

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PROGRAMME FOR THIS WEEK

UNANDERRA (U) & WEST WOLLONGONG (WW)

Monday	4 Nov	St Charles Borromeo	
		Mass: 7am	(U)
Tuesday	5 Nov	Mass: 7.45am	(WW)
		Adoration: 4.30pm-5.30pm	(U)
		Mass: 5.30pm	(U)
Wednesday	6 Nov	Mass: 7am	(U)
		Adoration: 4.30pm (inc Reconciliation)	(WW)
		Mass: 5.30pm	(WW)
Thursday	7 Nov	*Mass: 7.45am	(WW)
		Mass: 11am (Polish)	(U)
(*See note below)		Adoration: 4.30pm-5.20pm	(U)
		(Reconciliation Available)	(U)
		Mass: 5.30pm	(U)
Friday	8 Nov	Mass: 9.30am	(U)
		Mass: 10.15am	(WW)
Saturday	9 Nov	Mass: 7.30am	(U)
		Mass: 9am	(WW)
		Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am	(WW)
		Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm	(U)
		Vigil Mass: 6pm	(U)
Sunday	10 Nov	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	
		Mass: 8am	(U)
		Mass: 10am	(WW)
		Mass: 10am (Polish)	(U)
		Mass: 5pm	(WW)

* After discussions with Fr Jerzy (who celebrates weekday Masses at Unanderra) we have decided to change the Thursday Mass time at St Therese to 7.45am — in this way there will be alternating morning and evening Masses between Immaculate Conception and St Therese on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday (rather than having two evening Masses in close proximity on Thursdays).

31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C 3 NOVEMBER 2019

Entrance Antiphon:

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

First Reading:

Wisdom 11:22-12:2

Responsorial Psalm:

I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.

Second Reading:

Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia!
God loved the world so much,
he gave his only Son,
that all who believe in him
might have eternal life.
Alleluia!

Gospel:

Luke 19:1-10

Communion Antiphon:

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Joan KEANE
Vincenza LUCCITTI
Andrew BROOKES

Anniversaries

Leo HAYWOOD Edna MARMONT
Marcelo CATIG Andrea ESCOBIA JAGMOC
Lucas, Fortunata & Demetrio ESCOBIA

NO MASS AT HILLSIDE

Please note, there will be

NO MASS

at Hillside Nursing Home

at 2pm this

Tuesday 5 November

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

November	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 9 Nov	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, S Walsh	
Sat 9 Nov	Lawns	Winner Family, P Briscoe, A Gollop	
	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
Sat 9 Nov 6pm Mass	G Attard	M Gillis	C Dean
Sun 10 Nov 8am Mass	L Burns, M Walsh	C Walsh, K Calvert	Walsh Family
Counters	M Murphy (FT), A Kelly, S Alessi		
Children's Liturgy	M Rodwell, S Michielin		



God's Work
Our Hands

PARISH ACTIVITIES

CWL: 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
Uniting Nursing Home FarmHts: 3rd Friday 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 on Sunday 3 November *****

THANK YOU FROM SR KERRY

Thank you from the depth and sacredness of my heart. Your kindness and welcome has been so heart-warming. It was good to meet so many at morning tea last Sunday. To those who put so much into the preparation, know that I am very grateful. My prayers and blessings are with you. I look forward to our journey together.



Sr Kerry

COMBINED PARISHES DINNER

All welcome to our combined parishes dinner!

Parishioners and Friends of
Immaculate Conception And St Therese (ICAST)

Friday 22 November 2019 — Figgy Bowlo

6.30pm for 7pm start

(Purchase your own
meals/drinks on the night)

RSVP Sue Briscoe by 11am Wed 20 Nov

Call 4271 1068 (Wed/Thu/Fri) or

Email unanderra@dow.org.au



PLENARY 2020



Thank you to the people who have attended Plenary sessions held so far.

