

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY – YEAR A – SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2020

**Registrations ESSENTIAL for any Masses — ALL via Unanderra Parish Office:  
[unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) or 4271 1068**

Weekly Programme	Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA	St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG
Monday 8 June Public Holiday	Mass: 8am* (*8am for this week only — normally 7am)	
Tuesday 9 June	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 10 June	Mass: 9.30am	Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 11 June St Barnabas	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Friday 12 June	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday 13 June St Anthony of Padua	Mass: 7.30am Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am
Sunday 14 June Corpus Christi	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am ( <u>Polish</u> )	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (also streamed online)

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Fr Theo RUSH ofm  
 Valentine SOBOL  
 Teresa SLOSARCZYK  
 Czeslaw DUBOWSKI

#### Anniversaries

Anne Maree GREENING  
 Fr Doug SMITH msc  
 Peter JOSEPH  
 Katrina MEEHAN  
 Elena MILAN  
 Anthony POTTS  
 Brielle FALZON  
 Mary DREDGE



### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 8.30am-3pm (Magda)  
 Tuesday: Closed  
 Wed/Thu: 8.30am-12.30pm (Sue)  
 Friday: 8.30am-3pm (Sue)

Please only  
 ring or  
 email the  
 office:  
[unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au)  
 4271 1068

## Message from Fr Duane

It has been wonderful to be able to see some parishioners again as we gradually re-open our churches. We began with a maximum of 10, and as of 4 June the Diocese has allowed for a capacity of 50 worshippers at Mass. We need to remain vigilant with our precautions at this time. This is the reason for the strict Government regulations, which the Diocese, and in turn our parishes, are complying with as best we possibly can. We want people to not only be kept safe but also to feel safe as they return to worship together.

Those classified by the Government as more "vulnerable" to Coronavirus than others include those with compromised immune systems, those over 65 with chronic health conditions, and those over 70. As per Government and Diocesan regulations, we have encouraged you not to come physically to Mass, but rather to continue to watch our live stream Mass at 5pm, to ensure your own health and safety. However, if you are aware of the risks to your health and do decide you wish to attend Mass physically, please be assured that you will be warmly welcomed (and you will not be asked your age!)

NB: The Registration system is attached separately in the email correspondence. Once you register your preferences, please wait until you receive a confirmation email. You will receive confirmation of weekday Masses as soon as possible, which will remain from week to week unless we inform you otherwise. However, confirmation of Sunday Masses will only be possible approximately 24 hours prior to each Sunday Mass. This is to ensure fairest possible access to Sunday Masses during the coming weeks, given the limited capacity at present.

Thank you to Sue Briscoe and Magda Pires, the Parish secretaries at Unanderra Parish office, for taking on the mammoth task of registering parishioners at both Immaculate Conception and St Therese Parishes. From creating the registration process, to the large increase in emails and phone calls, they have worked tirelessly to enable our parishioners to come back to Mass, in the fairest possible way.

Thank you to all who have volunteered to serve as "monitors" for our Parishes. In our very first week of calling for help we have about 25 volunteers to serve in this way, which is wonderful to see! Many of these monitors have worked many hours throughout the week, planning together and physically preparing our churches to ensure that all who come will be safe, and feel safe, as you return to church.

Thank you to St Therese Primary School and St Pius Primary School for their generous practical support, in sharing hand sanitiser and other provisions with our parishes. There is a wonderful spirit of co-operation between our parishes and schools in this place.

Finally, thank you for your continued engagement with our Parishes, either through our live streamed Masses or registering to attend our churches again. I do look forward to the opportunity of seeing you all again in the near future, and giving you Communion!

(5pm Sunday Mass will continue to be live-streamed: <https://www.youtube.com/c/ICASTImmaculateConceptionStThereseParishes>)

**Fr Duane Fernandez - Parish Priest**

### PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:  
please contact **Fr Duane**

**0414 626 357**

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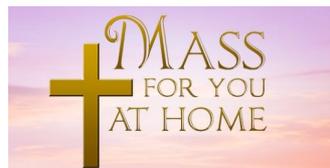
### SPIRITUAL RESOURCES

For daily Masses, parishioners throughout the Diocese are encouraged to access other home worship resources at:

<https://www.dow.org.au/covid-19/daily-online-masses-and-spiritual-resources/>

**For those without internet:**

'Mass For You At Home' is available across the Ten (WIN) Network on Sundays at 6am.



### YOUTH MINISTRY ONLINE

The Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong launched LIVE Online last week.

Check it out at:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdC-Q7\\_-OVY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qdC-Q7_-OVY)

Joel and Robyn get real in this creative show about faith in the life of young people, inviting them into lives that are full and joyful.

This is a great way to build not only your faith but to build lasting friendships.

