

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY (YEAR A) – 18 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 19 June	No Mass today	
Tues 20 June	Mass: 5:30pm Rosary: 6pm Adoration: 6pm –7pm	No Mass today
Wed 21 June <i>St Aloysius Gonzaga, religious</i>	No Mass today	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thurs 22 June <i>Sts John Fisher, bishop and Thomas More, martyrs</i>	Mass: 5:30pm Rosary: 6pm Adoration: 6pm- 7pm Reconciliation: 6pm- 7pm	No Mass today
Fri 23 June	No Mass today	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 24 June <i>The Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	Mass: 6pm	Rosary: 8:30am Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am
Sun 25 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

Marie Bishop, Milan Zearo,  
 Danny Bransgrove, Sr Anne Derwin RSJ,  
 Norman Miller, Fr Geoff Allen



### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

[unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) / 4271 1068

Monday: 8:30am-3:30pm

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 8:30am-3:30pm

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 8:30am-3pm

## *Message from Fr Duane*

On Friday we celebrated the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, a beautiful opportunity to reflect upon the merciful heart of Jesus. This Solemn Feast day is always followed immediately by the Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, reminding us of the closeness of Mary's heart to the heart of her Divine Son. It is under this title that Mary is patron of the Diocese of Wollongong, and so throughout our Diocese we celebrate this Feast during our Sunday Masses this weekend. This is especially meaningful for us in the Parish and Diocesan Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. Let us pray for our parish and for our Diocese that through the perfect faith and love of Mary, mother of the Church and our mother, we may grow individually and as a Church into an ever deeper faith and love for all.

Next weekend is our final Sunday Mass before the church is closed on Monday 26th June for repainting. From the beginning of July, the Sunday Masses (Saturday 6pm and Sunday 8am) will be taking place at St Therese Church West Wollongong until the church painting is completed – hopefully by early to mid-August. All ministries for these two Sunday Masses will continue to be led by Unanderra ministers, and all parish financial giving for these two Masses will go to Unanderra parish. From Tuesday 27th June, the usual weekday Mass timetable will resume at St Therese, and note also weekday Mass times in the surrounding area.

A big thank you to the many parishioners who have made this project possible, and note in the main section of the bulletin the request for volunteers to help next Sunday 25th June at 2pm, and in other ways subsequent to that. Also don't forget to RSVP to the parish office to book a spot at the Parish Dinner, a chance to build community with each other and with St Therese West Wollongong parishioners, at Figtree Sports on Friday 30th June. Feel free to invite any family and friends along to this social event also, and if you've never been before, please do come along this time – it has always been a friendly and relaxed atmosphere where we have more time to get to know each other, and all are welcome!

**Fr Duane Fernandez**

## *Message from Sr Kerry*

My belief is the harder something is to achieve the more effort we put into achieving it. We know it does not come naturally. Having lived alone in isolated places it was amazing to see the effort the other sisters made to meet up for a celebration. Even to be part of a meeting some travelled a round trip of over 1,200 kms. Being isolated we made the effort and gave these gatherings importance. Those gatherings still bring a smile to the heart. They were precious.

Celebrating the Diocesan Feast Day of the Immaculate Heart of Mary is this something that just sails by or are you excited? Striving to be Bearers of Christ's Love what can I do to shine that love into the lives of others? It may take a little effort, but the effort will bring a smile to your heart.

May we be blessed in the love and example of Mary our Mother. Spread the love and experience the joy that will bring cherished memories.



**Sr Kerry Gardiner**

### ROSTER – THIS WEEKEND

June	Church Washing	Helen Murphy	
Sat 17 Jun	Church Cleaning	J & D McInerney	
Sat 17 Jun	Lawns	<i>No lawn mowing this week.</i>	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
6pm 17 Jun	D Nugent	S Marsala	
8am 18 Jun	M Matos	F Carolan, J Sharwood	Sarah Walsh Sandra Michielin
Counters	M Murphy (FT), S Alessi		

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8am 25 Jun	T Vaafusuaga	A Kelly	Kirra Calvert, Alicia Sanchez-Levine,
Counters	A Kelly, B Farraway		

## PARISH NEWS

### Can you help on Sunday 25 June?

On Sunday 25 June from 2pm to 3pm we will be removing the Stations of the Cross and other items from the walls of the church, in preparation for painting.

