

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## THE TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B) – 9 JUNE 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 10 June	Mass: 8am	
Tues 11 Jun <i>St Barnabas, apostle</i>	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Rosary: 6pm Adoration: 6pm - 6:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 12 Jun	Mass: 7am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm - 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thurs 13 Jun <i>St Anthony of Padua, priest, doctor</i>	Mass: 5:30pm Reconciliation: 6pm - 6:30pm Adoration: 6pm - 6:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 14 Jun	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 15 Jun	<b>Reconciliation: 11am - 12noon</b> Rosary 7am Mass: 7:30am <b>Mass: 5pm</b>	Rosary: 8:30am Mass: 9am
Sun 16 Jun	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Wladyslaw Nowak, Mieczyslawa Switaj,  
 Patricia O'Neil, Pamela O'Hearn

#### Anniversaries

Joseph Budeja, Fr Tarsisius Prevedello,  
 Judith Crowe, Dr Sheila Dwyer, Elizabeth Jamiro

#### Prayers for the sick

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



### 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*

The **Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** is always celebrated the day after the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus – to remind us of the profound mystical bond between the hearts of Jesus and his mother from whom he took flesh. In our Diocese, Mary under this title of the Immaculate Heart is our patron, meaning that we celebrate this Feast of her Immaculate Heart at our Sunday Masses as well. Let us pray for our whole Diocese of Wollongong in a special way this weekend, through the intercession of our mother Mary, in whose Immaculate Heart we all remain as her children, and may her example and prayers help us to open our hearts more completely to the life-changing love and mercy of Jesus.

Our next season of *Alpha* begins on *Wednesday 24th July, 7pm*, at St Therese Parish Centre. We now have over 150 satisfied customers from the previous three Alpha seasons, and you are most welcome to come and experience Alpha for yourself, whatever your age (18+) or stage of faith. Use this QR code to register or go to <http://dow.sh/alphaww>. Also think about who you might invite along – this is the most welcoming environment I have ever seen for people to first come to consider what Christianity has to offer - as well as deepening the faith of people already on the journey.



**Fr Duane Fernandez**

## *Message from Sr Kerry*

It was a sweltering day. I drove the car into the carport despite the fact I was to go out in another half an hour. I thought it would keep the car just a little cooler.

Once inside the house it was not very long at all when I heard banging on the roof. I was puzzled. I went outside and the hail was something I had never ever seen or experienced first hand before. A storm had hit, and I did not see any signs of it approaching.

Life can throw us unanticipated storms and sudden storms. The first we know of them is when they thump at our hearts and play havoc in our minds. We flinch. There's a song many of us would remember, 'You'll Never Walk Alone.' What's your take on the storms in your life?



**Sr Kerry Gardiner**

### ROSTER – THIS WEEKEND

June	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 8 Jun	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson	
Sat 8 Jun	Lawns	M & J Winner, M Walsh, S Carrigan, A Bennett	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
5pm 8 Jun	D Nugent	B Faraway	
8am 9 Jun	A Kelly	J Sharwood	Kirra Calvert, Maria Matos
Counters	A Kelly, B Faraway		

### ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

June	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 15 Jun	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, R Tassone	
Sat 15 Jun	Lawns	M & J Winner, M Walsh, S Carrigan, A Bennett	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
5pm 15 Jun	M Rodwell		
8am 16 Jun	C Walsh	A Arnone	Kylie & Molly Hertsch, Gemma Farrugia
Counters	M Murphy (FT), S Alessi, H Murphy		

## PARISH NEWS

### **Grief and bereavement workshop - Wed 12 June**

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 held at the St Therese Parish Centre and 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.

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



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

### **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.

### **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](mailto:maryo42@optusnet.com.au)

### **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**.

### **Parish Finances - week ending 2 June 2024**

\$444	First Collection	- Clergy Remuneration Fund
\$433	Second collection	- Parish expenses
\$330	Tap Point donations	
\$430	Planned giving envelopes	
\$551	Direct debits (weekly average from May).	

Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly

### **Recycling bins - \$280 raised this year**

Your donations of 10c recyclable bottles, cans and plastics are welcome. All proceeds go to the Parish.



### **Silver circle news**

Thank you to all who purchased tickets in our Silver circle lotto draw. We will be commencing on Monday 10 June. Good luck to all.

## DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL

Bishop Brian Mascord invites suitably qualified and eager persons to apply for the Diocesan Youth Council, an advisory and implementation body, tasked with initiating missional outcomes for youth and young adult (Y&YA) ministry. The council will meet quarterly. Applicants should be aged between 16-40, have a range of experiences, and be passionate about outreach, formation and building community amongst Y&YA. Does this sound like you?

Applications are now open for those interested in serving on the council. To apply, head to: <https://tinyurl.com/5668bfmf>

For more information, please contact the our youth ministry leader; Arnie Hurdoyal [Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au](mailto:Arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au) / MOB: 0431 611 128

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

**- AIRS SUNDAY 9 JUNE 2024**

On the Journey this week: Two great reflections on the first reading; Fr Mark De Battista (I am part of the problem) and Fr Tony Percy (dialogue of salvation). Mother Hilda on experiencing absence in your life. Plus, Byron & Francine Pirola and Fr Mike Delaney. Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)



## A VOCATION VIEW

We do not lose heart because of our faith. Instead we are called to share our faith. How is God calling you to share your faith?

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)



## PRAYING WITH THE ARAMAIC JESUS

**Friday 28 June to Sunday 30 June**

*A weekend retreat with Sr Magdalen Mather OSB*

In the framework of Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina, this weekend retreat will meet the Jesus who was Jewish, spoke Aramaic and was formed in a Middle Eastern culture. Through this lens we will meditate together and contemplate some well-known words and teachings of Jesus, providing a wealth of rich meaning to nourish our prayer and spiritual life. Pensioner discount or other reductions according to need are available.

**CONTACT:** Book and pay for this retreat by ringing **4236 0011** Extension 114 or email [cottageretreats@jamberoobbey.org.au](mailto:cottageretreats@jamberoobbey.org.au)

## PART TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

### PARISH SECRETARY - ST THERESE, WEST WOLLONGONG

West Wollongong parish is seeking the services of a part-time secretary for 10 hrs per week – including Tuesdays, a second day yet to be determined. The position requires skills in administration, bookkeeping, maintaining a database, and high skills in MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

The parish secretary needs to be a person who is supportive of the Catholic ethos of the Parish, who bears witness to Christ and Christian values in their own lives and in their work.

If interested, please make contact via email to request an application pack for this position to

[frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au](mailto:frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au) Appl/n close 17 June 2024.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE POINTS

Many people experience a condition of loneliness that is often close to abandonment. The elderly and the sick ill are often invisible in society. We encourage parishes and Christian communities to be close to them and listen to them. Works of mercy inspired by the Gospel words "I was sick and you visited me" (Mt 25:39) have a profound significance for the people involved and for fostering the wider bonds of community

*'XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops' (Synod on Synodality) Synthesis Report.*

## 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>

## 9 JUNE - THE TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR B)

### First Reading - Genesis

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

### Responsorial Psalm - With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
Lord, hear my voice!  
O let your ears be attentive  
to the voice of my pleading R.
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
Lord, who would survive?  
But with you is found forgiveness:  
for this we revere you. R.
3. My soul waiting for the Lord  
I count on his word  
My soul is longing for the Lord  
More than watchman for daybreak. R.
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy  
And fullness of redemption  
Israel indeed he will redeem  
From all its iniquity. R.

### Second Reading - Corinthians

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, therefore I spoke - we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is the Virgin Mary, who kept the word of God, and pondered it in her heart Alleluia!**

### Gospel - Luke

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journeying that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere. Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.' 'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart.