

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

UNANDERRA (U) & WEST WOLLONGONG (WW)

Monday	21 Oct	Mass: 7am	(U)
Tuesday	22 Oct	Pope St John Paul II Mass: 7.45am (WW) Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm (U) (Rosary during Oct only) Mass/Rosary: 5.30pm (U)	
Wednesday	23 Oct	St John of Capistrano Mass: 7am (U) *Reconciliation & Adoration: 4.30pm (WW) Mass: 5.30pm (WW)	
Thursday	24 Oct	St Anthony Claret Adoration: 4.30pm-5.20pm (U) (Reconciliation Available) (U) (Rosary during Oct only) Mass/Rosary: 5.30pm (U) Mass: 7pm (WW)	
Friday	25 Oct	Mass: 9.30am (U) Mass: 10.15am (WW)	
Saturday	26 Oct	Mass: 7.30am (U) Mass: 9am (WW) Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am (WW) Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm (U) Vigil Mass: 6pm (U)	
Sunday	27 Oct	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass: 8am (U) Mass: 10am (WW) Mass: 10am (Polish) (U) Mass: 5pm (WW)	

* From now on, Reconciliation at WW is no longer at 6pm Thursdays; it will be at 4.30pm on Wednesdays (leading in to 5.30pm Mass) - as well as Eucharistic Adoration during that time each Wed

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C 20 OCTOBER 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

To you I call; for you will surely heed me,
O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

First Reading:

Exodus 17:8-13

Responsorial Psalm:

Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Second Reading:

2 Timothy 3:14–4:2

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!
The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and
motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 18:1-8

Communion Antiphon:

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those
who fear him, who hope in his merciful
love, to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Anniversaries

John REFALO

Maisie DREDGE

Helen Anne MILWAY

Margaret ROBINSON

Owen BLATTMAN

Shirley (Helen) STEELE

Tommy McNALLY

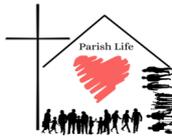
Judith SALWAY



ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

October	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway	
Sat 26 Oct	Church Cleaning	P & A Browne, W & S Brown	
	Lawns	Fernandez Family, M Walsh	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 26 Oct 6pm Mass	G Attard	V Cleary	V Cleary
Sun 27 Oct 8am Mass	A Michielin, M Walsh	P Gunning, C Walsh	P Cundy, F Fernandez
Counters	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, M Winner		
Children's Liturgy	K Calvert, M Matos		

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:** Mark Walsh (PPC President)
Mark.Walsh@bluescopesteel.com
0407 604 498
- 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 the 8am Mass on the first weekend of each month in St Joseph's Meeting Room (Unanderra)

***** No morning tea in November *****

MASS AT LAKESIDE CEMETERY

Lakeside Memorial Park Cemetery is holding a Mass for the repose of the souls buried, cremated or entombed at Lakeside
230 Kanahooka Road Dapto

Saturday 2 November 2019 — 11am

All welcome to attend.



WELCOME, SR KERRY GARDINER!

This week we welcome to our parish Sr Kerry Gardiner, who is taking over from Sr Joan.

A special morning tea to welcome Sr Kerry to our parish will be held **after the 8am Mass next Sunday, 27 October 2019.**

It will be a great opportunity to meet Sr Kerry and make her feel at home in her new surroundings.

Everyone is welcome!

(NB: There will be no morning tea on Sun 3 Nov)



WOMEN'S PRAYER WEEKEND

1-3 November 2019

"Women Mystics"

Travel with us to the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, as we explore how women began to write mystical texts in the vernacular, sharing their experiences of prayer, their great love of Jesus and their understanding of God as both Father and Mother.

This retreat will introduce some women from this era – Julian of Norwich, and three Beguine women: Hadewijch of Brabant, Mechthild of Magdeburg and Marguerite Porete.

Come, relax and enjoy God in tranquillity at **St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre, Douglas Park.**

Cost \$230

RSVP 4630 0233 or email contact@towersretreat.org.au

www.towersretreat.org.au



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference which aims to provide young people with the opportunity to attend worship, workshops and plenaries that will deepen their faith.

This year the festival will be held in Perth from **8-10 December 2019** and the Diocese of Wollongong will be organising a group of young adults (ages 18-30) to attend, with Fr Duane Fernandez as the chaplain to this group.

*NB: Applications to attend with the Diocesan group will close **1 November 2019.***

For more information on the diocesan ACYF group or to express interest in attending, contact **Georgia** on **4222 2427**

or youth@dow.org.au, or **speak with Fr Duane.**



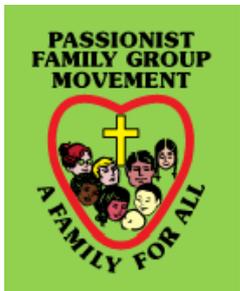
PERTH 2019
8-10 DECEMBER

YOUNG ADULTS

Any young adults (18+), whatever Mass you attend this weekend, you're most welcome to attend the young adults hangout at the convent after the "Youth Mass" at West Wollongong at 5pm.



PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT



After consultation and dialogue, and with the support of the Parish Priest, we have made a commitment to renew the Passionist Family Group Movement in our parish.

The date for the renewal and establishment of any new groups coming out of the renewal will be on Saturday 16 November at our church here in Unanderra.

For this occasion, we will have members of the Passionist Family Group Team.

The motto of the Movement is *A Family For All*. It provides opportunities for individuals and families to belong to a small network who gather regularly for various in expensive outings.

As these people get to know one another, they are able to offer practical Christian care and support, "In good times and challenging times".

More information will be provided in the parish bulletin over the next few weeks.

