

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A) – 25 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 26 June	Church closed for painting	
Tues 27 June <i>St Cyril of Alexandria, bishop, doctor</i>	Church closed for painting	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 28 June <i>St Irenaeus, bishop, martyr</i>	Church closed for painting	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm - 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 
Thurs 29 June <i>Sts Peter and Paul, apostles</i>	Church closed for painting	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 30 June	Church closed for painting	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 1 July	Church closed for painting	Rosary: 8:30am Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am Mass: 6pm 
Sun 2 July	Church closed for painting	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Roy Gersbach, Benaida Bliss, Kevin Burton.

Anniversaries

Norma Melki, Clare Patton,
Fr George Ratizinger, Andre Van der Linden,

Prayers for the sick

Peter Lathourakis,
Roger Doyle



Fr Peter Little SJ, Warren Yates,
Ron Daniels, Fr Doug Rhiensburger

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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

This is our final weekend of Masses before we must close the church for repainting for 6-8 weeks. It is with some sadness that we must leave our usual place of worship for this period. Please be assured that this decision was not taken lightly – for the purposes of maintenance, aesthetics and even health reasons this is a necessary project and the right time to undertake it. We are blessed to have an excellent partnership in place with St Therese Parish West Wollongong, which enables our usual Sunday Masses (6pm Saturday and 8am Sunday) to continue at their usual time just in a different place - with the usual Unanderra ministry rosters, the usual worshipping communities (always open to new people) and with the financial giving continuing towards Unanderra parish at these two Masses.

Thank you to the leaders in both parishes for their wisdom and co-operation in making this happen. Special thanks must be extended to George Attard, Mick Winner and Gloria Simmonite for the many hours they have volunteered behind the scenes liaising with the painters, as well as to the Parish Finance Council, Parish Pastoral Council and Melissa our parish secretary for the time, energy and wisdom contributed towards this vital work.

If anyone has any questions or concerns about the new venue at St Therese Church (especially anyone in ministry) please don't hesitate to contact me. If anyone has any problems with transport to West Wollongong please also let me know, or contact the parish office, and transport can be arranged. We look forward to returning to this beautiful place of worship, with freshly painted and cleaned walls and ceilings to make it even more beautiful – and we are planning a special celebratory event when that time comes, so stay tuned!

Also don't forget to RSVP to the **Parish Social Dinner at Figtree Sports this Friday 30th June** (details in main part of the bulletin) – as soon as possible, and latest by this Wednesday 28th June so we can know how many to book for – a great chance to connect with lovely parishioners from both Unanderra and West Wollongong, and also to invite anyone you think might be interested. I look forward to catching up with many of you there!

Fr Duane Fernandez

Message from Sr Kerry

Peter was to celebrate Mass at Baxter Detention Centre and he asked me if I would like to accompany him. The paperwork involved prior to our arrival was very bureaucratic. That was nothing to what I was to experience. We were to go through seven electronic gates, always accompanied by guards. No two gates could be opened at the same time. In one section our hand was stamped with an infra-red stamp. At one point we needed to have our hand examined by an infra-red light and a security guard.

Peter had also organised that we share time with some of the detainees after Mass. We were locked in a yard surrounded by colour bond fencing. You couldn't see out or in; you could only see up and the sky was all that graced our eyes. That image has haunted me. Locked in and blinded and constrained by colour bond fencing.

Is your heart surrounded by colour bond fencing that keeps others out and only gives you a very limited vision?



Sr Kerry Gardiner

ROSTER – THIS WEEKEND

June	Church Washing	Helen Murphy	
Sat 24 Jun	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson	
Sat 24 Jun	Lawns	No lawn mowing this week.	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
6pm 24 Jun	M Rodwell		
8am 25 Jun	T Vaafusuaga	A Kelly	Kirra Calvert, Alicia Sanchez-Levine
Counters	A Kelly, B Farraway		

ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

July	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway	
Sat 1 July	Church Cleaning	No cleaning due to painting of church	
Sat 1 July	Lawns	No lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
6pm 1 July	N O'Donoghue	C Cleary	
8am 2 July	A Kelly	G Simmonite	School holidays
Counters	A Gunning, M Caudero, C Garrett		

PARISH NEWS

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.

