

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2020

**Registrations ESSENTIAL for ALL Masses — via Unanderra Parish Office:
unanderra@dow.org.au or 4271 1068**

Weekly Programme	Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA	St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG
Monday 21 September <i>St Matthew</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 22 September	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 23 September <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	Mass: 9.30am	*Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm <i>* Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm.</i>
Thursday 24 September	* Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm <i>*Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm.</i>	Mass: 7.45am
Friday 25 September	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday 26 September <i>Sts Cosmas & Damian</i>	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am
Sunday 27 September <i>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<i>Polish</i>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (<i>also streamed online</i>)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Bruno DUREGON

Marjorie KEY

Anniversaries

Dave MELLOR

Leslie HEFFERNAN

Ron COSTELLO



Please also pray for the sick and those unable to attend Mass

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

unanderra@dow.org.au / 4271 1068

Monday: 11am-3pm (Magda)

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 9am-3pm (Magda)

Friday: 8am-1pm (Sue)

Message from Fr Duane

The live-streamed Mass at 5pm every Sunday has been a wonderful way of keeping many people connected with our parish communities, even if they can't come to church. I wish to thank once again the wonderful tech team — Peter Veerhuis, Bec Hall, Jeff De Battista and Marilyn Ng — for making this possible.

We are currently looking for volunteers who are confident with computers who might be interested in joining this team. Volunteers will be trained and supported by the team, and will enable this vital task to be shared and sustainable into the future. If you are interested, please contact either West Wollongong or Unanderra Parish Offices.



This week we will celebrate first Reconciliation for over 80 children across the parishes of West Wollongong and Unanderra. The children and their families have been prepared thoroughly over a number of weeks, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank our Sacramental Team. The Sacramental Team consists of the Religious Education Co-ordinators of St Pius and St Therese (Renee Maguire and Patricia Staff), Catechist Co-ordinators from both parishes (Sister Kerry Gardiner and Rogee Pe-Pua) and Lauren Hall, youth minister West Wollongong. They have worked tirelessly and creatively across both parishes to design and

implement a united Sacramental program across both parishes despite the many obstacles presented by Covid this year.

Let us keep in our prayers the children receiving first Reconciliation and their families: may they come to a deeper experience of the merciful love of Jesus, and a desire to return frequently to this wonderful Sacrament of healing throughout their lives.

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest



Sunday 5pm Mass at West Wollongong continues to be live-streamed every week:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/ICASTImmaculateConceptionStThereseParishes>



CAN'T COME TO MASS BUT WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE COMMUNION OR ANOINTING OF THE SICK?

With Covid-19 still having a huge impact on so many still not being able to return to Sunday Mass, please contact the parish office or Sr Kerry if you would like to receive Communion in your home. Our present directives state that one must not be suffering from an illness for our Ministers of Communion to visit you. Any further enquiries, please contact Sr Kerry. If you do need a priest for the Anointing of the Sick, Fr Duane would be very happy for you to contact him.

Sr Kerry: Kerry.Gardiner@sosj.org.au / 0421 463 871

Fr Duane: Duane.Fernandez@dow.org.au / 0414 626 357

REGISTRATION PROCESS - BOTH UNANDERRA & WEST WOLLONGONG

Registrations are ESSENTIAL for ALL Masses at both Unanderra and West Wollongong — ALL registrations must be via the Unanderra Parish Office: unanderra@dow.org.au or 4271 1068 (please only call during office hours, shown in pink box on front page of bulletin). Please include the name of all family members who will be attending, contact phone number, email address and the day/time/church of your preferred Mass(es), both weekday and weekend. For weekend Masses, please await a confirmation email from Fr Duane approximately 24 hours prior to the Mass time, before attending the church.

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

September	Church Washing	Jackie Allen
Sat 26 Sep	Church Cleaning	J Allen, J Haywood, L Salway
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 26 September
Sat 26 Sep 6pm Mass	V Cleary	(There are no lawnmowing duties this weekend)
Sun 27 Sep 8am Mass	S Walsh	

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

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0414 626 357

duane.fernandez@dow.org.au



BISHOP BRIAN'S ANNUAL APPEAL

TO SUPPORT THE RETIREMENT AND HEALTH OF CLERGY AND LOCAL PARISH MINISTRIES

Given that we are still limited to the number of people who can attend Mass, this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal has moved to an ONLINE format.

Find out more at

www.dow.org.au/giving

Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Your donation to this appeal will enable me to provide a dignified retirement for our diocesan clergy and ensure that our parish communities stay connected during this time of pandemic.

While I acknowledge the pressure that some households are facing at this time, if you are in a financial position to give, I would be very grateful if you would consider giving generously to this appeal.

Bishop Brian Mascord

FOR IT IS IN
giving
THAT WE
receive.

Saint Francis of Assisi



A VOCATION VIEW

The Kingdom of Heaven is built by mutual co-operation, not competition. Work together to build the Kingdom, regardless of when God calls.

(Matthew 20:1-16)



If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez, at: vocations@dow.org.au

MONTHLY PARISH WALK

Our next monthly walk is this week!

Thursday 24 September at Kanahooka Point.

Meeting time is **9.30am**.

(Exit the freeway at Kanahooka Road and turn left; follow Kanahooka Road to the carpark at the very end on the right).

Please bring water and a snack.

Any questions? Please contact Barbara or Jo:

Barbara Farraway — 0419 989 608

Josephine Haywood — 0425 236 214



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME — AIRS SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2020 —

The Journey this week – A Catholic version of Q&A. Mother Hilda asks: how many times has God put an act of kindness into your life after a rugged day? Fr Mike Delaney asks: how do we react to the Johnny-come-lately getting the same deal as those there from the beginning? And Darren McDowell looks at Jesus' leadership style and asks: do we let Jesus empower us through His Spirit to be the same type of leader?



The Journey is available from Friday every week for free download at www.jcr.org.au

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Monday 5 October 9.30am—11am
St Michael's Parish

325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive Thirroul

The annual Blessing of the Animals will be held on the long weekend in October, from 9.30am until 11am on Monday 5 October. All animals are welcome.

This year, because of social distancing regulations, all animals must remain two paws apart.



You may bring your pets any time between 9.30am and 11am so as to maintain social distancing (two paws apart).

On 4 October, people all over the world will be celebrating the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. It is customary that in remembrance of St Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, animals are led to churches for a special ceremony called the "Blessing of the Animals." Every year, millions of animals are blessed by priests/friars in a ceremony that touches the hearts of most of those in attendance.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Marriage Enrichment Weekend

20–22 November 2020

at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre Varroville

Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!

Book online at

www.wwme.org.au

Alternatively contact

Christine & Terry Mahony
on **0490 774 419** or email

nswbookings@wwme.org.au



SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2020 — 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

First Reading — Isaiah 55:6-9 — *My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.

Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.

Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.

Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm — *The Lord is near to all who call him.*

1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.

The Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. R.

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. R.

3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds.

He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. R.



Second Reading — Philippians 1:20-24,27 — *For me to live is Christ.*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel — Matthew 20:1-16 — *Why are you jealous because I am generous?*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received

one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’



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. Please contact Fr Duane: duane.fernandez@dow.org.au or 0414 626 357.