

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR A) – 28 MAY 2023

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 29 May <i>The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tues 30 May	Mass: 5:30pm Rosary: 6pm Adoration: 6pm – 7pm	No Mass today
Wed 31 May <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	No Mass today	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm – 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thurs 1 June <i>St Justin, martyr</i>	Mass: 5:30pm Rosary: 6pm Adoration: 6pm- 7pm Reconciliation: 6pm- 7pm	No Mass today
Fri 2 June <i>St Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs</i>	No Mass today	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 3 June <i>St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop</i>	Mass: 6pm	Rosary: 8:30am Mass: 9am
Sun 4 June	Mass: 8am	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm Mass

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Genowefa (Genia) Suryak,
Lucia (Lucy) Arnone, Fernando Montes

Prayers for the sick

Francesca Quetcher

Anniversaries

Anthony Potts, Peter Joseph



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

This Sunday marks the culmination of the Easter Season with the beautiful Feast of Pentecost. This celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit marks the “birth of the Church”, when the followers of Christ were first filled with his Spirit and empowered to continue his mission to the ends of the earth. This weekend also marks the conclusion of Laudato Si Week, and the beginning of National Reconciliation Week. Let’s pray that by the power of the Holy Spirit we will move to a deeper reconciliation and unity with our First Nations people and a deeper commitment to working together to care for the earth and for the poor, as Pope Francis has called us to do through Laudato Si. Let us pray for a renewal of our parish, and of the Church in Australia and throughout the world, this Pentecost.

This week Fr Jerzy (Polish Chaplain who celebrates weekday Masses at Unanderra) travels to Poland to visit his family. We wish him all the very best for a restful and refreshing time reconnecting with his family and assure him of our prayers for safe travels and a safe return. In Fr Jerzy’s absence, I have discerned that it would not be prudent for me to celebrate two Masses each day, given my current workload in the parishes and as Diocesan Vocations Director. Instead I will be celebrating the Masses that are generally most well attended in each place – namely, Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Unanderra, and Wednesday evening, Friday morning and Saturday morning at West Wollongong. **Note: this modified weekday timetable will begin this week (29th May) and conclude on Saturday 24th June.** I also list below alternative weekday Masses in our local area. A different timetable will begin from Monday 26th June, as during that time Immaculate Conception Church Unanderra will be closed for painting. I will explain all of that in greater detail in next week’s bulletin.

Alternative Weekday Masses in the local area:

St Francis Xavier’s Cathedral Monday to Friday 7am, and Wednesday and Friday 12:10pm;

St Francis of Assisi Warrawong Tuesday to Friday 9am;

St John’s Dapto Wednesday to Friday 9:30am;

St John Vianney Fairy Meadow Tuesday 9:30am;

St Brigid’s Gwynneville Thursday 9:30am

Fr Duane Fernandez

Message from Sr Kerry

While stationed in a Sydney parish I was very impressed with how Duc, a young Down Syndrome man, served at Mass. The only word I can use for him is ‘angelic.’

Duc and I became friends. One day I said to him, ‘Duc, I want to ask you a favour.’ ‘Yes Sister’ replied Duc. I continued, ‘When I die, I want you to serve at my funeral.’ His response, ‘When Sister?’ That threw me for a minute and then said, ‘Fr Peter will tell you.’ A couple of days went by, and Duc came back with a question; ‘What if they tell me they have enough servers?’ That saddened me greatly. Duc, who was faithful to daily serving at Mass, had obviously been neglected when it came to certain ‘bigger’ events. Duc was delighted to know he would be 2IC.



How often do our thoughtless actions hurt another? This week let’s make a point of once a day noting the goodness, beauty and uniqueness of at least one person. What richness we will discover. Then think about your own goodness. Allow yourself to be surprised.

Sr Kerry Gardiner

ROSTER — THIS WEEKEND

May	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 27 May	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, R Tassone	
Sat 27 May	Lawns	No Lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children’s liturgy
6pm 27 May	M Rodwell		
8am 28 May	C Walsh	A Kelly	Maria Matos, Anna Gunning
Counters	A Kelly, B Farraway		

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

June	Church Washing	Helen Murphy	
Sat 3 June	Church Cleaning	J Haywood, L Salway, M Hurley, T Vaafusuaga	
Sat 3 June	Lawns	No Lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children’s liturgy
6pm 3 Jun	N O’Donoghue	Cindy	
8am 4 Jun	P Gunning	G Simmonite, H Murphy	Kylie & Molly Hertsch, Gemma Farrugia
Counters	M Murphy (FT), S Alessi		

PARISH NEWS

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

The Catholic Women's League will collect donations for the Cancer Council after the masses on the **27th and 28th May**. Everyone who gives a donation will receive tea bags and biscuits to take home to enjoy a cuppa. Every donation will make a difference in the fight against cancer. All donations will be sent directly to the Cancer Council. We thank you for your support.

Our Paschal Candle

In years gone by, Fr Joe Gillis and Leo Haywood would make the candles including our Paschal Candle. To renew this tradition, John de Battista made our Paschal candle for us this year (John also makes our altar candles) and Cecilia Carolan painted it. Our Paschal candle this year was certainly a community effort. A big thank you to you both for sharing your talents with our Unanderra community.