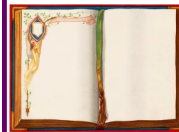
After listening to each other and prayerful discernment on each of the Plenary themes, a number of practical suggestions for action have been sent to the National Committee as well as Bishop Brian.

The next sessions are as follows:

- **Monday 4 November 6pm-7.30pm in St Joseph's room at Immaculate Conception.** Theme 4: *How is God Calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is 'Humble, Healing and Merciful'?*
- **Tuesday 12 November 6pm-7.30pm in the demountable at St Therese.** Theme 5: *How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is 'A Joyful, Hope-filled and Servant Community'?*
- **Monday 18 November 6pm-7.30pm in St Joseph's Room at Immaculate Conception.** Theme 6: *How is God Calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is 'Open to Conversion, Renewal and Reform'?*

*** NB: Unanderra sessions are now held on Monday evenings**
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.

NOVEMBER MASSES



The November Mass envelopes are now available, located next to the side door of the church. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the back of the envelope and place on the collection plates — they will be included in our

Book of Remembrance and prayed for during November Masses.
(Note: Enclosing money in the envelopes is optional; if you do choose to do so, please keep to a maximum of \$10)

THE WORD AMONG US and AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS

November's 'The Word Among Us' is currently for sale — located on middle pew — only \$5. Be quick — only a few left!

AND

The 'Australian Catholics' magazine is also available — located by the side door of the church — FREE!

BISHOP BRIAN'S VISITS TO OUR PARISHES

Bishop Brian Mascord will be coming to celebrate the following Masses to "install" Fr Duane as Parish Priest:

Saturday 9 November - 6pm

Immaculate Conception, Unanderra

Sunday 17 November - 10am

St Therese, West Wollongong

Followed by refreshments — all welcome!



PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP MOVEMENT

Unanderra / West Wollongong Parishes
invite you to hear Fr Ray Sanchez CP, who will explore
the relevance of Passionist Family Groups in
a change of era in our Church today.
There is an opportunity to hear Fr Ray - all interested in
building a sense of community in their parish would be
interested in this presentation.

Saturday 16 November 2019 — 6pm Vigil Mass
Immaculate Conception Church, Unanderra



FUNERAL — ANDREW BROOKES

*The funeral for Andrew Brookes (formerly of Dapto) will be held
at St John's Church at Dapto on Monday 4 November at 10am
followed by a burial service at West Dapto Cemetery. A light lunch
will be held at back of the presbytery in Father Francis' garden.*

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION (CM)



A WARM WELCOME is extended
to parishioners who would like to
experience and know more about
CHRISTIAN MEDITATION (CM) -
a prayer of the heart;
without words or images.
Please join with THE CM GROUP
at the old convent behind
St Therese Church. The group
meets **each Monday from 6pm to 7pm** (barring public and
school holidays). **Enquiries Monica 0412 056 877**

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus approaches us and wants to come stay with us.
Be ready to change your ways, like Zacchaeus,
to follow Jesus. (Luke 19:1-10)

Please contact the Vocations Team at
priesthood@dow.org.au



PARISH WORKING BEE!

We are planning a working bee around Unanderra
church on **Saturday 16 November, starting from 8am.**

Activities include:

- ✿ **Gardening:** Our gardens would love a spring TLC
including weeding, fertilising, deadheading the Birds
of Paradise, etc.
- ✿ **Edges:** Defining and tidying up the edges around
gardens and under fences.
- ✿ **Maintenance:** Minor repairs and painting.

We welcome any parishioner who wishes to come and assist.
Any enquiries, please contact **Wayne Rodgers** on **0402 026 310.**



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

— AIRS SUNDAY 3 NOVEMBER 2019 —

This week on the Journey, Fr Mark De Battista joins us on
the show for his reflection on the Gospel; we hear from
Mother Hilda and her piece on 'Cicada'; as well as Byron
and Francine Pirola, the experts in relationships, with
everything you need to know about 'Couple Projects'.
We have lots in store in this week's show, you won't
want to miss it! 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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where you can listen any time and
subscribe to weekly shows via email



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.



