

SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER 2020 — THE HOLY FAMILY (YEAR B)

First Reading — A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

The Lord honours the father in his children and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.

Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.

Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays.

Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

Responsorial Psalm — The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works! R.
2. Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. R.
3. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke.
O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose. R.
4. He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations,
the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. R.

Second Reading — Colossians 3:12-21

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his son. Alleluia!

Gospel — Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

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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 28 December <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 29 December	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 30 December	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 31 December	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Friday 1 January <i>Mary, the Holy Mother of God</i>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<i>Polish</i>)	Mass: 9:30am
Saturday 2 January <i>Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</i>	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 3 January <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<i>Polish</i>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (<i>also streamed online</i>)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Richard Baaner

Anniversaries

Yvonne Treuen, Mary Potts

Lucy Dalton, Jack Miller

Molly Rowe

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: 8:30am—1:30pm (*Melissa*)

Thursday: 9am-3pm (*Magda*)

Friday: 8:30am-1:30pm (*Melissa*)

Message from Fr Duane

Once again I want to thank all of the wonderful parishioners from both Unanderra and West Wollongong parishes for making our Christmas Masses possible in the face of unprecedented challenges. It was truly inspiring to see everyone working together as one, sharing their gifts, and doing all humanly possible – with a lot of Divine help – to bring people together for Mass for Christmas. Thank you to all who came for their co-operation as well. And thank you to Fr Paul Gurr for his generosity in celebrating 3 Masses at Unanderra. In the face of so many challenges we can all be so proud of the way that our wonderful Parish communities responded during this past week, and I'm confident that we will be ready to go from strength to strength in 2021!



On this Feast of the Holy Family, I wish to especially acknowledge the fact that every one of our families has some brokenness within them – some more than others – and pray that this Feast may provide some healing, comfort and peace. Let's keep in mind that it is because of our brokenness and sinfulness, as individuals, families and in all our relationships that Jesus came, as Saviour – to bring peace, not to condemn. Let each of us ask Jesus, Mary and Joseph to help us to do our small part to bring peace to our families, because as St Teresa of Calcutta once said, "if you want to work for world peace, go home and love your families". And whatever your family situation, I pray you feel truly welcome, at home and loved in our Parish Family!

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

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

Sat 2 Jan	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, R Tassone
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 2 Jan
Sat 2 Jan 6pm Mass	D Ferrer	M & J Winner, M Walsh,
Sun 3 Jan 8am Mass	A Browne	S Carrigan

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

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MESSAGE FROM SR KERRY

How often have we have heard or spoken the words, 'What a year it has been!'

That conjures up thoughts of the hardships and struggles we have encountered during this year.....and it is true! As I reflect on the year I wish to express my wholehearted thanks to you...the people of the parish of Unanderra. In so many ways it has been a beautiful year - a year where I have experienced your love and friendship, a year where you have welcomed me into your homes, a year where I can walk out the door and see the garden and lawns have been tendered by your kindness, a year where I received a friendly call or email just asking how I am, a year where you have been an important part of my life, especially in the celebrations of my Jubilee and birthday. Thank you for the gift you are. To each of you, thank you for blessing my life with such richness and gifts. You are held in my heart and prayers. Sr Kerry X

SUMMER NIGHTS 21

Summer Nights 21 happening at Varroville in January 2021 - for 16-35 year olds.

There are two options (retreat running twice during the week):

Monday 11 - Wednesday 13 January (3pm to 9pm) & Thursday 14 - Saturday 16 January (3pm to 9pm)

COVID safe dinner is provided each day

The retreat will feature excellent quality talks and teaching, night sessions with praise and worship, drama, preaching, testimonies, and prayer. Mass and adoration is available each day.

A VOCATION VIEW

December 25, 2020 Christmas

The angels announced tidings of great joy for all the people. How is Jesus born in you this day? Celebrate the presence of Emmanuel in a special way. (Luke 2:1-14)



December 27, 2020 Holy Family

Families need blessings of patience, forgiveness, gratefulness, and love. What will you do to show your love for your family? Ask for the grace to be holy. (Colossians 3:12-21)

January 3, 2021 Epiphany

God's glory continues to shine in our world. Where do you need to carry the light of Christ? Consider being a light for the world as a Church minister. (Isaiah 60:1-6)

January 10, 2021 Baptism of the Lord

Delight in God's call to you in baptism. What grace do you need to strengthen your commitment? Remember, God has set you as a covenant to the people. (Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7)

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

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME — AIRS SUNDAY 27 DECEMBER 2020 —

On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista says God's promise to Simeon is a powerful sign that we too will find a hope that springs eternal. Darren McDowell has tips for church leadership teams, Trish McCarthy says Ps 139 is a great place to start a relationship with God and Mother Hilda discovers the importance of taking a break. Plus, great music! The Journey available as a podcast now – jcr.org.au



CHURCH ROSTERS

Thank you to all those generous people who have volunteered their time to assist in the various Church Ministries. Your help is appreciated. The rosters are now being compiled and you will receive them by email this week

HOWEVER we are still in urgent need of more church cleaners and lawn mowers to lighten the load for those who have

already volunteered. If you are able to give a little of your time, it would be appreciated. Please email Melissa or Magda at unanderra@dow.org.au



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ADORATION

CYMW is holding Holy Hour every Wednesday evenings from 6:30PM to 7:30PM for an hour of Adoration at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. There will be time for silence and reflection before the Lord and is a great time to quiet our hearts to listen to Him more closely. We hope to see to you there!

