

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B) – SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2021

Mass registrations are helpful for our monitors. Register via Unanderra Parish Office:
unanderra@dow.org.au or 4271 1068

Weekly Programme	Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA	St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG
Monday 1 March	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 2 March	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 3 March	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 4 March	Mass: 11am (Polish) Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Friday 5 March	Mass: 7am Stations of the Cross: 7pm	Mass: 9:30am Stations of the Cross: 5pm
Saturday 6 March	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 7 March	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (also streamed online)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Bruna Tosti; Ruth Court
John Carolan; Kevin Barrett

Anniversaries

Edward Scally, James Maxwell
Scott Dunstan, Michael Willisee

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

This week, the Diocese of Wollongong celebrates Catholic Schools Week. It is especially powerful this year as this year marks 200 years of Catholic schooling in Australia. There is a wonderful and growing Parish-School connection in both Unanderra and West Wollongong. Let us pray this week that all Catholic Schools will be renewed in their most fundamental calling and purpose, of offering all young people an opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ in a personal way, that they may come to know their deepest identity and purpose, as beloved children of God!

Continuing the theme of education, let us also pray for students and staff of Tertiary institutions who have been entering into their academic year around this time. The pandemic has created many unique challenges for both students and staff, so let us pray that they will find the strength and creativity they need to overcome every obstacle and enable students to thrive in their education and formation at this important time of their lives.

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the weeks of Lent, Stations of the Cross will take place in both parishes on Friday.

5pm at West Wollongong and

7pm at Unanderra

No pre-registration necessary, all registrations will take place at the door.



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

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

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REGISTRATION PROCESS - BOTH UNANDERRA & WEST WOLLONGONG

At the moment, with the "2 square metre rule" we are not near capacity at any of our Sunday Masses. Registrations are still helpful for our monitors and admin staff. If pre-registering, please contact Unanderra parish office at unanderra@dow.org.au or 4271 1068, and include the names of all who will be attending Mass with you, contact phone numbers, and email addresses. If you don't pre-register you can still give your name to the monitor at the door.

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez
Sat 6 Mar	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 6 Mar
Sat 6 Mar 6pm Mass	De Ferrer	No Lawn mowing
Sun 7 Mar 8am Mass	A Browne	

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

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ST MARY'S IS NOW ENROLLING



Year 7 2022 and 2023
(Current Years 5 & 6)

Come to our Expo and tour the College
Thursday 11 March 2021
3.30pm – 6.30pm

Register online for a tour and information session now!

All interested families welcome.

Meet the Principal, see the College in action
and talk to students and senior staff.

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR THE EXPO AND TOURS

Call us now for more information on 4228 6011

Book online www.stmarys.nsw.edu.au

CALLING ALL BUSINESS PEOPLE

Catholic Business Connections (CBC) is an opportunity for business women and men in our diocese (active and retired) who share common values, to network and engage with each other and leaders representing the diocese. CBC gathers four times a year for lunch and to listen to guest speakers chosen to inspire with their unique story and share how they relate their work and spiritual life experience to the context of living in a modern world. The first luncheon for 2021 will be held on **Thursday 25 March at Rydges Hotel, Campbelltown (11.45am-2pm)**.

Guest Speaker Rosemary Kariuki Australian of the Year 2021 - Local Hero.

For more information contact Debbie Gates, Diocesan Director of Development and Community Engagement (02) 4222 2446.

VOCATION NEWS

We are encouraged to listen to Jesus, the Beloved Son of God. Take time to listen in prayer. What do you hear Jesus saying to you? (Mark 9:2-10) If

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



SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

The salvation offered in its fullness to men in Jesus Christ by God the Father's initiative and brought about and transmitted by the work of the Holy Spirit, is salvation for all people and of the whole person: it is universal and integral salvations. It concerns the human person in all his dimensions: personal and social, spiritual and corporeal, historical and transcendent. – *Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church - Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace*

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2021 –

The Journey This Week – We dive into the Lenten Season with some great inputs and short reflections. There is brilliant Lenten music to soak up too all aiming to help you focus on making the Lenten season a grace filled time of transformation. The Journey available as a podcast at jcr.org.au



WALKING GROUP

Everyone is welcome to join us for our next walk. It will be on **Thursday, 4th March at 9.30am**. We will walk from



Gilba Rd, Koonawarra around the lake to Tallawarra. This walk is suitable for everyone. Bring your water and a snack. Directions - Turn left off the M1 into Kanahooka Rd, follow this road down to Lakeside Dr and turn right. Continue along Lakeside Dr and turn left into Gilba Rd. Drive to the end of the road which will be the meeting place. Looking forward to seeing you there.

2021 PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Sacramental Information notes and registration forms are available at the door of both churches.

- * A parent/caregiver must attend the meeting if they wish their child to receive any of the three sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion or Confirmation this year
- * The parent/caregiver **must register** their attendance via the **'Try booking' website**
- * Bring their child's completed registration form along with a copy of their Baptismal Certificate and **\$10 payment** to this meeting.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During the Fridays of Lent, Stations of the Cross will take place at **5pm at St Therese**, West Wollongong and **7pm at Immaculate Conception**, Unanderra

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!



SUNDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2021 — SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT (YEAR B)

First Reading — Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm — I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said: I am sorely afflicted,
O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. R.
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make; I will call on the Lord's name. R.
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. R.

Second Reading — Romans 8:31-34

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, The Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel — Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held on the 2nd Sunday of every month at West Wollongong (12noon) and the 4th Sunday of every month at Unanderra (12noon). Please email westwollongong@dow.org.au or unanderra@dow.org.au to ask for a Baptism Enquiry Form to be sent to you.