

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## TRINITY SUNDAY (YEAR A) – 4 JUNE 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 5 June <i>St Boniface</i>	No Mass today	
Tues 6 June <i>St Norbert, bishop St Marcellin Champagnat, religious</i>	No Mass today	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 7 June	No Mass today	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 
Thurs 8 June	No Mass today	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 9 June <i>St Ephrem, deacon, doctor</i>	No Mass today	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 10 June	Mass: 6pm	Rosary: 8:30am Mass: 9am
Sun 11 June	Mass: 8am	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm Mass

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Benaida Bliss, Kevin Burton.

#### Prayers for the sick

Peter Lathourakis, Roger Doyle

#### Anniversaries

Peter Joseph, Katrina Meehan,  
Brielle Falzon, Mary Dredge, Fr Doug Smith MSC  
Brenda Geary, Joseph Bugeja



### 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*

Thank you for your patience and understanding with the modified and reduced Mass timetable across the two parishes of Unanderra and West Wollongong in Fr Jerzy's absence. As much as I wish I could have maintained the timetable in both, it simply would not have been possible given my workload. In coming weeks there will be further changes also which I outline below.

As you might have observed, there is an urgent need for repainting of the interior of the church for both aesthetic and maintenance purposes. I am very grateful to the Parish Finance Council for its wise discernment of the best use of our resources during recent years. With the decision to sell the 7 Grace St property as soon as this option became available, the funds became available to carry out much needed repairs and maintenance in the church, presbytery, and convent. It would have been premature to paint the church while leaks were still occurring from the ceiling. Now that the leaks in the Church roof are repaired, the task of repainting the church can finally be undertaken.

The only way for this project to proceed is for the pews to be moved and scaffolding brought into the church which requires closure of the church for the duration of the painting project – 6-8 weeks beginning on 26th June.

As such, from Monday 26th June, the Immaculate Conception Church will be closed for 6-8 weeks. During that time, no weekday Masses will take place at Unanderra, and the usual weekday Mass timetable will recommence at St Therese. Moreover, during that period of the Unanderra church being closed, the 6pm Saturday Mass and 8am Sunday Mass that usually take place at Unanderra will take place in St Therese Church West Wollongong. If anyone requires help with transport to travel to West Wollongong for those Masses, please inform us at the parish office, and we will organize this for you. The usual Unanderra ministry rosters will be in place for those Masses, and the financial giving at those two Masses will still be directed towards the Unanderra parish. I am once again most grateful for the wisdom and co-operation shown between our Parish Finance Council and Parish Pastoral Council, as well as the St Therese parish leadership teams, during this time.

Note finally one more change to the weekday timetable for this week only: Confirmation liturgies with myself and Bishop Brian (not Masses) will take place Tuesday 5pm and 7pm at St Therese, and Thursday 5pm and 7pm at Immaculate Conception. This means I will not be able to celebrate the Tuesday and Thursday evening Masses at Unanderra. Instead, for this week, I will celebrate the usual Tuesday and Thursday morning Masses at St Therese at 7:45am.

To summarize: **This week:** - No weekday Masses at Unanderra. St Therese Masses Tuesday 7:45am, Wednesday 5:30pm, Thursday 7:45am, Friday 9:30am, Saturday 9am. Weekend Masses as normal in both places.

**13-25 June:** - Modified weekday timetable in both places (Tuesday and Thursday, evening Masses at Unanderra replace morning Masses at West Wollongong). Weekend Masses as normal in both places.

**From 26th June until completion of painting:** - 6pm Saturday and 8am Sunday Masses take place at St Therese West Wollongong; no weekday Masses at Unanderra, Tuesday and Thursday morning Masses return at West Wollongong

**Completion of painting at Unanderra (mid August):** - 6pm Saturday and 8am Sunday Masses return to Unanderra; normal weekday timetable resume in both places

**Fr Duane Fernandez**

## *Message from Sr Kerry*

Last Sunday I went to Mass with an extra spring in my step. I was quietly celebrating the anniversary of my Baptism.

During the homily Fr Duane spoke of St Catherine of Siena. He quoted her by saying, 'Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire.' While I was listening to the homily my mind did wander off; but they were good wanderings.

I sat among you as a community member, grateful to be there, but more than grateful that each of you is a vital part of this community. I need to say 'thank you' on this day. Thank you for enriching the community; thank you for what you bring to the community; thank you for your prayerfulness; thank you for your participation; thank you for quietly challenging me to be the best person I can be. Thank you for so much more.....

Let's never forget the uniqueness and gifts each one of us brings to form this community. We are blessed in each other .....and in our oneness we can set the world on fire.

This week as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation a huge thank you to Barbara Faraway for her preparation of a group of the candidates. This is a big commitment and one that Barbara fulfils so well.

**Sr Kerry Gardiner**



### ROSTER — THIS WEEKEND

June	Church Washing	Helen Murphy	
Sat 3 Jun	Church Cleaning	J Haywood, L Salway, M Hurley, T Vaafusuaga	
Sat 3 Jun	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		

### ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

June	Church Washing	Helen Murphy	
Sat 10 Jun	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
Sat 10 Jun	Lawns	No Lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
6pm 10 Jun	D Ferrier	B Faraway	
8am 11 Jun	S Walsh	Zali & Aidan	Leah Galea, Alison
Counters	A Kelly, B Faraway		

## PARISH NEWS

### Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

A very big thank you to our generous parishioners for your support of the CWL Fundraiser.

