

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 25 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 26 Sept <i>Sts Cosmas and Damian, martyrs</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tues 27 Sept <i>St Vincent de Paul, priest</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	No Mass - clergy retreat
Wed 28 Sept <i>St Wenceslaus, martyr, Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, martyrs</i>	Mass: 9:30am	No Mass - clergy retreat
Thurs 29 Sept <i>Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm-5:15pm  Reconciliation: 4:30pm-5:15pm Rosary: 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 	No Mass - clergy retreat
Fri 30 Sept <i>St Jerome, priest, doctor</i>	Mass: 7am	No Mass - clergy retreat
Sat 1 Oct <i>St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor</i>	Rosary: 7:10am  Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm	Rosary: 8:40am  Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am
Sun 2 Oct	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

Helen Duxbury, John Harris,
 Peter James Weldon



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

It was a great blessing to witness 48 young people confirmed in Immaculate Conception Parish, and 52 in St Therese Parish during this past week. A big thank you to the many hands that made these celebrations possible in both parishes, especially the Sacramental Team, supported by the staff of our Catholic schools and our Catechists. I am very proud of the way that every one of these young people entered into the preparation and the celebration of this final Sacrament of Initiation. Let us continue to pray for them, and their parents and sponsors, that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and empower them throughout the rest of their lives.

Congratulations also to the year 12 students who recently completed their schooling. I had the privilege of con-celebrating the Edmund Rice Graduation Mass with Bishop Brian, then celebrating the Holy Spirit College Graduation Mass (while looking forward to celebrating with St Mary's later in the year). Again, I am struck by the goodness of these young people, and the ways God is moving in their lives already. Let us pray for them as they enter HSC preparations and beyond as they begin their adult life, that they will be more and more open to the Spirit of God guiding them and empowering them to bring Christ into our world.

As I looked upon our year 6 and year 12 students, I was filled with a sense of hope and a renewed determination to create as many opportunities as possible for them to connect more deeply with God through our parish communities. Let's pray and work together for this, one step at a time.

Fr Duane Fernandez

Message from Sr Kerry

Peter, my brother, is presently in Cambodia. Last weekend we received a lengthy nine-page email. I had my laughs, other things drew my breath, but there is one hidden short paragraph that has captured my mind for the week. Peter enjoys photography. He attached a photo and wrote. *'I find their faces fascinating. Their faces have real character. They are etched with the years of hard and honest living. Deep wrinkles that tell the story of many a hard day..... And let's not be too romantic.we never know what journeys have marked the highways and roads of our hearts and faces.'*

Ponder I did. If I sit honestly with my God, who is full of tenderness and compassion, warmth and love, can I identify the lines and wrinkles that are my story? I may not share that story with others, but can I be honest with my God who walks the journey with me.

Look at yourself in the mirror. Take time to notice the lines and wrinkles. In silence let them speak. After a few minutes what does God say to you?

Thank you. These words are spoken with a depth of gratitude to all who contributed in any way to make the celebration of Confirmation in our parish the wonderful prayer filled, joyous occasion that it has been. Much preparation has gone into the celebration. An incredibly special thanks to our musicians and choir, along with so many who contributed to the solemnity and celebration.

Sr Kerry Gardiner



ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

October	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway	
Sat 1 Oct	Church Cleaning	J Allen, J Haywood, L Salway, M Hurley	
Sat 1 Oct	Lawns	M & J Winner, M Walsh, S Carrigan	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
Sat 1 Oct 6pm Mass	D Ferrer	Vera Cleary & Cindy	
Sun 2 Oct 8am Mass	D McDowell	A Kelly, S Michielin	School holidays
Counters	A Kelly, B Farraway		

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

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.

Parish Finances - week ending 18 Sept

\$427 First Collection (for Clergy Remuneration Fund)
\$461 Second collection (for Parish expenses)
\$200 Tap Point—Parish donations
\$269 Planned giving envelopes
\$548 Direct debits

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

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 boa 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 25 SEPT 2022

On the Journey this week. Fr Mark De Battista's reflection on a gospel with an interesting twist, the seeming care for others isn't coming out of love but instead out of self-interest. Mother Hilda on what makes a person officially awesome. Plus, Fr Anthony Crook explores why personal spirituality, and a sense of religious belonging is so protective and comforting to us. Listen at jcr.org.au



A VOCATION VIEW

Who do you identify with – the rich man or Lazarus? Choose to notice others and to reach out to those in need. Support those who serve the poor. (Luke 16:19-31)

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

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Faith communities must support and believe those going through domestic and family violence and abuse, to hold perpetrators to account and work towards individual and social transformation. – *Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement 2022-23*

MENALIVE TO THE MAX2022

5pm Friday 7 October – 2pm Sunday 9 October 2022
Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale

menALIVE to the MAX is a National Catholic Gathering of men. The theme this year is-- RENEW/REFRESH/RECONNECT. We desire to grow into the men we were made to be: better husbands, fathers, and men of God.

A group of men from our Diocese will be making the journey together – so contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au for more information about carpooling. For registration <https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2022Syd>



THE BISHOPS COMMISSION FOR EVANGELISATION, LAITY AND MINISTRY

Warmly invites all Catholics to 'Evangelise', a national, **online conference to be held from 20 – 22 October 2022.** The conference will promote understanding and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through encounters with Christ, formation in discipleship, and mission in the world. The conference will feature a range of informative and engaging presentations on topics such as liturgy, marriage and family, discipleship, formation, and prayer. Individual registration (**\$25 each**) and further information can be found at: <http://www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au>.

25 SEPTEMBER - TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

First Reading— Amos 6: 1,4-7

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria,
those famous men of this first of nations
to whom the House of Israel goes as client.
Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like David,
they drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm - Praise the Lord, my soul.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. R.
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. R.
3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. R.

Second Reading — 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed
by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all,
the King of kings and the Lord of lords,
who alone is immortal,
whose home is in inaccessible light,
whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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

Gospel — Luke 19-31 *During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."