

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B) – 3 MARCH 2024

**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 4 Mar	Mass: 7am	
Tues 5 Mar	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:45pm Rosary: 6pm Adoration: 6pm - 7pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 6 Mar	Mass: 7am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm - 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thurs 7 Mar <i>Sts Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs</i>	Polish Mass: 11am Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:45pm Adoration: 6pm - 7pm	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 8 Mar <i>St John of God, religious</i>	Mass: 7am <b>Stations of the Cross: 7pm</b>	Mass: 9:30am <b>Stations of the Cross: 5:30pm</b>
Sat 9 Mar <i>St Frances of Rome, religious</i>	Rosary 7am Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm	Rosary: 8:30am Mass: 9am
Sun 10 Mar	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Peter Ruhl

#### Anniversaries

Maxwell Brame

#### Prayers for the sick

Peter Lathourakis, Peter Stoyles, Antoinette Sakr  
 Kerrie Maidment, Roger Baxendale, Josephine Moran



### 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*

After a wonderful celebration of our parish volunteers, the Parish Pastoral Council is now inviting anyone who is interested in becoming more involved in parish life to a **“Come and See Cup of Tea” on the weekend of April 6-7** (directly after both Masses). This will be an opportunity to simply find out more information, ask any questions, and get to know some of the volunteers already serving and leading ministries in our parish, to help you to discern if, and how you might like to get more involved. Save the date!

All are welcome to a **“teaching Mass”** this Sunday, which will not be an actual Mass but a “dry-run” through the Mass with explanations throughout. This will include a deeper look at the origins of the Mass, explanations of the main ritual words and actions throughout the Mass and their meaning, and the opportunity for Q and A throughout. It is open to all and will take place **at St Therese Church (assisted by the PowerPoint resource there) this Sunday 3rd March at 6:15pm** after the parishioners have departed from the regular (actual) Mass at 5pm, and concluding by 7:30pm at the latest. Feel free to invite anyone who you think might be interested.

**Fr Duane Fernandez**

## *Message from Sr Kerry*

My niece is an educator. Her two girls are exposed to some good things. On the iPad they did watch a programme for young children. I found it interesting and educational. A bonus to this programme was that it incorporated sign language.

When we went to the park the girls had a wonderful time. The park was very child friendly and was well utilised. The younger girl was on what I would call a flying fox, but suitable for her age. A video captured her enjoying the event. What surprised me was, while this little one does not speak clearly, she is seen at the end of the ride to be signing, ‘More.’

What might your actions be saying?



**Sr Kerry Gardiner**

### **HOLY WEEK at IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 2024**

#### **Holy Thursday 28 March**

**11am Polish Mass (Fr Jerzy)**

**7pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Fr. David O’Brien)**

#### **Good Friday 29 March**

**10am Stations of the Cross (Acolyte)**

**11am Polish Mass (Fr Jerzy)**

**3pm Commemoration of the Passion (Fr. Duane)**

#### **Easter Saturday 30 March**

**10:30am Blessing of the food (Polish)**

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**7pm Easter Vigil (Fr. Peter Gardiner)**

#### **Easter Sunday 31 March**

**8am Mass (Fr. Duane)**

**10am Polish Mass (Fr Jerzy)**

### **HOLY WEEK at ST THERESE 2024**

#### **Holy Thursday 28 March**

**7pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper (Fr. Duane)**

#### **Good Friday 29 March**

**10am Stations of the Cross (Acolyte)**

**3pm Commemoration of the Passion (Fr. David O’Brien)**

#### **Easter Saturday 30 March**

**7pm Easter Vigil (Fr. Duane)**

#### **Easter Sunday 31 March**

**8am Mass (Fr. David O’Brien)**

**10am Mass (Fr. Duane)**

*There will be no 5pm Mass on Easter Sunday*

### **ROSTER — THIS WEEKEND**

March	Church Washing	Helen Murphy	
Sat 2 Mar	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, R Tassone	
Sat 2 Mar	Lawns	H Fernandez, Milan Family, Broeckmann	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children’s liturgy
6pm 2 Mar	D Ferrer	C Cleary	
8am 3 Mar	C Lyon	G Simmonite	Sandra Michielin, Ella Alessi, Lisa Michelin
Counters	A Kelly, B Farraway		

### **ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND**

March	Church Washing	Helen Murphy	
Sat 9 Mar	Church Cleaning	J Haywood, L Salway, M Hurley, T Vaafusuaga	
Sat 9 Mar	Lawns	<i>No lawn mowing this week</i>	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children’s liturgy
6pm 9 Mar	D Nugent	B Farraway	
8am 10 Mar	C Walsh	J Sharwood	Kylie & Molly Hertsch, Gemma Farrugia
Counters	A Gunning, M Caudero, C Garrett		

## PARISH NEWS

### Church Cleaning - Can you help?

1 or 2 people are needed to assist with the cleaning of the Church on **Saturday 9th March at 8am**.

Cleaning involves vacuuming and will take approx 1-1.5 hours. If you are able to help please contact **Barbara 0419 989608**.

### Rosters for Easter

As Easter is fast approaching, it is time to compile a list of rosters for the ceremonies.

Are you able to assist in any of the following ministries *Readers, Welcomers, Volunteers for Washing of the Feet* Special ceremonies include Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday Stations, Good Friday Passion, Easter Saturday Vigil and Easter Sunday.