To get in touch with the NET team and be part of this, simply follow the "CYMW" Facebook page or by Instagram at "wollongonnetteam"



### CHURCH ROSTER

The pre-Covid19 2020 Roster distributed late-2019 is temporarily suspended — excluding the Lawns, Church Cleaners, Church Washers and Acolytes, which will now re-start as per the 2020 Roster. Children's Liturgy and Welcomers are currently NOT required, as these ministries are suspended until further notice. **\*\*\*If you would like to reinstate your position as either Counters and/or Lectors, please contact the Parish Office: [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) or 4271 1068.\*\*\***

## CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSPAPER

The Catholic Weekly has temporarily transitioned to a digital presence only until further notice.

You can access the digital Catholic Weekly at [www.catholicweekly.com.au](http://www.catholicweekly.com.au)

## THE Catholic Weekly

### A VOCATION VIEW

"God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." God's love is powerful and all consuming, responding to this Love leads to a life-changing encounter! (*John 3:16*)



If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez, at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au) — or our new Vocations video at

<https://www.dow.org.au/covid-19/sunday-mass-online-withbishop-brian/>

### ST VINNIES HELP DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Due to the latest restrictions imposed by the Government, the Unanderra Conference have now ceased all service calls.

*Coniston Welfare Centre is available for phone calls  
10am to 2pm Monday to Friday: 4228 9355*

The welfare centre will ask that if the person only requires food support, that they can go to the centre for a hot meal, frozen takeaway meal or a small quantity of non-perishable food for overnight. Clothing and material assistance will be limited to emergency items only and through the welfare centre.

Unfortunately, assistance for electricity and phone accounts is not available at this time due to the necessity for face-to-face interviews.



### CATHOLIC CARE

*Always Connected...*

While the CatholicCare office is closed due to current restrictions, our dedicated Client Services Officer Marion is still here to take your calls and emails. She and the CatholicCare team are working on practical and innovative new ways to support our clients through COVID-19.



Please email or call us if you have any questions – we're here to help.

Phone: **4227 1122**

Email: [enquiries@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:enquiries@catholiccare.dow.org.au)

### STAYING CONNECTED WITH GOD & EACH OTHER



Please encourage others to join our emailing list by contacting Magda/Sue at [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) and ask to be added to the list. Please join our new Facebook pages: "Immaculate Conception Unanderra Parish" and "St Therese Parish West Wollongong".

**Be sure to tell others too!**

### ONLINE ADULT FAITH FORMATION & TRAINING

Coming up in June are three outstanding opportunities for online training:

1. **The Eucharist – Exploring our Catholic Faith** – Mondays 1-22 June or Fridays 5-26 June – all at 4pm – via Zoom Video Conferencing.
2. **An Introduction to the Psalms: A Songbook for Today** – Fr Mark De Battista - Thursdays 4-25 June at 4pm-5pm (repeated at 8pm-9pm) – via Zoom Video Conferencing.
3. **Alpha – Refreshing our Vision and Practice** – For parish teams already trained in Alpha as a renewal and outreach strategy – Monday 1 June at 7.30pm – via Zoom Video Conferencing.

To register go to:

<https://www.dow.org.au/news-and-events/>

For further information, please email:

[darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au](mailto:darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au)

### FAITH CIRCLES

During this period of pandemic isolation, you are encouraged to spend time in prayer and spiritual reading and Faith Circles is one way that you can do this. The weekly Faith Circles resource is available for free to download. It is easy to use and could easily be done in your household or even by Skype/phone with others at this time, with its questions and prayer points.

It is available to download at <https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/> or have it sent to you each month via email subscription.

### PRAYER RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS & FAMILIES

During this time of social isolation, it is important that we pray and stay connected to our community. A range of online resources are available to assist with this. These include daily prayers and readings, prayer services, the Sunday Office, commentaries, homilies and reflections as well as Gospel based activities and resources to support personal and family prayer. Go to:



<https://www.liturgyhelp.com/aus/woll/pray> and follow the prompts to access. Hopefully these resources will help create prayerful solidarity with our community and the whole Body of Christ.

## SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2020 — MOST HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY (YEAR A)

**First Reading** — Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9 — *The Lord God, ruler of all, merciful and loving.*

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there. He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, 'Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.' And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. 'If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,' he said, 'let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.'

**Responsorial Psalm** — *Glory and praise for ever!*

1. You are blest, Lord God of our fathers. *R.*  
Blest your glorious holy name. *R.*
2. You are blest in the temple of your glory. *R.*  
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom. *R.*
3. You are blest who gaze into the depths. *R.*  
You are blest in the firmament of heaven. *R.*



**Second Reading** — 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 — *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you.

Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**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** — John 3:16-18 — *God sent his Son to save the world through him.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus,  
'God loved the world so much  
that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost  
but may have eternal life.  
For God sent his Son into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but so that through him the world might be saved.  
No one who believes in him will be condemned;  
but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already,  
because he has refused to believe  
in the name of God's only Son.'



## BAPTISMS AND RECONCILIATION

The Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation are available again, by appointment with Fr Duane. NB: There are no set times for either of these Sacraments at this point, and appointments for Reconciliation should be made away from Mass times, so as not to complicate the monitoring system for Masses. [duane.fernandez@dow.org.au](mailto:duane.fernandez@dow.org.au) or 0414 626 357.