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.



Carmelite meeting - 1 July

The next meeting of the Lay Carmelites will be in the St Joseph's room on Saturday 1 July 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 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 18 June 2023

\$507 First Collection - Clergy Remuneration Fund
\$306 Second collection - Parish expenses
\$200 Tap Point - Parish donations
\$350 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 Thursday 29 June. Please send any suggestions for discussion to the Parish office.

CCD LEVEL 1 CATECHIST COURSE

Will run on the following dates in Wollongong

Venue: Conference Rooms, Xavier Centre

Address: 38 Harbour St, Wollongong

Dates: Friday 4, 11, 18, 25 August and 1 September

Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm

Zoom option: If you are unable to attend in person, you are able to join the Wollongong session on Zoom. To register

follow this [link](#) or contact Cindy Oliver at support@ccdwoollongong.com.

Please note that the first day of the Level 1 course includes the Child Protection and Classroom Management training update that must be revisited by SRE Catechists every three years.

To register for the mandatory Child Protection and Classroom Management update, please follow this [link](#).

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME - AIRS SUNDAY 25 JUNE 2023

On the Journey this week: Fr William Chow says that the point of Jesus' parable is don't worry about the body being killed, it is more serious if our soul were to be killed. Mother Hilda says God wants to recycle the junk baggage in our life.

Listen at jcr.org.au



A VOCATION VIEW

Courage is needed to speak God's word. Let no one intimidate you. God gives you the power to speak the truth. (Matthew 10:26-33). If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

SOCIAL JUSTICE POINTS

Today's globalized world has brought all of us closer together, yet it has not made us any more fraternal. Indeed, we are suffering from a famine of fraternity, which arises from the many situations of injustice, poverty and inequality and also from the lack of a culture of solidarity. "New ideologies, characterized by widespread individualism, egocentrism and materialistic consumerism, weaken social bonds, fuelling that 'throwaway' mentality, which leads to contempt for and abandonment of, the weakest and those considered 'useless'. In this way human coexistence increasingly tends to resemble a mere *do ut des* which is both pragmatic and selfish". Yet the worst effect of this famine of fraternity is armed conflict and war, that makes enemies of not only individuals but entire peoples, and whose negative consequences reverberate for generations. With the founding of the United Nations, it seemed that the world had learned, after two terrible world wars, to move towards a more stable peace, to become, at last, a family of nations. It seems, though, that we are going backwards in history, with the rise of myopic, extremist, resentful and aggressive nationalisms that have kindled conflicts which are not only anachronistic and outdated, but even more violent. - **ADDRESS OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, Wednesday, 14 June 2023**

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**.

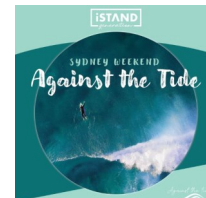
The camp involves many fun games, talks and activities and is a great opportunity to make friends and grow in the faith.

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



AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED TRANSPORT FOR PASTORAL CARE

One of the major works of Aid to the Church in Need is providing transport to priests, sisters, and catechists to reach the faithful, who are often at great distances and must go through difficult terrain. In 2022, ACN provided 1,253 pastoral vehicles. This included **564 cars, 406 bicycles, 252 motorcycles, 16 boats, 11 buses, and 4 trucks** for the pastoral work - particularly in Latin America and Africa. Can you help us supply transport to priests and religious again in 2023? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/transport

25 JUNE 2023 – TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

First Reading - Jeremiah 20:10-13 *He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.*

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me, “Terror from every side!”
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall,
‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him and take our revenge!’
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.

Responsorial Psalm - Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother’s sons.
I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. R.
2. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. R.
3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures R.

Second Reading - Romans 5:12-15 *God’s gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 10:26-33 *Do not fear those who can kill the body.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’