

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (YEAR B) – 26 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
Ordinary Time 8 Mon 27 May <i>St Augustine</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tues 28 May	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Rosary: 6pm Adoration: 6pm - 6:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 29 May <i>St Paul VI, pope</i>	Mass: 7am Anointing of the sick Mass: 11am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm - 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thurs 30 May	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Adoration: 6pm - 6:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 31 May <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 1 June <i>St Justin, martyr</i>	Reconciliation: 11am - 11:30 am Rosary 7am Mass: 7:30am Mass: 5pm	Rosary: 8:30am Mass: 9am
Sun 2 June	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Wladyslaw Nowak, Mieczyslawa Switaj, Kathy Faulks
 Bishop Peter Ingham, Patricia O'Neil, Pamela O'Hearn

Prayers for the sick

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

Anniversaries

Mavis Scott, Anthony De Martin
 Thomas Staniforth, Joe Winner,
 Anthony Potts, Manuela Frankie.



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

This Sunday 26th May marks the **“National Day of Healing”** (also known as “National Sorry Day”), and the beginning of “Reconciliation Week”, when as a nation we remember our commitment to work towards ever deeper healing, reconciliation and unity between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and all Australians. As Catholics we have received clear and consistent messages to unite us in this shared mission from recent Popes (and saints) as well as the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, inspired by the first Catholic Bishop of Australia, John Bede Polding, who stood prophetically against the injustices he saw being done to the Aboriginal people of his time. In the words of St John Paul II in Ecclesia in Oceania, 2001:

“The past cannot be undone, but honest recognition of past injustices can lead to measures and attitudes which will help to rectify the damaging effects for both the indigenous community and the wider society. The Church expresses deep regret and asks forgiveness where her children have been or still are party to these wrongs. Aware of the shameful injustices done to indigenous peoples in Oceania, the Synod Fathers apologized unreservedly for the part played in these by members of the Church, especially where children were forcibly separated from their families. Governments are encouraged to pursue with still greater energy programmes to improve the conditions and the standard of living of indigenous groups in the vital areas of health, education, employment and housing.” (Pope St John Paul II, Ecclesia in Oceania, 2001)

Let us continue individually and collectively to prayerfully work towards ever deeper healing, reconciliation and unity, and celebrate all that is good, true and beautiful in the culture of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander brothers and sisters.

In recent years a number of faithful parishioners have died, both in Unanderra and West Wollongong parish – most recently St Therese parish is mourning the sudden loss of Kathy Faulks, parish secretary. CatholicCare Wollongong will be hosting a session on grief and bereavement, supplemented by self-care strategies, facilitating comprehensive learning through the use of visual aids and expert-led discussions. It will be a one hour workshop beginning at 6:30pm. If you like you can arrive from 6:15pm for a cup of tea, and there will be an opportunity to stay afterwards for questions. All are welcome.

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 12, 2024, 6:30pm-7:30pm workshop

Location: St. Therese Parish Centre

Please use the QR code to register or contact the parish office for assistance in registering.



Fr Duane Fernandez

Message from Sr Kerry

No one would question me if I said I am a sibling to five others; I am an aunty; I am one who has committed myself to living a consecrated life; I am a teacher etc, etc. I am many things but the same person.

Wonder can be a beautiful gift and a delightful experience. As you ponder who God is for you allow yourself to be swallowed up by wonder. Allow yourself to be present to the God who loves you and claims you. Allow God to unfold into your life.

Sr Kerry Gardiner



ROSTER — THIS WEEKEND

May	Church Washing	Barbara Faraway	
Sat 25 May	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams	
Sat 25 May	Lawns	H Fernandez, Milan Family, Broeckmann	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
5pm 25 May	N O'Donoghue	B Collins	
8am 26 May	A Browne	A Kelly	Alicia Sanchez-Levine, Luke Jansons
Counters	A Kelly, B Faraway		

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

June	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 1 Jun	Church Cleaning	McInerney Family, B Collins	
Sat 1 Jun	Lawns	No lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
5pm 1 Jun	D Ferrer	C Cleary	
8am 2 Jun	M Matos	G Simmonite	Sandra Michielin, Lisa Michielin, Ella Alessi
Counters	A Gunning, M Caudero, C Garrett		

PARISH NEWS

2024 Sacramental Program - Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Registration nights for this year's program will be:

- Tuesday 18th June 7pm at St Therese Parish Centre
- Thursday 20th June 7pm at St Therese Parish Centre

Please contact the Parish office if you have any questions.

Anointing of the Sick Mass - 11am Wed 29 May 2024



You are invited to a Mass for the Anointing of the Sick and Elderly. The Mass will be celebrated at the Immaculate Conception Church on Wed 29th May commencing at 11am.

Following the Mass a light lunch will be served in the St Joseph's room.

