office.

To register please contact Lumen Christi Parish Office on **4211 0500** or go to: [www.lumenchristi.org.au/AmorisLaetitia](http://www.lumenchristi.org.au/AmorisLaetitia)

## 13 FEBRUARY 2022—THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

**First Reading** — Jeremiah 17:5-8 *A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.*

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,  
who relies on things of flesh,  
whose heart turns from the Lord.  
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:  
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,  
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,  
a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord,  
with the Lord for his hope.

He is like a tree by the waterside  
that thrusts its roots to the stream:  
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,  
its foliage stays green;  
it has no worries in a year of drought,  
and never ceases to bear fruit.’

**Responsorial Psalm** — **Happy are they who hope in the Lord.**

1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked;  
nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners,  
but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night.. R.
2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters,  
that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade;  
and all that he does shall prosper. R.
3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff  
shall be driven away by the wind: for the Lord guards the way of the just  
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. R.

**Second Reading** — 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20 *If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.*

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

**Alleluia Alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!**

**Gospel** — Luke 6:17, 20-26 *Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!*

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’