

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

### UNANDERRA (U) & WEST WOLLONGONG (WW)

<b>Monday</b>	23 Sept	<b>St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</b>	
		Mass: 7am	(U)
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<b>Tuesday</b>	24 Sept	Mass: 7.45am	(WW)
		Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm	(U)
		Mass: 5.30pm	(U)
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<b>Wednesday</b>	25 Sept	Mass: 7am	(U)
		Mass: 5.30pm	(WW)
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<b>Thursday</b>	26 Sept	<b>Sts Cosmas &amp; Damian</b>	
		Adoration: 4.30pm-5.20pm	(U)
		(Reconciliation Available)	(U)
		Mass: 5.30pm	(U)
		Reconciliation: 6pm-6.45pm	(WW)
		Mass: 7pm	(WW)
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<b>Friday</b>	27 Sept	<b>St Vincent de Paul</b>	
		Mass: 9.30am	(U)
		Mass: 10.15am	(WW)
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<b>Saturday</b>	28 Sept	<b>St Wenceslaus</b>	
		Mass: 7.30am	(U)
		Mass: 9am	(WW)
		Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am	(WW)
		*Farewell Mass	(U)
		for Sr Joan & Sr Margaret	(U)
		Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm	(U)
		Vigil Mass: 6pm	(U)
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<b>Sunday</b>	29 Sept	<b>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
		Mass: 8am	(U)
		Mass: 10am	(WW)
		Mass: 10am (Polish)	(U)
		Mass: 5pm	(WW)

## 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C 22 SEPTEMBER 2019

### Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people,  
says the Lord. Should they cry to me  
in any distress, I will hear them,  
and I will be their Lord for ever.

### First Reading:

Amos 8:4-7

### Responsorial Psalm:

Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.

### Second Reading:

Timothy 2:1-8

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

### Gospel:

St Luke 16:1-13

### Communion Antiphon:

You have laid down your precepts  
to be carefully kept; may my ways  
be firm in keeping your statutes.

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

### Recently Deceased

Virgilia TUPAZ SCHLAPPI  
Cliff PETERSON



### Anniversaries

Ellen BROWN Marie LA'BRODY  
Dave MELLOR Vincenzo MASSARELLA

## PARISH OFFICE DAYS/HOURS

Mon: 8.30am–3pm (Magda)  
Tue: Closed  
Wed: 8.30am–11.30am (Sue)  
Thu: 8.30am–3pm (Sue)  
Fri: 8.30am–3pm (Sue)

## ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

September	Church Washing	Jackie Allen	
Sat 28 Sept	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson	
	Lawns	Fernandez Family, M Walsh	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 28 Sept 6pm Mass	G Attard	V Cleary	V Cleary
Sun 29 Sept 8am Mass	M Walsh, A Michielin	C Walsh, K Calvert	P Cundy F Fernandez
Counters	M Murphy (FT), A Kelly, S Alessi		
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays		



## PARISH ACTIVITIES

- Catholic Women's League:** 2nd Thursday of the month - 10.30am in St Joseph's room  
*New members always welcome!*  
Please contact: Barbara - 4271 1584
- St Vincent de Paul Conference:** Every Tue 7.30pm in St Joseph's room
- Parish Pastoral Council:** 2nd Monday of alternate months at 7.30pm in St Joseph's room
- Nursing Home Masses**
- Hillside Nursing Home:** 1st Tuesday of the month - 2pm
- Figtree Nursing Home:** 2nd Tuesday of the month - 10:45am
- Villa Maria Nursing Home:** 3rd Tuesday of the month - 9:30am

Refreshments after 8am Mass on 1st weekend of each month in St Joseph's Meeting Room (Unanderra)

## SR JOAN & SR MARGARET'S FAREWELL MASS & AFTERNOON TEA

Hope to see you all next Saturday at the Farewell and Thank You Mass and Afternoon Tea for

### Sister Joan and Sister Margaret

**Saturday 28 September 2019**  
2pm – Mass

Immaculate Conception Church  
48-50 Princes Highway Unanderra

Followed by

**3pm – Afternoon Tea**

St Pius X School Hall  
Cummins Street Unanderra



## PLENARY 2020 PHASE 2

Last year, many parishioners from Immaculate Conception and St Therese parishes contributed to Phase 1 of the National Plenary 2020 project.

