

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 30 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 31 Oct	Mass: 7am	
Tues 1 Nov <i>All Saints Day</i>	Mass: 11am (Polish) Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 2 Nov <i>All Souls' Day</i>	Mass: 9:30am Mass: 11am (Polish)	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 
Thurs 3 Nov <i>St Martin De Porres</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm-5:15pm  Reconciliation: 4:30pm-5:15pm Rosary: 5pm  Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 4 Nov <i>St Charles Borromeo, bishop</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 5 Nov	Rosary: 7am  Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm	Rosary: 8:30am  Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am
Sun 6 Nov	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Ileana Corradini, Sally McConville,  
 Patricia Simpson, Frank Coughlin, Kevin Court

#### Prayers for the sick

Craig Battley, Francesca Quetcher, Jackie Allen

#### Anniversaries

Madeline Heffernan,  
 Patricia Geyling, Josie Newman  
 Ron Mascord, Leo Haywood,  
 Vincent Stubbs, Teresa Leggott

### 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*

We have a number of celebrations to look forward to in our Parish Community. First up will be the Scalabrinian event, which the Diocese is organizing in conjunction with the Scalabrinian Order to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Order in Australia – and our own Parish of Unanderra is central to their story. All are invited to join that special Mass and celebratory lunch (more details later in the bulletin). Then we look forward to our own **Parish Feast Day on December 8th**, celebrating the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with a special 6pm Mass followed by a BBQ and other festivities. Save the date!

I recently announced some minor changes to the Rosary timetable here at Unanderra. The Saturday morning change from 7:10am to 7am will remain in effect to allow for some quiet time before 7:30am Mass. However after further discussions with the Worship Co-ordination Team, Fr Jerzy and other parishioners, I am happy for Thursday Rosary to continue during Adoration, beginning at 5pm, until our Parish Feast Day, at which point we will introduce a modified weekday timetable. The exact details of that timetable are yet to be determined and will be preceded by broader consultation, so that we can make the best decisions for all.

Throughout November we especially remember our dearly departed loved ones, and all who have died. **For All Saints (1st Nov) and All souls (2nd Nov)** I will celebrate Mass at both West Wollongong and Unanderra, at the usual times.

This weekend the Diocesan easing of Covid restrictions take effect, corresponding to changes in other Dioceses and in broader society. Holy Water returns to the fonts for those who wish to return to this practice, and Communion on the tongue is again permitted, although those who wish to receive Communion on the tongue are to come only to the priest, with all other ministers of Communion continuing to give Communion only in the hand at this time. I am very grateful that through all the ups and downs of the pandemic, this community has remained united, showing great patience, understanding and charity towards one another, with special care for the most vulnerable among us.

**Fr Duane Fernandez**

## *Message from Sr Kerry*

[I preface this reflection with apologies if anyone reading this works for the Bureau of Meteorology!]

While driving I was listening to an interview regarding the desire to change the name of the BOM. The controversy has been going on for a couple weeks.

I did not realise I was addicted to the BOM website. Each morning I check the forecast to see what I will wear! The person being interviewed spoke of the divide in BOM. There were 'levels' of people. Those on the ground were working hard to give predictions. As the day came closer and the predictions changed, they had no power to update what they had predicted. This, if it were to happen, was done by people on another level, and most times it is not done.

Last Monday I heard we were in for thunderstorms. I decided to put the car in the garage even if it meant, due to soggy grounds, I could not get it out again. The rain was pelting and was predicted to continue for 24 hours.

The car was tucked away in safety but then the sun shone, the rain stopped. The predictions were far from correct.

I question what is Jesus asking of me when I believe I know the road ahead? Am I prepared to give up my 'addition' or my stronghold and follow where he leads? Can I break my self-imposed chains?



16th Nov at 11:00 am Fr Duane will be celebrating an Anointing of the Sick Mass. All are welcome to come and receive the Sacrament. If you, or anyone you know would like to come but does not have transport, please contact Sr Kerry. A cuppa will follow the Mass.

**Sr Kerry Gardiner**

### ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

November	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 5 Nov	Church Cleaning	J Allen, J Haywood, L Salway, M Hurley	
Sat 5 Nov	Lawns	No Lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
Sat 5 Nov 6pm Mass	N O'Donoghue	Vera Cleary & Cindy	
Sun 6 Nov 8am Mass	S Walsh	A Kelly, S Michielin	Maria Matos, Anna Gunning
Counters	M Murphy (FT), S Alessi		

### ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:  
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## PARISH NEWS

### November Masses

To have Mass offered for a deceased relative or friend, please email the person's name to the Parish Office at [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) with the subject "November Masses". The names will be included in the book of the deceased.

### Come & Celebrate—70th Anniversary of the arrival of the Scalabrinian Order in Australia

On **Saturday 19th November at 10am** we will celebrate this historic milestone as well as the canonisation of their founder Saint Scalabrini. Everyone is warmly invited to come and celebrate with Bishop Brian Mascord, priests of the Scalabrinian Order including their Provincial Superior Fr Martin Ignacio Gutierrez and Fr Angelo Buffolo along with Fr Duane, our parish priest. The mass will be in English and so all will be able to fully participate.

### Church Ministries

Every year many parishioners give their valuable time to assist in helping in various ways to enable the smooth running of our parish. Thank you to these people who continue to generously give their time.

There is always a need for more volunteers to assist in the various ministries. If you are not already involved in any ministry the question is: Are you able to assist to help our parish?

Volunteers are needed for:

**Church cleaning** – This ministry involves an hour of your time once every 5 weeks and is usually done on a Saturday morning.

**Lawn mowing** – This roster varies as more mowing is required in summer than in winter. Usually once a month in summer and once every couple of months in winter.

**Lectors** to read at Weekend and Weekday masses

**Welcomers** for the weekend masses.

**Children's Liturgy Leaders** 8am Sunday Mass (during school term).

**Washing of altar linen** – on a monthly roster.

If you would like to be involved could you please contact the parish office at: [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) or **4271 1068**.

Your assistance is needed and would be most welcome.

### Advent Program:

Come and join us in preparing for Christ's arrival by participating in this year's Advent program. Four Saturday evenings at **7pm in St Joseph's room, starting 26 Nov, 3, 10 & 17 December**. All welcome. If you're coming, RSVP to Melissa on 4271 1068 or [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au). Call Mark on 0407 604498 for more info.

### STIC Young Adults prayer mini series

St Therese Immaculate Conception Young Adults Group (or **STIC YA**) is hosting a prayer mini series every fortnight on a Thursday evening. In this mini series, we will look at ways of connecting with God through prayer, such as Scripture, Worship Music, Devotion, Meditation and Contemplation. The mini series will end with a trusty Q&A that should be helpful in answering any additional questions. Come along for faith formation, community, and a good time!

**Dates:** 10th Nov, 24th Nov & 8th Dec

**Time:** 7pm - 8:30 pm

**Location:** St Joseph's meeting room.

### Parish Finances - week ending 23 Oct

\$460 First Collection - Clergy Remuneration Fund

\$477 Second collection - Parish expenses

\$270 Tap Point - Parish donations

\$299 Planned giving envelopes

\$538 Direct debits (weekly average from Sept).

Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

### Memorial Mass for Aub Curran—All welcome

Saturday 5th November, 12pm, St Therese Church, followed by refreshments in St Therese School Hall

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 30 OCT 2022

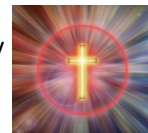
On the Journey this week. Fr Mark De Battista's gospel reflection. Mother Hilda on the pilgrimage track of life making amends for one's own sins, and the sins of others. Testimony from some of the participants on the Men Alive – Growing Good Men weekend, Deacon Josh Clayton on using the Divine Office as a method of prayer, Fr Brian Lucas on Catholic Mission's Soctober event. Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)



## A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus approaches us and wants to come stay with us. Be ready to change your ways, like Zacchaeus, to follow Jesus. (Luke 19:1-10).

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)



## BELOVED RETREAT FOR WOMEN CATHOLIC WOMEN'S NETWORK

Join us for a day retreat and uncover more of your Beloved-ness. A perfect way to prepare your heart to close out the year and soften into the upcoming season of Advent. Engaging speakers, opportunities for prayer, worship, adoration, confession, Mass, and more. Lunch and refreshments included.

**Date:** Saturday 5 November 8:30am - 5:30pm

**Age:** 18+

**Cost:** \$75

**Location:** Benedict XVI Retreat Centre: 347 Grose Wold Rd, Grose Vale NSW 2753

The Diocesan Youth Ministry Coordinator, Meg McAlister, is attending the retreat and can answer questions. Let her know if you are attending [meg.mcalister@dow.org.au](mailto:meg.mcalister@dow.org.au) Facebook event: <https://fb.me/e/4QYED1v4Z>

Tickets: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?>

## SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Cultural factors in the Church and in society often also play an important role in the violence and abuse suffered in families, households, communities, and workplaces. This behaviour is sinful. <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

## OPEN WIDE: SPIRIT-LED DISCIPLESHIP RETREAT

28 – 30 OCTOBER AT CARMEL HOUSE, VARROVILLE

Join the MGL Sisters on retreat as we deepen in God's love, seek restoration, and be empowered to live life open wide to the Holy Spirit! The retreat will include inputs, the sacraments, prayer times and opportunities for spiritual conversation with others. It's for men and women aged 18+ and offers you a great chance to rest and restore before the final two months of the year are upon us! More info and register:

<http://www.trybooking.com/BWMKC>

## FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

CatholicCare are very proud to be partnering with CEO and Holy Spirit College offering free technology training again to seniors. The Cross + Generational training program is a unique opportunity for an 'exchange of gifts' between both students and seniors.

Next sessions this term **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**

## 30 OCTOBER - THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

**First Reading**— Wisdom 11:22-12:2 *You have mercy on all things because you love all that exists.*

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales,  
like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground.  
Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things  
and overlook men's sins so that they can repent.  
Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence,  
for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it.  
And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist,  
how be conserved if not called forth by you?  
You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life,  
you whose imperishable spirit is in all.  
Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend,  
you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned,  
so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm - I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

1. I will give you glory, O God my king, I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. R.
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. R.
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. R.
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. R.

**Second Reading** — 2 Thessalonians 1:11– 2:2 *The name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him.*

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia! God loved the world so much, he gave his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** — Luke 19:1-10 *The Son of Man came to seek and to find that which was lost.*

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance: he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: 'Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.' And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. 'He has gone to stay at a sinner's house' they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, 'Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.' And Jesus said to him, 'Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.'