Family Group:

Renewal Date: Saturday 16 November 2019

Time: 6pm Vigil Mass

Venue: Immaculate Conception Church, Unanderra

PLENARY 2020 - REMINDER

Thank you to the people who attended the first Plenary session last week to reflect on the theme of 'Missionary and Evangelising'. The next two sessions are as follows:

- **Tuesday 22 October, 6pm–7.30pm in St Joseph's room at Immaculate Conception.** Theme 2: *How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal?*
- **Tuesday 29 October, 6pm–7.30pm in the demountable at St Therese.** Theme 3: *How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is Prayerful and Eucharistic?*

We hope to see many parishioners present at the sessions to add their voice to this once in a life time opportunity to help shape the future of our Church.



There will be three more sessions on the remaining themes in November and we hope to have 8 more Animators to help run those sessions! Please contact **Netty Broekman** at netty03@bigpond.com if you can assist.

CURRENT YEAR 5 STUDENTS

Try Year 7 for a Day at
St Mary's College or *Edmund Rice College*
Thursday 7 November 2019

or

Friday 8 November 2019

St Mary's College and Edmund Rice College invite Year 5 students to spend a fun day at high school where they will get to try a range of activities in subjects they will actually study in Year 7.

Parents/Carers can register online for their son/daughter to Try Year 7 For a Day.

For more information, visit our websites:

Edmund Rice College:

www.edmundricecollege.nsw.edu.au

St Mary's College:

www.stmarys.nsw.edu.au

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

– AIRS SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 2019 –

This week on the Journey, Fr Mark reflects on the Gospel of St Luke. There are inputs from Mother Hilda Scott gracing the show as well as Peter Gilmore and Trish McCarthy, and some great worship music this week. Tune into **LIFE 101.9** or **98.5** or go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au to ensure you never miss a show, with it sent to you each week as a podcast via email – for free!



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subscribe to weekly shows via email

FATHER/SON WEEKEND

Growing Good Men

Father and Teenage Son Weekend Experience

25–27 October 2019

Cataract Scout Camp Appin

One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father or significant father figure. The encouragement and affirmation that this relationship could, and should, provide is a key ingredient for how young men view themselves and embrace their faith and gifts as they take their place in the world.

Don't miss this life changing father and son weekend! Spots are limited to just 15 fathers with their son aged between 12–16 years.

This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon and the team from menALIVE.

Register online www.menalive.dow.org.au or contact **Jude Hennessy** on **4222 2407** or jude.hennessy@dow.org.au

VOCATIONS

Invitation to Young Men 18+

Are you a young man discerning your vocation?

Bishop Brian, the Vocations team and our two Wollongong seminarians, James Arblaster and Sinh Le, invite all young men considering their vocation to come together for a shared meal on

**Friday 8 November at 6.30pm
at the Xavier Centre, Wollongong**

Come along and enjoy a relaxed time of fellowship and encouragement in your faith journey.

Please RSVP to Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

as soon as possible for catering purposes.



SPIRITUALITY IN THE PUB



Wollongong Spirituality in the Pub invites you to a conversation on **Tuesday 29 October 2019** at the **Woonona Bulli RSL Club**, from **7.30pm–9pm**. The guest speaker is Dr Annette Tzavaras. She will speak on an insight to the complexity of issues in the decades of conflict in Afghanistan and the complicity of the west. All welcome! Enquiries: Ann 0427 235 955 or wollsip@gmail.com

Message from Fr Duane

This weekend we mark World Mission Sunday. The work of the Catholic Mission is one of the many ways the Church serves those most in need around the world, bringing them practical support and the love of Christ, and we have the opportunity to support this work financially and prayerfully today. It is also an opportunity for us to be reminded that through our baptism we have each received our own irreplaceable role in Christ's mission.

We welcome Sister Kerry Gardiner to our parish this weekend, who arrived during the week and will be a wonderful asset to our community. Sister Kerry arrived just in time for our Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) meeting, and has hit the ground running!

Next Sunday we will have a **special welcome morning tea** for **Sister Kerry after 8am Sunday Mass**. I know you will all make her feel just as welcome here as I have felt during this past two months.

The PPC meeting was very fruitful, and we will endeavour to communicate the main outcomes from the meeting during the coming weeks. Thank you to the PPC members for their generosity and zeal in seeking to guide our parish to live out the mission of Christ in our time and place.

Fr Duane Fernandez
Parish Priest

CATHOLIC MISSION – WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

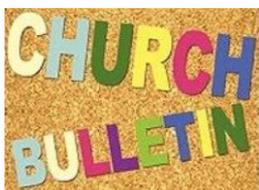
The Eden Gardens Children's Home has been supporting the physical and spiritual needs of children for nearly 50 years, allowing them the opportunity to dream big and achieve their goals. The home currently provides 250 children from disadvantaged backgrounds with basic needs, such as food and water, education and a safe home, as well as faith formation through activities like daily Mass, praying the rosary and catechism. However, with challenges such as lack of water, the home urgently needs to update their infrastructure to continue providing practical and spiritual support to the children.



Today, in the midst of this Extraordinary Missionary Month celebration, you have the opportunity to support the children at the Eden Gardens Children's Home, and similar projects around the world, by becoming a monthly giving partner. Your one-off gift today is also very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need. Envelopes have been provided today in the pews, or you can donate by:

Calling Freecall: **1800 257 296**

Or online at: catholicmission.org.au/india



WEST WOLLONGONG PARISH BULLETINS

For those who would like to read the West Wollongong Sunday bulletin each week, there are several copies located in a tray near the side door of the church — alternatively if you would like to receive the bulletin via email, please contact westwollongong@dow.org.au

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 is required for weddings — 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 or telephone **4271 1068**