PASTORAL CARE GATHERING



Fr Duane and Sr Kerry invite all interested parishioners
to a Pastoral Care Group gathering on **Sunday**
3 November immediately following the 8am Mass in
St Joseph's room. If this meeting isn't convenient for
you, a similar gathering will be held on **Wednesday**
6 November at 10am in St Joseph's room.

All who take Communion to the sick, nursing homes or housebound
are especially invited. It is our hope to draw up a co-ordinated list.

If you would like to join these parishioners with Communion to the
homes you too are most welcome. However, the group will
undertake other activities and all ideas and suggestions would be
greatly appreciated. Your presence at the meeting doesn't presume
you have committed yourself to this group. If you aren't able to be
present at either meeting, **please contact Sr Kerry** if you do take
Communion to parishioners. We look forward to gathering with you.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Fr Bernard Gordon, VG, invites the Diocese of Wollongong to
an evening of devotional prayers and Mass on

Wednesday 20 November 2019

commencing **6pm** at St Francis Xavier Cathedral
36 Harbour Street Wollongong.

In support of the Christian faithful wherever they are
persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. Australian Church
in Need (ACN) is a Catholic charity helping to bring Christ to the
world through Prayer, Information and Action.

In support of the CAN, the
Cathedral will be lit up in red
7.30pm–10pm.

All welcome!



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ACN AUSTRALIA

Message from Fr Duane

I begin this message with the words of St Teresa of Calcutta: "November begins with two beautiful days – the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls. Holy Mother Church remembers all of her children, to whom she has given the life of Jesus through Baptism...during this whole month we give them extra love and care, by praying to them and for them."

Throughout November, we remember with deeper gratitude that Christ has conquered death, and in him we remain united with our loved ones who have died. Not only do we lovingly and gratefully hold their memory in our hearts, but we also have a real and present relationship with them – no longer physical, but spiritual, since our prayers help them attain the perfect peace of heaven, and their prayers help us in our earthly pilgrimage.

As is the custom, throughout November there will be Masses celebrated for all our departed loved ones. November Masses envelopes are available, located next to the side door of the church. Please write the names of your deceased loved ones on the back of the envelope and place on the collection plates – these names will be included in our Book of Remembrance and prayed for during November Masses. (Note: Enclosing money in the envelopes is optional; if you do choose to do so, please keep to a maximum of \$10).

Ministry Renewal: Throughout these few weeks of November, the Parish is undertaking its ministry renewal process. Every one of us has been blessed with unique gifts by God, and together these gifts will continue to build up the Parish, and beyond. Please prayerfully consider how God may be calling you to generously share your gifts through this Parish Community.

Fr Duane Fernandez
Parish Priest

MINISTRY RENEWAL – CHURCH MINISTRIES FOR 2020

Thank you to all of our faithful Volunteers who assisted throughout 2019 with our Church Ministries.

Have you considered being involved in one of the various ministries of our parish?

Over the next few weeks you will have the opportunity to volunteer for 2020.

We have an urgent need for new Volunteers for one or more of the following ministries:

Acolytes, Lectors, Children's Liturgy, Welcomers, Church Cleaners, Counters, Church Lawns and Gardens, Church Washing, Ministers of Holy Communion to Aged Care, Choir, Flower Arrangers, Building Maintenance Team, Hospitality Team, Catechists and Sacramental Team Leaders.

New Volunteers will have the opportunity to work with those who have experience. Please indicate your availability to help by putting your name on the relevant sheets, which are located along the middle pew in the church.



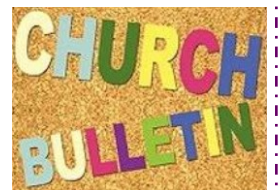
West Wollongong Parishioners who attend Unanderra Masses are also welcome to volunteer to be Welcomers, Lectors and/or Choir Members.

Your assistance will be much appreciated!

If you have any queries, please contact **Barbara** on **0419 989 608**.

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**