

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B) – 5 MAY 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 6 May	Mass: 7am	
Tues 7 May	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:45pm Rosary: 6pm Adoration: 6pm - 7pm 	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 8 May	Mass: 7am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm - 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 
Thurs 9 May	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:45pm Adoration: 6pm - 7pm 	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 10 May <i>St John de Avila, priest, doctor</i>	Mass: 7am	No 9:30am Mass Bishop Peter Ingham's funeral livestream: 10:30am
Sat 11 May	Rosary 7am Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm 	Rosary: 8:30am Mass: 9am 
Sun 12 May	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Bernard L Gordon (Snr), Pat Nolan, Roger Baxendale, Helen Pham, Theresa McKinnon, Carmela Curcio

Prayers for the sick

Michael Murphy (Figtree), Peter Lathourakis, Peter Stoyles, Antoinette Sakr, Kerrie Maidment, Josephine Moran, Julie Murphy

Anniversaries

Lucy Arnone, Arthur Varley, Jill Bingham, Ronald Bingham.



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

Together with the whole Diocese, we continue to mourn the loss of Bishop Peter Ingham and pray for the repose of his soul. Attached with the emailed bulletin is a copy of a prayer card (hard copies of which are available in the church) and a media release about Bishop Peter's passing which contains a brief summary of his life and ministry (with one hard copy available in the church for people to read). Many of us knew Bishop Peter as a joyful, compassionate shepherd, full of faith, love and encouragement for the people of God. Details of the Vigil and Funeral Mass are in the main section of this bulletin. Note also that given the capacity limitations on site at the Cathedral, all are welcome to come to St Therese Parish West Wollongong on Friday 10th May at 10:30am to participate in the Mass via the live stream which will be shown on the screen, and Holy Communion will be distributed by acolytes / Communion ministers. This is also taking place at hubs around the Diocese, and the live stream link is also available in the main section of the bulletin for viewing at home. Eternal rest grant to him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

VIGIL MASS TIME – If interested, please fill out one more survey

When Daylight Saving ended a number of parishioners expressed a desire to change the Vigil Mass time to 5pm. In an effort to ensure a clear and lasting decision moving forward, 3 options were provided in a survey, results of which were to be collected until the conclusion of this weekend. The 3 options provided were 6pm Mass all year, 5pm Mass all year, or 5pm Mass without Daylight Saving and 6pm with Daylight Saving. I had hoped that one option might come out with a clear majority preference, however, results so far have been quite evenly spread across the three options (with wise reasons also provided for all three). This has led me to a slight change of plan for this weekend. Rather than asking only those who have not yet completed a survey to complete one, I am now asking **ALL** who are interested in this question to complete the survey this weekend, but now via the "preferential voting" system (1 as first preference, 2 as second preference and 3 as third preference) rather than simply ticking your first preference. I know this might seem like a bit of a pain (for myself also!) but this short-term pain will lead to longer term clarity in deciding what is best for our community. We will collate results until Thursday 9th May, and, as planned, I will communicate a final decision next weekend (11-12 May) which will take effect from Sunday 18th May. Thank you for your co-operation and patience with this process.

Fr Duane Fernandez

Message from Sr Kerry

"Marie had unhurried gifts of presence where her daily visits to collect the mail became opportunities for her to stop and listen to people's stories, especially those who did not have their own religious minister living in the town. She called it her 'street ministry'."

And so read the obituary notice we received on the death of one of our sisters who had died at the age of eighty-five. I have read many such notices but in reading this I was taken by the words 'unhurried gift of presence.' What a wonderful attribute and what presence she had for everyone. For all her amazing work it proved the little things are the important things in life.

What would you like people to write about your life? What is your truth?

Sr Kerry Gardiner



ROSTER – THIS WEEKEND

May	Church Washing	Barbara Faraway	
Sat 4 May	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson	
Sat 4 May	Lawns	No lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
6pm 4 May	T Chicharo	C Cleary	
8am 5 May	C Lyon	G Simmonite	Kirra Calvert, Maria Matos
Counters	M Murphy (FT), S Alessi, H Murphy		

ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

May	Church Washing	Barbara Faraway	
Sat 11 May	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, R Tassone	
Sat 11 May	Lawns	Mannix, Brown, Caruana, Lonard, J Sharwood	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
6pm 11 May	D Nugent	B Faraway	
8am 12 May	C Walsh	J Sharwood	Kylie & Molly Hertsch, Gemma Farrugia
Counters	A Kelly, B Faraway		

PARISH NEWS

Morning tea - Sunday 5 May 2024

Morning tea will be served after 8am mass on Sunday 5th May. Everyone is welcome to join us in St Joseph's Room for a cuppa and a chat.



Community Fun Day - 11:30am Sunday 5 May at Edmund Rice



College. Each year we have 150-200 people of all ages and backgrounds come along to this day to enjoy a bbq or picnic, fun, games and fellowship. Come along and bring your friends!

ALPHA – “Come and See” Celebration – Wednesday 29 May

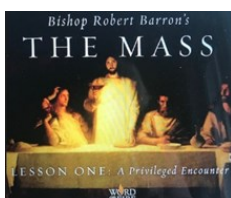
About 200 people have experienced Alpha in our parishes of Unanderra and West Wollongong since the beginning of 2023. Many have found it to be a life changing experience, making new friendships, and deepening their faith, reconnecting with God or connecting with God for the first time.