If you're able to help for 1 hour, would you let us know by contacting the Parish office on **4271 1068** or  
**E: unanderra@dow.org.au**

### Christian Meditation group

Due to health issues, the Christian Meditation group meeting on Mondays at 6pm at St Therese Parish Centre will be **in recess till Monday 17th July**. Enquiries: Text Monica 0412 056 877.



### Used stamps for Peru

Please remember to place all of your used stamps (leaving a 1cm / ½" border) in the box near the side door of the church.

All used stamps donated are sent to Sydney to raise money for the work of the Sisters of St Joseph in Peru.



### Parish Social - Dinner at Figtree Sports

Please join us for the next Parish social dinner at Figtree Sports Club on Friday 30th June, 6.30pm.

RSVP Melissa at the Parish Office

**E: unanderra@dow.org.au** or call **4271 1068**.

### 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 Warrawong**  
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.

### Lost property

Are you missing a Sunday Missal, reading glasses or an umbrella? Please check our lost property box on your way out of Mass this weekend and collect your belongings.

### Parish Finances - week ending 11 June 2023

\$554 First Collection - Clergy Remuneration Fund  
\$404 Second collection - Parish expenses  
\$190 Tap Point - Parish donations  
\$425 Planned giving envelopes  
\$498 Direct debits (weekly average from May).  
Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

### 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**.

### Parish Pastoral Council meeting

The next meeting of PPC is on Thursday 29 June. Please send any suggestions for discussion to the Parish office.

## 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.

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME - AIRS SUNDAY 18 JUNE 2023

On the Journey this week: Fr Benedict Mackenzie FSF says that we are all called to be Jesus' labourers, to be shepherds to the lost sheep. Mother Hilda tells how to console God's heart, Jude Hennessy interviews Fr Tony Percy about his book: Australia: What Went Right, What Went Wrong. Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)



## A VOCATION VIEW

The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few, so ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest. (Mt 9:37-38)

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)



## THE ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care.

More information and Applications Forms are available on our website: [pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship](http://pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship)

**Closing Date: 4 August 2023**

## SOCIAL JUSTICE POINTS - POPE FRANCIS QUOTES

We have heard what Jesus told his disciples before leaving this world and returning to the Father. He told us what it means to be a Christian: "Even as I have loved you, so you must love one another" (Jn 13:34). This is the legacy that Christ bequeathed to us, the ultimate criterion for discerning whether or not we are truly his disciples. It is the commandment of love. - Pope Francis, Sunday, 15 May 2022

## SYDNEY I STAND WEEKEND - AGAINST THE TIDE

Friday 30 June 5.30pm - Sunday 2 July 1pm

Youth Mission Team Sydney is running their second iSTAND Camp of the year for **all high school students aged 14-18**. The camp involves many fun games, talks and activities and is a great opportunity to make friends and grow in the faith.



**Where:** Mount Carmel House, 365 St Andrews Rd. Varroville

**Cost:** \$150 registration (inclusive of all food and activities)

**Contact:** Antoinette Collins Ph: 0428 771744

Registration: [ymt.com.au/istandevents](http://ymt.com.au/istandevents)

## IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

**PATRONAL FEAST DAY OF THE DIOCESE THIS WEEKEND**

On 17-18 June 2023, the Diocese celebrates the patronal feast of the solemnity of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. As a Diocese, we look to Mary, the Mother of the Church. May we continue to contemplate the Virgin Mary, who pondered in her heart the mystery of Christ. To the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of hope and of consolation, we confidently lift up our prayer: to Mary we entrust the future of the Diocese of Wollongong <https://www.dow.org.au/immaculate-heart-of-mary-patronal-feast-day-of-the-diocese-this-weekend/>

## 18 JUNE 2023 – THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY (YEAR A)

### First Reading - Exodus 19:2-6

*You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.*

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

### Responsorial Psalm - We are his people: the sheep of his flock

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. R.
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. . R.
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. R.

### Second Reading - Romans 5:6-11

*We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.*

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near; repent, and believe the Good News. Alleluia!

### Gospel - Matthew 9:36-10:8

*He summoned his twelve disciples and sent them out.*

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'