The national organisers have listened to the input received and developed six themes for further prayerful discernment and response across the country.



Today at all Masses, you will receive a brochure which gives details of the six themes. Please take a brochure home and read it carefully to decide which topics you are interested in.

Our two parishes have decided to join forces for the next step in the project. There will be 6 sessions run during October and November - one for each theme - at a day and time to be decided. The first step is to invite 12 people to assist as animators in running the sessions. We need 2 people for each theme. There will be training and resources provided; it is not a very onerous task. If you can assist our parishes, please put your name on the PLENARY ANIMATORS list located near the side door of the church.

If you would like to discuss being an animator further, please contact the following people:

**Mark Walsh — markwalsh012@gmail.com**

or

**Netty Broekman — netty03@bigpond.com**

Once we have met with the animators, we will publicise the dates and venues for each of the 6 discernment sessions.

## ASCEND CATHOLIC YOUTH

After 6pm Mass on

**Saturday 28 September 2019**

*Years 6-9 Welcome!*



A gold coin donation to cover dinner would be appreciated.

For more information, please contact:

[ascendcatholicyouth@gmail.com](mailto:ascendcatholicyouth@gmail.com)

## IRON YOUTH GROUP

**Friday Nights — 7pm-9pm**

*Ages 14-18*

**St Therese West Wollongong School Hall**

If you, or someone you know, is interested in delving into faith, and making friends, come along. For more information, check out the Iron Youth Group on FB/IG or contact **Bridget** on **0481 842 530**.



## PARISH PILGRIMAGE & RETREAT

Saturday 19 October 2019

At St Therese Parish West Wollongong, we have often celebrated the Feast Day of St Therese (1 October) by having a Parish Pilgrimage and Retreat. This year we would like to also invite parishioners from our sister Parish of Immaculate Conception Unanderra to join us on the Retreat.



The theme for the Retreat this year is **"Moving Forward in Hope and Trust"**.

It will be a prayerful opportunity to reflect and share what it means for our two Parishes to work together with our Pastor, Fr Duane, towards a new future. Parishioners, young and older, are cordially invited (sorry, we do not have child-minding facilities on the day).

The venue for the Retreat is the Parish Hall of Ss Peter & Paul at Kiama and we will be travelling there by bus. The day commences with **Mass at St Therese at 9am** and the bus will return to St Therese at about 4.30pm.

**Please bring your own picnic lunch.** Coffee, tea, etc will be supplied.

Cost for the day is a **\$20 per person** donation towards the cost of the bus. Please complete the registration forms for the Retreat day at the side door of the church if you are able to join us on the day.

## CALLED TO MINISTRY?

Have you considered serving your Parish as an extraordinary minister of holy Communion, adult altar server, or minister of Communion of the sick and homebound? The 2019 diocesan training courses in these ministries are scheduled as follows:

**Saturday 23 November 2019**

**Extraordinary ministers of holy Communion and adult altar servers — 10am–2pm  
at Xavier Conference Centre Wollongong**

Members of the Diocesan Liturgical Commission will lead two sessions in the morning covering the common ministry of extraordinary minister of holy Communion and one session after lunch for servers.

**Morning tea and lunch provided.**

For further information visit:

[www.liturgy.dow.org.au](http://www.liturgy.dow.org.au)

or contact **Paul Mason** at

[liturgy@dow.org.au](mailto:liturgy@dow.org.au) or **4222 2462**

Registration essential to **Anthony Rewak** on **4222 2465** or [anthony.rewak@dow.org.au](mailto:anthony.rewak@dow.org.au)



## LIVING FAITH (\$4)

**Both Adults and Kids editions**

currently available for purchase,  
located on the middle seat of the Church

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

— AIRS SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2019 —

This week on the Journey, we have Fr Graham reflecting on our Gospel of Luke 16:1-13. We hear the soothing words from Mother Hilda and Sam Clear, and some of our other favourites this week include our very own Pete Gilmore and Trish McCarthy. We are so very lucky to have some wonderful Christian music artists on this week's edition of the Journey Catholic Radio Programme.

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subscribe to weekly shows via email

## A WINEMAKER'S DINNER



with Tim Kirk

Australian Winemaker of the Year 2013

**Friday 18 October 2019**

Clonakilla Focus @ Ruby's Mount Kembla

6.30pm — Pre-dinner drinks

7pm — Dinner

Cost — \$200, this includes five courses  
and a selection of Clonakilla wines

Charity Dinner — All profits to Nazareth House in Ghana

Proceeds from ticket sales will support  
Catholic Mission's Ghana Appeal

**Limited seats, book now!**

Tickets: [www.clonakilla.com.au/special-events](http://www.clonakilla.com.au/special-events)

Enquiries: **David Harrison** on **0449 716 363** or  
[wollongong.director@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:wollongong.director@catholicmission.org.au)

## A VOCATION VIEW

You cannot serve two masters.

Whom do you choose to follow?

You have to make a choice. (Luke 16:1-13)

Please contact

the **Vocations Team** at  
[priesthood@dow.org.au](mailto:priesthood@dow.org.au)



## MGR GRAHAM'S PARISH FAREWELL CARD

For those of you who missed out on signing Mgr Graham's farewell card, it will be available at the Parish office for the next few weeks, should you wish to sign it.



The card will not be presented to Mgr Graham until he returns from his overseas trip around the end of October.

# Message from Fr Duane

I write this message from the annual Diocesan Clergy Retreat. The priests of the diocese have gathered with Bishop Brian at Varroville this week to pray together, listen to spiritual input, and deepen our fraternal bonds.

Please continue to pray for your priests — there are many unique challenges facing the priests of our time, and the more I get to know the priests of our diocese, the more I see their deep desire to do good in spite of these challenges, and to serve God and all people as best we can in the midst of our many weaknesses.

We have been regularly praying for the people of our parishes. Many priests have asked me how the changes are going in the two parishes of Unanderra and West Wollongong — I have assured them that in spite of the many challenges, parishioners have shown great openness and generosity and worked together to create exciting new opportunities in the face of adversity.

This time of reflection has led me to a deeper thanksgiving for you all, as I recall how kind and encouraging you have all been to me in both parishes this year in so many ways. It has been a blessing to get to know you and to work with you. I'm thanking God for you all, praying for you and your loved ones in all your needs, and praying that we will all continue to be open to the renewal and growth God wants for us!



**Fr Duane Fernandez**  
Parish Priest

## THE BISHOP'S APPEAL

### TO SUPPORT THE RETIREMENT AND HEALTH OF CLERGY

Thank you for your generous support of this appeal last weekend. Donations are still being gratefully received via the special envelopes that can be found next to the side door of the church.



For your convenience, this year's appeal video can be viewed, and donations can still be made, online via the Diocese of Wollongong's website at: [www.dow.org.au](http://www.dow.org.au)  
*"I am very grateful for your support in helping me to ensure that we can provide the retirement and health care of our clergy. God bless you."*

Bishop Brian Mascord

## WEST WOLLONGONG BULLETINS

For those wishing to collect a Sunday bulletin each week from West Wollongong Parish, they are located in a tray near the side door of the church.

## BAPTISMS

Sundays at 12 noon (second and fourth Sunday of each month only)

Second Sunday of the Month — **West Wollongong**

Fourth Sunday of the Month — **Unanderra**

*(Minimum of one month's notice is required)*

## MARRIAGES / FUNERALS / ANOINTING OF THE SICK

By appointment only — please contact Fr Duane

*(Minimum of six months' notice for weddings is required — no Sunday weddings)*

## PARISH SICK LIST

If you would like to include your loved ones' names on our Sick List — please email the Parish office at [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) or telephone **4271 1068** and leave a message