If you would like to be a part of these ceremonies please add your name to the roster sheet in the middle of the church. If you have any questions please contact **Barbara 0419 9896087**.

### Parish Pastoral Council meeting

The PPC met this week and discussed:

- Come and See cup of tea for anyone who would like to get involved in Parish life - *6 and 7 April (after Mass)*.
- Preparing ways of unpacking the Bishop's Vision for Parishes.
- Parish calendar - view [here](#).

If you would like to contact the PPC, please call **Chris Lyon on 0403 296 837**.

### Stations of the Cross - Fridays of Lent



On the Fridays of Lent, Stations of the Cross will take place at: 7pm at Immaculate Conception 5:30pm at St Therese West Wollongong

### Christian Meditation:

The Christian Meditation Group invites parishioners, friends and those of all faiths who are seeking to know more re the practice of Christian Meditation to attend 3 weekly introductory sessions

**WHEN:** 3 Mondays...19 and 26 Feb and 4 Mar 6pm - 7.30pm

**WHERE:** St Therese Parish Centre.

**ENQUIRIES:** Please text **Monica 0412 056 877**. All are welcome

### 2024 Sacramental Program - registration evenings

#### Term 1 - Confirmation

Tuesday 12th March 7pm at St Therese Parish Centre

Thursday 14th March 7pm at St Therese Parish Centre

#### Term 2 - Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Tuesday 18th June 7pm at St Therese Parish Centre

Thursday 20th June 7pm at St Therese Parish Centre

### Project Compassion

Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions.

**Please donate to Project Compassion**

[caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)



### Parish Finances - week ending 25 February 2024

\$599	First Collection	- Clergy Remuneration Fund
\$512	Second collection	- Parish expenses
\$200	Tap Point - Parish donations	
\$531	Planned giving envelopes	
\$444	Direct debits (weekly average from Dec).	

Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME - AIRS SUNDAY 3 MARCH 2024



On the Journey this week: Sr Katherine Stone MGL says that sometimes burdensome details can seem to overtake the relationship we have with God. Mother Hilda says not all obstacles in life are bad, some are God saving us from ourselves. Fr Tony Percy says the 10 commandments promote and protect fundamental human values, and from the Pietà Lenten Series, Fr Sean Cullen on concern for people and commitment to the Law. Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)

### A VOCATION VIEW



"We proclaim Christ, Crucified!" (1 Cor 1:23) In the Crucifixion, we find strength. In the Cross is our triumph. Rest in His mercy that you might proclaim Him in all that you say and do. If you want to talk about your vocation,

please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)

### CHARISMATIC HEALING MASS

**When:** Friday 8 March 2024

**Where:** Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart Street, Wollongong

**Time:** 7pm Praise and Worship 7:30pm Holy Mass

A warm invitation is extended to all prayer groups including the Disciples of Jesus Community, Couples for Christ, Cursillo, Alpha graduates and all other prayer groups, to join us in charismatic prayer for our Bishop's Vision for the Wollongong Diocese. There will also be an opportunity for healing prayer after Mass. For more info, contact

**Gabriella De Battista 0414 205 404**

### MARCH 2024 YOUNG ADULT OVER 18 EVENT

Join us on **Saturday, 23 March, arrival from 5pm, at St Mary's Towers Douglas Park** for a soul-enriching Holy Week and Easter experience. Connect with fellow young adults, engage in prayer, and delve into a catechesis on Holy Thursday and Good Friday events.

The night concludes with an outdoor screening of 'The Passion of the Christ' by Mel Gibson. BYO dinner and snacks, along with a picnic blanket or chair. Free event! Register here <https://www.trybooking.com/CPNVW> (Note: Over 18s only)

### LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

#### - 2024 EASTER YOUTH PILGRIMAGE

You're invited to an Easter experience like no other.

**Held from 28-31 March**, LTTN will be held on the grounds of Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville NSW.

It is a transformative experience designed to bring families, especially youth and young adults, to an encounter with the person of Jesus in the context of the Easter Triduum through prayer, worship, drama, music, and personal sharing.

Register at [dow.sh/LTTN24](http://dow.sh/LTTN24)



### CATHOLIC BIBLE STUDY -

THURSDAYS, 7:30-9PM\*

XAVIER CENTRE, CONFERENCE ROOMS  
(BEHIND THE CATHEDRAL IN WOLLONGONG)

Come and explore the Bible with the mind and heart of the Church in an open and friendly environment. All are welcome.

A missionary work of the Disciples of Jesus.

Contact **Tom Kadmon 0413 927 086**

\* Thursdays during school term

## 3 MARCH - THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)

### First Reading - Exodus 20:1-17 *The Law was given through Moses.*

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not make yourself a carved image or any likeness of anything in heaven or on earth beneath or in the waters under the earth; you shall not bow down to them or serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God and I punish the father's fault in the sons, the grandsons, and the great-grandsons of those who hate me; but I show kindness to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Remember the sabbath day and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath for the Lord your God. You shall do no work that day, neither you nor your son nor your daughter nor your servants, men or women, nor your animals nor the stranger who lives with you. For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth and the sea and all that these hold, but on the seventh day he rested; that is why the Lord has blessed the sabbath day and made it sacred.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

### Responsorial Psalm - Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. R.
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. R.
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. R.
4. They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold  
and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb. R.

### Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 *We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.*

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

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

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

### Gospel - John 2:13-25

*Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.