

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 18 SEPT 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 19 Sept <i>St Januarius, bishop, martyr</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tues 20 Sept <i>Sts Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 21 Sept <i>St Matthew, apostle, evangelist</i>	Mass: 9:30am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 
Thurs 22 Sept	Adoration: 4:30pm-5:15pm  Reconciliation: 4:30pm-5:15pm Rosary: 5:15pm  Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 23 Sept <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 24 Sept	Rosary: 7:10am  Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm	Rosary: 8:40am  Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am
Sun 25 Sept	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<u>Polish</u>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Katie Schembri, Anna McLaughlin
 Maria Perri

Prayers for the sick

Craig Battley

Anniversaries

Paul Blood, Ellen Brown,
 Marie La Brody, Dave Mellor
 Leslie Heffernan, Ron Costello
 Margaret Harris

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 feel like my head is back in the game this week - after a combination of jet lag and food poisoning last weekend! This week I've had the opportunity to catch up with a number of our parish leaders, and I will catch up with more next week. At this point I want to sincerely thank Sister Kerry for her leadership in my absence, and I look forward to working with her again together with the Parish Pastoral Council and so many other wonderful parishioners in continuing to build up our parish. Thanks also to the many wonderful priests who celebrated the Sunday Masses, and to Fr Jerzy for generously celebrating so many extra weekday Masses at St Therese.

CONGRATULATIONS to the 48 young people being Confirmed in our Parish this Wednesday! May the Holy Spirit inspire them to grow closer to God and follow His will all the days of your life, and grant peace to their families. Thank you to the Sacramental Team for their tireless work in preparing the children and families for this celebration.

Fr Duane Fernandez

Message from Sr Kerry

My dad built the house which saw me enjoy my childhood. This house is the only place I have called home.

After my mother's death the house needed to be sold. I dreaded the day I would walk out the front door, close it behind me and no longer call this home. Dread was palpable.

The day of the auction was horrible. Developers far outnumbered the sole individual bidder. The final bid was made and much to my delight the sole individual bidder was the new owner. My heart did not feel so heavy.

They were a lovely young couple and I said, 'I hope you are as happy as we have been here.' I was passing on the baton.

This week many young people will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. This preparation has involved many people who have given so generously of their gifts to share with those following. For many of us as we see these young people, we too are passing on the baton of our faith. What treasures does my baton contain? How am I now sharing my baton with those following? You may ask what can I do? Prayer is the greatest gift. Are you able to pray each day this week for those to whom the baton is being given?



Thank you to those who gathered at Wests for time together over a meal. The gathering may have been small, but the enjoyment and camaraderie was overflowing. I do look forward to our next gathering.

Sr Kerry Gardiner

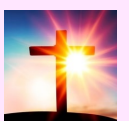
ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

September	Church Washing	Jackie Allen	
Sat 24 Sep	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, R Tassone	
Sat 24 Sep	Lawns	No Lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
Sat 24 Sep 6pm Mass	N O'Donoghue	L Gandy	
Sun 25 Sep 8am Mass	M Matos	F Fernandez	School holidays
Counters	M Murphy (FT), S Alessi		

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



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PARISH NEWS

Parish Gathering- NRL GRAND FINAL 2022

Let's get together and watch the NRL Grand Final on Sunday evening **2nd October from 6:30pm in the St Joseph's meeting room.**

All are invited. BYO drinks and \$10 donation at the door to assist in covering catering for dinner. This will be a fun way to enjoy each others company and watch a great game. For catering purposes please RSVP to Melissa at the parish office at unanderra@dow.org.au or **4271 1068**

The Christian Meditation Group - Monday evenings

Monday from 6pm to 7pm in the St Joseph's room. Parishioners and friends are very welcome to come to learn of and experience this wordless form of non-denominational, contemplative prayer. Enquiries: please text Monica - 0412 056 877.

Used stamps for Peru

Please remember to place all of your used stamps (leaving a 1cm / ½" border) in the box near the side door of the church. All used stamps donated are sent to Sydney to raise money for the work of the Sisters of St Joseph in Peru.