\$450.00 was raised for the Cancer Council. A great effort. All monies have been sent to the Cancer Council.



### Catholic Women's League Unanderra - 8 June

Our branch is part of a worldwide network of 6 million women in over 60 countries.

The Objectives of CWL include :-

*\*Promoting the spiritual, cultural, intellectual and social development of women.*

*\*Upholding the dignity of women and promoting their participation in social and public life.*

*\* Promoting the role of women in the mission of the church and providing submissions to State and Federal parliamentary inquiries.*

Unanderra Branch of CWL is involved in many charitable ministries.

We support - Women with Dignity and Mission to Seamen. We also support remote communities including Gilgandra and Eugowra who have suffered from recent devastating floods and drought.

At a parish level we host monthly morning teas, celebrate Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter. We host breakfast on Australia Day and Anzac Day and support 2 local schools with hampers for families in need.

If you would like to know more about CWL we invite you to visit our branch to see what we do and get to know our members. Our next meeting is on **Thursday 8 June at 10am** in St Joseph's Room. Come along for a chat and a cuppa. You will be most welcome.



### Carmelite meeting - 3 June

The next meeting of the Lay Carmelites will be in the St Joseph's room on Saturday 3 June at 10am. All are welcome. Call Ann Baumber on 0427 235 955 for more information.

### Alternative Weekday Masses in the area:

- **St Francis Xavier's Cathedral**  
7am Monday to Friday, and Wednesday and Friday 12:10pm
- **St Francis of Assisi Warrawang**  
9am Tuesday to Friday
- **St John's Dapto**  
Wednesday to Friday 9:30am;
- **St John Vianney Fairy Meadow**  
Tuesday 9:30am;
- **St Brigid's Gwynneville**  
Thursday 9:30am.

### Parish Finances - week ending 28 May 2023

\$608	First Collection	- Clergy Remuneration Fund
\$382	Second collection	- Parish expenses
\$190	Tap Point - Parish donations	
\$496	Planned giving envelopes	
\$490	Direct debits (weekly average from Apr).	

Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

### Recycling bins - \$52 raised during April

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



### Fr Jerzy's annual leave

Fr Jerzy has travelled 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 4 JUNE 2023

On the Journey this week: Fr Daniel McCaughan on ways to contemplate the mystery of the Trinity. Mother Hilda tells how to invite God into your darkness. **Plus, Fr Tony Percy explains the reasons behind the Calvary Hospital Canberra petition**, and Pete Gilmore on St Augustine's comment that "God loves each of us, as if there are only one of us," and more great music! Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)



## A VOCATION VIEW

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." God's love is powerful and all consuming, responding to this Love leads to a lifechanging encounter! (John 3:16)

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)



## PETITION TO SAVE CALVARY HOSPITAL

Bishop Mascord encourages you to sign the petition and write to the Prime Minister in order to Save Calvary Hospital in Canberra, which the ACT Government is seeking to forcibly acquire, ignoring their own legislative processes. This is an issue that while impacting a faith institution on this occasion, sets a terrible precedent for the whole federation, including potentially for schools. Share this request to urgently act with your family and friends, to let the ACT and Federal governments know that we want our Catholic hospitals to stay Catholic. Urgently write to the Prime Minister <https://www.pm.gov.au/contactyour-pm> to seek his intervention to stop this from occurring.

Please sign the petition <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/petition-tosave-calvary-hospital-bruce/>

## ST PADRE PIO RETREAT DAY

- ST COLUMBKILLE'S PARISH CENTRE AND CHURCH  
3PM TO 7PM SATURDAY 9 SEPTEMBER 2023

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

## SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

"God's mercy transforms human hearts; it enables us, through the experience of a faithful love, to become merciful in turn. In an ever new miracle, divine mercy shines forth in our lives, inspiring each of us to love our neighbour and to devote ourselves to what the Church's tradition calls the spiritual and corporal works of mercy. These works remind us that faith finds expression in concrete everyday actions meant to help our neighbours in body and spirit"

(Pope Francis, Lenten Message 2016).

## UOW CATHOLIC SOCIETY WINTER RETREAT

ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA, GERRINGONG

9AM- 4PM SATURDAY 10 JUNE 2023 | COST \$10

Are you aged 18-35 and keen to refresh your faith? UOW Catholic Society invites you to come along for our Winter DayRetreat! It's a day for you to take some time out of the busy schedule, to be still, and refresh your relationship with God. There will be some short talks, opportunities for personal prayer (or study if you need to). Mass, Reconciliation, spiritual conversation, adoration and light lunch provided. **RSVP: 5 June 2023** [UOW Catholic Society Winter Retreat Sign-Up](#)

## 4 JUNE 2023 – TRINITY SUNDAY (YEAR A)

### First Reading - Exodus 34:4-6,8-9 *The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.*

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

### Responsorial Psalm - Glory and praise forever!

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| 1. | You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.      | R. |
| 2. | Blest your glorious holy name.               | R. |
| 3. | You are blest in the temple of your glory.   | R. |
| 4. | You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. | R. |
| 5. | You are blest who gaze into the depths.      | R. |
| 6. | You are blest in the firmament of heaven.    | R. |

### Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
to God who is, who was and who is to come. Alleluia!



### Gospel - John 3:16-18 *God sent his Son to save the world through him.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

'God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost  
but may have eternal life.  
For God sent his Son into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but so that through him the world might be saved.  
No one who believes in him will be condemned;  
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,  
because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son.'