CWL supports Eugowra

Last week representatives from the CWL took food vouchers, knitted blankets, quilts, doonas, beanies, scarves, sheets, towels and bags to the people of Eugowra. These goods will be distributed to the residents of Eugowra by Mary and her Vinnies team who have been doing wonderful work supporting the people in Eugowra since the devastating floods in December 2022. People in the town and on the surrounding farms are still in need of help as they try to rebuild their homes and their farms.



Faith enrichment evenings - Wednesday evenings

All are invited to walk through the Liturgy of the Mass with Bishop Robert Barron. You will be transformed by his insights on this intimate encounter with Jesus. Join us for coffee/cake at 7pm—followed by a half hour video at 7:30pm in the St Joseph's room, Immaculate Conception Parish, Unanderra each Wednesday evening.

Church Ministries

Volunteers are needed for:

Church cleaning – One hour every 5 weeks

Lawn mowing

Lectors – to read at Weekend and Weekday masses

Welcomers for the weekend masses.

Leaders for Children's Liturgy after 8am Sunday mass.

Washing of altar linen on a monthly roster.

If you would like to be involved please contact Barbara on **0419 989608** or email bfarraway@bigpond.com

STIC Young Adults - Trivia Night

All 18-35 year olds are welcome to have dinner and a friendly night of Trivia on Thursday 1st June, 7pm, at St Therese Parish Centre. A great chance to meet other young adults in a relaxed, fun environment. Contact Bridget on 0481 842 530 to confirm your spot and any dietary requirements.

Fr Jerzy's annual leave

Fr Jerzy will travel to Poland for his annual leave this year. There will be no Polish Masses during June and July. Polish Masses will resume on Sunday 6 August 2023.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

– AIRS SUNDAY 28 MAY 2023

On the Journey this week: Bishop Brian Mascord's Pentecost reflection; the tongues of fire are out there in the congregation. Mother Hilda's elephant story. Plus, Pat Keady, Trish McCarthy and Deacon Josh Clayton. Listen at jcr.org.au



A VOCATION VIEW

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." The coming of the Spirit gives us the power and vitality to be a witness to Christ, no matter the cost. (John 20:21)
If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA

RETREAT DAY AT ST COLUMBKILLE'S PARISH CENTRE AND CHURCH, CORRIMAL

SATURDAY 3 JUNE 2023, 3:00PM TO 7:00PM

Fr Patrick Vaughan is hosting a retreat afternoon where people can come together for prayer and fellowship. Everyone is welcome to join.

During this retreat, a video on St Anthony of Padua will be shown. After the video, there will be an afternoon tea before moving on to devotions in the Church.

Participants will have the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Anointing and Reconciliation before attending the Vigil Mass with the Corrimal parish community.

CATHOLIC CARE FOSTERING FUTURES

The Fostering Futures team are urgently looking for a forever home for two siblings, Liam* and Sofia* aged 10 & 8 years. Liam is an outgoing & active boy who loves to joke around and makes friends easily. He enjoys playing with Lego, fishing, being outdoors, riding his bike, watching movies, drawing and colouring in. His sister Sofia is a resilient, confident and kind young girl who loves playing with her friends, riding her bike, gymnastics and writing stories. Liam and Sofia are looking for a forever home with carers who are kind, loving and patient. You can find out more by calling **0418 783 956**, email fosteringfutures@catholiccare.dow.org.au

COMPASS: CATHOLIC FAMILY CAMPING WEEKENDS FOR 2023

• 27-29 OCTOBER 2023 (SAVE THE DATE)

Guntawang Catholic Youth Centre, Sheehys Creek Road, Oakdale (15 minutes from Picton). Stay in your tent, camper or van – with dorm accommodation also an option.

The weekend is designed to unite families of every age.

\$30 per adult or \$70 per family.

Enquiries or to register your interest: **Jude Hennessy 4222 2407** or jude.hennessy@dow.org.au

THE CHOSEN – A TV SERIES ABOUT JESUS

The Chosen is a new 'free to view', series, now in its third season, that beautifully and creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers. The shows are of the highest quality and are receiving acclaim around the world across denominations.

Go to watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen to watch or get the free app for use on your phone / laptop via The Chosen app ([download](#)) or for your Smart TV. Watch it on your own, or better still with family and friends.

28 MAY – PENTECOST SUNDAY (YEAR A)

First Reading - Acts 2:1-11

They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak different languages

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm - Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

1. Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches. R.
2. You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. R.
3. May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord. R.

Second Reading - Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

In the one Spirit we were all baptised, making one body

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence:

*Holy Spirit, Lord of Light, From the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give.
Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure Come, thou light of all that live!
Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow
Thou in toil art comfort sweet Pleasant coolness in the heat Solace in the midst of woe.
Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill:
If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay All his good is turned to ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew On our dryness pour thy dew Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will Melt the frozen, warm the chill Guide the steps that go astray.
Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and thee adore, With thy sevenfold gifts descend:
Give us comfort when we die Give us life with thee on high Give us joys that never end.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel - John 20:19-23

As the Father sent me, so I send you: Receive the Holy Spirit.

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven;
for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'