Covid Guidelines

The Catholic Diocese of Wollongong continues to implement the following to ensure the wellbeing for all attending our churches. Communion is to be administered in the hand. Holy water fonts are to remain empty. You will be informed when these guidelines change from the present situation.



Live Local

LIVE Local is a Regional Youth Group run by the CYMW and NET Team which runs every **Friday night during school term from 7 - 9pm**, at St Therese West Wollongong school hall.

Recycling bins

Your donations of 10c recyclable bottles, cans and plastics are most appreciated. Our bins are located in the church car park. All monies raised go to the Parish.



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL - 17/18 SEPT

To support the Dignified Retirement and Health of Clergy, and the Sound and Holistic Formation of our young Seminarians. To find out more, view the special appeal video and to make a secure online donation, please visit www.dow.org.au/giving, or call (02) **4222 2446** to make a donation over the phone.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS, MON, 3 OCT 2022

The Blessing of Animals will take place on the Monday of the long weekend, **3 October at 9:30am**, at the Church of Saint Michael, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul. The blessing takes place in the courtyard next to the church. All animals under 800kg and their carers are welcome, though please keep the larger boia constrictors on a tight leash. The feast of St Francis of Assisi is on Tuesday, 4 October, with Mass at 5:30pm at St Michael Parish, Thirroul – animals are welcome at that Mass.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 18 SEPT 2022

On the Journey this week. Fr Robert Reidling's gospel reflection on our personal slavery. Plus, Mother Hilda with a true story of an intellectually and physically disabled woman's creative artwork, Fr Mike Delaney is starting anew by searching for people wanting spiritual friendship and love, Trish McCarthy calls for us to be at peace with oneself and with the world. Listen at jcr.org.au



A VOCATION VIEW

You cannot serve two masters. Whom do you choose to follow? You have to make a choice. (Luke 16:1-13)

If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au



UOW CATHOLIC SOCIETY 2023 EXECUTIVE ROLES

The UOW Catholic Society is looking for executive members to support the growth of the society in 2023.

The executive team will consist of returning experienced members and we are looking for a secretary, social media manager, treasurer, faith formation officer and event coordinator.

Students, staff & community members can fill the executive positions. The roles will be confirmed in the upcoming AGM.

When: Saturday 24 September 2022 @ 11:00 AM

Where: Online ZOOM meeting

How: Email Nathan at nb055@uowmail.edu.au or text message **0478 904 715** or Facebook (UOW Catholic Society).

SEASON OF CREATION

We are in the Season of Creation and there are some wonderful activities and resources for families delve into at <https://seasonofcreation.org>

Take the time as we move into Spring to pray, to plant, to recycle and enter into the awe and wonder we find in dwelling on and being in God's creation.



SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Work being done by faith communities and organisations to support those who experience domestic and family violence and abuse, and to address the drivers and enablers of violence. It points to further ways in which we can all respond to spiritual violence. – *Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement 2022-23*

VOLUNTEERS WANTED VINNIES DISTRIBUTION CENTRE -NORTH WOLLONGONG

Vinnies is looking for volunteers to work in their **clothing and book sections**. The Distribution Centre is the main supply hub for the many Vinnies Stores in the Illawarra and Macarthur areas. The vacancies in the clothing area are for sorters, whilst the book section requires people with an interest and love of books. The vacancies in the Book section would ideally suit a retired Librarian, however, this is not a pre-requisite. A reasonable level of fitness is required as 80% of the work is performed whilst standing. Whilst the Distribution Centre hours are 8am to 3.30 pm Monday to Friday, **Volunteers can select the day/s and hours that they wish to work**. There is total flexibility in this area. Parking is available. If interested, please contact **Sarah Harris on 0473 100 110**



18 SEPTEMBER - TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

First Reading— Amos 8:4-7

The Lord spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy
and try to suppress the poor people of the country,
you who say, 'When will New Moon be over
so that we can sell our corn,
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?
Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,
by swindling and tampering with the scales,
we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.'
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm - Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! R.
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? R.
3. O From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. R.

Second Reading — 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Let prayers be offered to everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Gospel — Luke 16:1-13

You cannot be slaves of both God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'