

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 2 OCT 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 3 Oct	Mass: 7am	
Tues 4 Oct <i>St Francis of Assisi</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	No Mass today
Wed 5 Oct	Mass: 9:30am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 
Thurs 6 Oct <i>St Bruno, priest</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm-5:15pm  Reconciliation: 4:30pm-5:15pm Rosary: 5:15pm  Mass: 5:30pm	No Mass today
Fri 7 Oct <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	Mass: 7am  Rosary: 7:30am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 8 Oct	Rosary: 7:00am  Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm	Rosary: 8:40am Mass: 9am  Reconciliation: 9:30am
Sun 9 Oct	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<i>Polish</i>)  Rosary: 11:30am	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Katie Schembri, Anna McLaughlin
 Maria Perri, Ileana Corradini

Prayers for the sick

Craig Battley

Anniversaries

Marta Boncompagni, Walter Vd Linden,
 Giuseppe Rostirola, Tracey Marchesi
 Pat Heffernan



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

The Clergy Retreat this past week was a very fruitful time of reflection and prayer for me, and hopefully for all the Clergy of the Diocese. You were all in my prayers often. I hope that the insights shared by our retreat director (a Benedictine Abbot from Western Australia) and the extra time for prayer and reflection will help me to serve you better as Parish Priest. One thing I can assure you: I will not be taking any more leave or retreats for a good while to come!

As we enter October, the “Month of the Holy Rosary”, in our Parish dedicated to Our Lady we will be marking this with a Rosary Novena. See details in main bulletin. Thanks to the parishioners who organized this and will be leading the Rosary prayers. Whatever your own experience of the Rosary in your life so far, this month provides an opportunity to connect or reconnect with this ancient devotion. I encourage you to read or read again the Apostolic Letter of St John Paul II on the Rosary, “*Rosarium Virginis Mariae*”, which reminds us of the relevance of the Rosary for our times.

On a completely different note, thanks to our seminarian Darren McDowell for organizing the watch party for the Grand Final, in St Joseph’s Room - I look forward to hopefully seeing many of you there!

Fr Duane Fernandez

Message from Sr Kerry

The Elite U23 Women’s Road race exhausted me, and I was watching it from the comfort of my armchair.

The Men’s race wasn’t so exhausting as the riders flashed past me in split seconds. I was keeping an eye out for the rider representing the Vatican, but I must have blinked and missed him. That was enough for me to come home and check out if he was captured in my photos. No photo, but I did read what he had said in an interview. Quoting Pope Francis he said, ‘*the beautiful thing about cycling is that when you drop behind because you’ve fallen or because you’ve punctured your tire, your teammates slow down and help you catch up with the main pace. That’s something that should carry over to life in general.*’

Is there someone around me who needs my helping hand this week? Have I the eyes to see and the heart to respond?

Sr Kerry Gardiner



ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

October	Church Washing	Barbara Farroway	
Sat 8 Oct	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
Sat 8 Oct	Lawns	No Lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children’s liturgy
Sat 8 Oct 6pm Mass	V Cleary	B Farroway	
Sun 9 Oct 8am Mass	T Vaafusuaga	Zali & Aiden Calvert	School holidays
Counters	M Murphy (FT), C Stratton, M Winner		

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



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PARISH NEWS

Rosary Novena

With October being the month of the Rosary, join with us in praying a Novena of Rosary's **commencing Friday 7 October**, the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. The mysteries of the day will be prayed at the Immaculate Conception parish church each day, typically **before or after the daily Mass, or at other times, as detailed on page 1**. If you cannot join us in person, please consider praying the Rosary at home with your family at the same time or some other convenient time during the day.

Morning Tea - Sunday 2 October

Will be served after 8am mass on Sunday 2 October. Everyone is welcome for a cuppa and a chat after Mass.

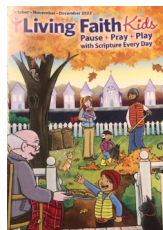
Parish Gathering- NRL GRAND FINAL 2022 -6:30pm, 2 October

All are invited to gather in the St Joseph's meeting room. 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

Living Faith books - Oct, Nov, Dec

The new Living Faith books have arrived. There is also a separate Living Faith Kids book—which includes daily reflections, prayers and activities. **Cost is \$5**. Please leave money in the box provided.



Parish Finances - week ending 25 Sept

\$445	First Collection	- Clergy Remuneration Fund
\$493	Second collection	- Parish expenses
\$200	Tap Point—Parish donations	
\$254	Planned giving envelopes	
\$548	Direct debits (weekly average from August).	

Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

Recycling bins

Your donations of 10c recyclable bottles, cans and plastics are most appreciated. Our bins are located in the church car park.



The Christian Meditation Group - 6pm Monday

Parishioners and friends are very welcome to come to learn of and experience this wordless form of non-denominational, contemplative prayer. Enquiries: text Monica - 0412 056 877

FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS – HOLY SPIRIT COLLEGE

If you are struggling with your mobile phone, downloading apps, or anything else that you may need, CatholicCare are very proud to be partnering with CEO and Holy Spirit College offering free technology training again to seniors within our diocese.

The Cross + Generational training program is a unique opportunity for an 'exchange of gifts' between both students and seniors. There are only four Friday sessions this term with the dates being **21 Oct, 4 and 18 Nov and 2 Dec, 9.30-11am** at Holy Spirit College Bellambi. To secure your place, please call Jane Hollier, at CatholicCare **0417 018 152** or janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au

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. 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 2 OCT 2022

On the Journey this week. Deacon James Arblaster's gospel reflection on service; when we serve our neighbour, we are doing our duty, kneeling shoulder-to-shoulder with God-made-man, Jesus. Mother Hilda on truly getting to know another person, Plus, Fr Mike Delaney says we should have a footy club supporter's passion for spreading the Gospel message. Listen at jcr.org.au



A VOCATION VIEW

The Spirit of God makes us strong, loving and wise. How will you use these gifts to serve the gospel? Consider being a sister, brother, priest or deacon (2 Timothy 1:6-8. 13-14)

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



GROWING GOOD MEN FATHER & TEENAGE SON WEEKEND EXPERIENCE

FRIDAY 6.30PM 21 OCTOBER – SUNDAY 1.30PM 23 OCTOBER 2022 TO BE HELD AT CATARACT ACTIVITY CENTRE, APPIN

GROWING GOOD MEN is an experientially based program which encourages and enables fathers and sons to strengthen their relationship and to explore important issues of growing into manhood. It is designed for fathers and their **adolescent sons aged 12 to 16 years (school years between 7 and 10)**.

Don't miss this! Spots are limited to just 25 fathers with their sons. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon (founder of menALIVE) and his team. Please register and pay online at www.dow.org.au/events Enquiries: Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or helen.bennett@dow.org.au

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse points out that the roots of domestic and family violence "*lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others*" and that "*this stands in contrast to the relationships to which God calls us*".

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

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>.

2 OCTOBER - TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

First Reading— Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4

The just will live by faithfulness

How long, O Lord, am I to cry for help
while you will not listen;
to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear
and you will not save?
Why do you set injustice before me,
why do you look on where there is tyranny?
Outrage and violence, this is all I see,
all is contention, and discord flourishes.
Then the Lord answered and said,
'Write the vision down,
inscribe it on tablets
to be easily read,
since this vision is for its own time only:
eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive;
if it comes slowly, wait,
for come it will, without fail.
See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights,
but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm - If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. R.
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. R.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' R.

Second Reading — 2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

Never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The word of the Lord stands forever: it is word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

Gospel — Luke 17:5-10

If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea," and it would obey you.

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."' "