The best way to experience what it is all about is to come along to the “come and see” night, where you will be able to hear from people who have experienced the most recent Alpha and see snippets of the film series. To register for the one-off come and see evening, either email us at alphawwu@gmail.com or fill out this Google Form: <https://tinyurl.com/alphacomeandsee2024>

Adult Faith Enrichment Evenings

A 6-week video series on ‘The Mass’ presented by Bishop Robert Barron will be held in St Joseph's room, Wednesdays from 7:00pm with a cuppa & cake available; video will start at 7:30pm.



Parish Calendar

View the Parish calendar on the link below <https://tinyurl.com/parishcalendar2024>.

Christian Meditation:



The Christian Meditation Group meets on Monday evenings in the St Therese Parish Centre 6pm - 7:30pm. **ENQUIRIES:** Please text **Monica 0412 056 877**. All are welcome

Parish Finances - week ending 28 April 2024

\$719 First Collection - Clergy Remuneration Fund
 \$445 Second collection - Parish expenses
 Nil Tap Point not working
 \$354 Planned giving envelopes
 \$420 Direct debits (weekly average from March).

Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly

Carmelite meeting - Saturday 4 May 2024

The next meeting of the Lay Carmelites will be 4 May 10am for 10:30am in St Joseph's room. Call Ann on **0427 235 955**.

2024 Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Novena - 13 May to 21 May



No.	Day	Date	Mass Time	Before/After	Start	Rosary mystery
1	Mon	13	7:00am	After	~7:30am	Joyful
2	Tues	14	5:30pm	After	~6:00pm	Sorrowful
3	Wed	15	7:00am	After	~7:30am	Glorious
4	Thur	16	5:30pm	After	~6:00pm	Luminous
5	Fri	17	7:00am	After	~7:30am	Sorrowful
6	Sat	18	7:30am	Before	7:00am	Joyful
7	Sun	19	8:00am	Before	7:30am	Glorious
8	Mon	20	7:00am	After	~7:30am	Joyful
9	Tues	21	5:30pm	After	~6:00pm	Sorrowful

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME - AIRS SUNDAY 5 MAY 2024

On the Journey this week: Fr James Arblaster says the readings this weekend highlight that God doesn't have favourites. Mother Hilda and finding the one word that connects you with God. Fr Tony Percy says one word describes Jesus' love – incredible! Trish McCarthy on the cracks in our life, and Fr Mike Delaney and the wonder of the simple Listen at jcr.org.au



A VOCATION VIEW

“God shows no partiality.” He does not call those who are equipped for the work; He equips those whom He has called. (Acts 10:34)



If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

CATHOLICARE'S AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE WED 5 JUNE 2024

Expert presentations from CatholicCare staff will be joined by presenters from the Seniors Rights Services NSW and the NSW Fire & Rescue Service to discuss topics such as:

- accessing support services,
- keeping your mind and body fit, and
- advocating and supporting older people.

When: Wollongong Wednesday 5 June at 9.30am-1pm.

Where: The Fraternity Club, 11 Bourke St, Fairy Meadow.

Places are limited. To register, call **02 4227 1122** or visit www.catholiccare.dow.org.au/events.

BISHOP PETER INGHAM VIGIL AND FUNERAL DETAILS

The vigil and funeral details for Bishop Peter Ingham have been announced by Bishop Brian Mascord as follows:

A SOLEMN RECEPTION of the body of Bishop Peter will take place at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, 36 Harbour Street, Wollongong on **Thursday 9 May 2024 at 6:30pm** followed by Evening Prayer. **A SOLEMN VIGIL LITURGY** will follow at 7:30pm.

A SOLEMN PONTIFICAL MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL for Bishop Peter will be offered at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong, on **Friday 10 May 2024, commencing at 10:30am**. Interment will take place in the cathedral grounds at the conclusion of Mass.

Relatives, friends, and the people of God are invited to attend the vigil and funeral. Please note, there will be street parking only for the public.

Due to the large number of invited bishops, clergy, relatives, dignitaries, and close friends attending the funeral, there will be very limited seating inside the cathedral. Therefore, a large marquee containing overflow seating with television screens will be erected in the carpark adjacent to the cathedral.

Bishop Peter's casket will process past the marquee at the conclusion of the funeral Mass.

Livestream Provisions:

Noting limited capacity for attendees at the Cathedral, the funeral will be livestreamed at <https://dow.sh/livestream>

All are welcome to gather together at **St Therese Parish, West Wollongong on Friday 10th May at 10:30am**, where the live stream will be shown on the big screen, and Communion will be given by acolytes / Extraordinary ministers of Communion. For any questions about this see Fr Duane after any Mass or contact **Louise Pinson on 0402 742825**.

5 MAY - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

First Reading - Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 *The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also*

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm - The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. R.
2. The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel. R.
3. All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy. R.

Second Reading - 1 John 4:7-10 *God is love.*

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God.
Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.
God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel - John 15:9-17

No one can have a greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love.
I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.
This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you.
A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.
You are my friends, if you do what I command you.
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know his master's business;
I call you friends, because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.
You did not choose me: no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name.
What I command you is to love one another.'