If you would like transport to and from the Mass, please contact **Sr Kerry on 0421 463 871**.

We look forward to welcoming you.

ALPHA – "Come and See" Celebration – 7pm Wed 29 May

To register for the one-off come and see evening at the St Therese Parish Centre, either email us at alphawwu@gmail.com or fill out this form: <https://tinyurl.com/alphacomeandsee2024>



Extended Adoration - Friday 7 June, 7pm to 10pm.

Reconciliation available throughout.



Silver circle tickets

Silver circle tickets will be on sale this Sunday after the 8am Mass. We have 11 tickets left to sell at \$20 each so get in quick if you are interested.

Carmelite meeting - Saturday 1 June 2024

The next meeting of the Lay Carmelites will be 1 June 10am for 10:30am in St Joseph's room. Call Ann on 0427 235 955



Parish Social - 6:30pm Friday 21 June

Save the date and join us for our upcoming Parish Social night, with St Therese West Wollongong at Figtree Sports Club. Please make your booking by

contacting Mary O'Rourke **4227 3663** or email maryo42@optusnet.com.au

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. All welcome.

Enquiries: Please text **Monica 0412 056 877**.

Church Ministries:

Our parish is always looking for volunteers to help with church ministries including church cleaning, lawn mowing, gardening, lectors and welcomers. If you would like to help please contact **Barbara 0419 989608**.

Parish Finances - week ending 19 May 2024

\$557	First Collection	- Clergy Remuneration Fund
\$399	Second collection	- Parish expenses
\$180	Tap Point donations	
\$384	Planned giving envelopes	
\$546	Direct debits (weekly average from April).	

FEAST OF CORPUS CHRISTI - 2 JUNE

CORPUS CHRISTI - YOUNG ADULTS

Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Rosemeadow will be offering young adults a Retreat. Morning tea and lunch will be provided - commencing at 10.00am. For catering purposes please register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/CRSFQ>

Enquiries: phone **Elise on 0449 991 716**

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME - AIRS SUNDAY 26 MAY 2024

On the Journey this week: Fr Joshua Whicker MGL says that at the heart of the mystery of the Trinity is love and relationship. Mother Hilda says that impatience is taking over and she has an antidote. Fr Tony Percy says the word baptise means 'to immerse.' And Journey Editor, Max Norden, in conversation with Peter Abela about his faith focused website called Habits for Disciples.

Listen at jcr.org.au



A VOCATION VIEW

We are sent to proclaim the Gospel to the very ends of the Earth, so that we might draw others into union with the Triune God. Be courageous in showing your faith that others may know the reason for your joy.

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



CATHOLIC BUSINESS CONNECTIONS LUNCHEON

Guest Speaker - Danny Abdallah

In 2020 the Abdallah's tragically lost 3 of their children when they were tragically killed by a speeding driver. The story of their decision to forgive has become an inspiring example worldwide, and a witness to their faith. Come and hear their story and the power of forgiveness.

When: Friday 31 May

Where: City Beach, Function Centre, Wgong (11.45am -2pm).

To book please visit <https://dow.sh/CBCMay2024>

CATHOLIC CARE'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 Wed 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.

UOW CATHOLIC SOCIETY RETREAT

Date: 9am – 4pm, Saturday 1 June

Location: St Mary's Church, Gerringong

Cost: \$15.00 including lunch

Sign Up Now: tinyurl.com/UOWCSReretreatDay

The UOW Catholic Society invites students and young adults (18-35) to come along to our Winter Retreat Day. The retreat's theme is "Called by Name". It will be a great opportunity for you to take some time out, and refocus attention on your relationship with The Lord. On offer will be some excellent talks, personal and communal prayer, Holy Mass, Confessions, adoration, and small group conversations.
Enquiries to: uowcatholicociety19@gmail.com.

AWAKE DAY RETREAT

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Varroville

Saturday 15 June 2024, 9am- 4pm

BYO lunch, \$25. Begins with Mass.

Awaken to a renewed experience of God's love and rediscover the joy of your life with the Risen Jesus during the day retreat with the MGL sisters

It will include praise, inputs from the MGL sisters, time for silent prayer, Reconciliation and prayer ministry together as a group.

Register on: <http://www.trybooking.com/CNTCH>

27 MAY - THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (YEAR B)

First Reading - Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40 *The Lord himself is God in heaven above and on earth below: there is no other.*

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

Responsorial Psalm - Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. R.
2. By his word the heavens were made,
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He spoke; and it came to be.
He commanded; it sprang into being. R.
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. R.
4. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. R.

Second Reading - Romans 8:14-17

You have received the Spirit that makes you God's own children, and in that Spirit we call God: Father, our Father

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

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 - Matthew 28:16-20

Baptise them in the name of the Father, and the son, and of the Holy Spirit.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'