

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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PALM SUNDAY (YEAR B)—SUNDAY 28 MARCH 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 29 March	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 30 March	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 31 March	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 1 April <i>Holy Thursday</i>	Mass: 12pm (Polish) Mass: 7pm No 5:30pm Mass today	Mass: 7:00pm Note: No 7:45am Mass today
Friday 2 April <i>Good Friday</i>	Stations of the Cross: 10am Ceremony of the Cross: 12pm (Polish) Commemoration of the Lord's Passion: 3pm	Stations of the Cross: 10am Commemoration of the Lord's Passion: 3pm
Saturday 3 April	Blessing of the food: from 10am (Polish) Vigil Mass: 7pm	Vigil Mass: 7pm
Sunday 4 April <i>Easter Sunday</i>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Bernard Kocur,
Catherine Reynolds

Anniversaries

Ruth Churchill, Peter Speelman
Michael Laville, Rita Zampa,
William Dredge, Janina Seweryn
Vivian Moloney

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 time last year, the churches were closed, and for the first time in living memory for most of us, we couldn't come together to celebrate Holy Week or Easter. Let's allow that difficult time to make us even more grateful for this opportunity that is now before us, to actually gather together as Christians celebrating the high point of our faith. As we walk with Jesus remembering his ultimate sacrifice of love for us, let's open our hearts to this same Jesus as he seeks to draw us closer to himself and to one another. Let's also thank Fr David O'Brien and Fr Paul Gurr for their generosity throughout the Easter Triduum to ensure the maximum number of people can gather in both parishes.

Please make sure to book with our Trybooking website for any Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Easter ceremonies that you wish to attend. If you need assistance registering for ceremonies at either West Wollongong or Unanderra parish please contact the Unanderra Parish Office at unanderra@dow.org.au or **4271 1068**.

Note – even with the easing of NSW Government restrictions the 2 square metre rule will still apply at churches – meaning the maximum capacity of 172 at West Wollongong and 192 at Unanderra. If you haven't yet booked your places, please do so as soon as possible – we can't ensure spots for those who turn up to the ceremonies without booking their spots. Also – note that your "Confirmation of Booking" for these ceremonies will not come from me as with regular Sunday Masses, but from the Trybooking website at the time of booking (or the Parish Office if you book through the office). Thank you for your co-operation and I look forward to gathering with you!

PALM SUNDAY RECONCILIATION AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Saturday 7pm-8pm Immaculate Conception

Sunday 6:30pm-7:30pm St Therese

Come along for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or just for a time of quiet time with Jesus to begin Holy Week.

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION EASTER MASS TIMES

Holy Thursday , 1 April, 7pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, 2 April 10am Stations of the Cross
3pm: Commemoration of the Lord's Passion
Easter Saturday, 3 April 7pm: Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday, 4 April, 8am Mass

Polish Masses:

Holy Thursday , 1 April, 12pm: Mass of the Lord's Supper
Good Friday, 2 April 12pm Ceremony of the Cross
Easter Saturday, 3 April 10am: Blessing of the food (in the church car park)
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ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

	Church Washing	Helen Murphy
Sat 3 Apr	Church Cleaning	Volunteers needed
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 3 Apr
Sat 3 Apr 6pm Mass	De Ferrer	No Lawn mowing this week
Sun 4 Apr 8am Mass	A Browne	

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

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HOLY LAND COLLECTION

The annual Holy Land Collection will be held on **Good Friday, 2 April 2021**.



Pope Francis has asked our parishes to support the collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land.

Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide

Catholic schools and offer religious education. The Holy Land Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

To find out more, or to make an on-line donation please visit dow.sh/HolyLand2021

YEAR AMORIS LAETITIA FAMILY, 19 MARCH 2021 – 26 JUNE 2022

On March 19, Pope Francis launched the Year “Amoris Laetitia Family”, which will conclude on 26 June 2022, on the occasion of the 10th World Meeting of Families in Rome with the Holy Father. Families are encouraged to break open the resources and stories at <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia.html>

Pope Francis has decided to institute throughout the Church the celebration of World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which will be held beginning this year on **Sunday July 25th**, near the liturgical memory of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus.



VOCATION NEWS

Jesus emptied himself and became obedient even unto death. Are you willing to die to selfishness? Let Christ reign in your heart! (Philippians 2:6-11) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au



POSITION VACANT— DIOCESAN YOUTH MINISTRY COORDINATOR

Closing date extended

Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Youth Ministry Coordinator in the Diocese of Wollongong. Applications close on **Wednesday 7 April 2021**. For more information and a detailed role description, please go to <http://dow.sh/CYMWJob> or for enquiries contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au.

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

On the Journey this week: Monsignor Graham Schmitzer says the pierced heart symbolises the stream of the new temple. Mother Hilda asks how often have we called out: my God, why have you abandoned me? And Fr Chris Sarkis says don't run from this week, sit with it, embrace it, know the price at which your life was purchased. The Journey available as a podcast at icr.org.au



FAITH CIRCLES—FREE SMALL GROUP RESOURCE:

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 www.faithcircles.dow.org.au



FINANCIAL AUDIT

The financial audit of the parish books has been completed for 2020. A summary of the parish income/expenditure is included with this bulletin.



WALKING GROUP

On Thursday 4 March, 6 members of our walking group gathered for our walk around the lake. The weather was lovely and everyone enjoyed the walking track so



much that it was decided to do it again next time. The next walk will be on **Friday, 7 May** so mark it in your diary. More details closer to the date. We hope you can join us.

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 MARCH 2021 — PALM SUNDAY (YEAR B)

First Reading — Isaiah 50:4-7

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm — My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

1. All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' R.
2. Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet, I can count every one of my bones. R.
3. They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! R.
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons. R.

Second Reading — Philippians 2:6-11

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel — Mark 14:1-15:47 The passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

First thing in the morning, the chief priests together with the elders and the scribes, in short the whole Sanhedrin, had their plan ready. They had Jesus bound and took him away and handed him over to Pilate.

Pilate questioned him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' 'It is you who say it' he answered. And the chief priests brought many accusations against him. Pilate questioned him again, 'Have you no reply at all? See how many accusations they are bringing against you!' But to Pilate's amazement, Jesus made no further reply.

At festival time Pilate used to release a prisoner for them, anyone they asked for. Now a man called Barabbas was then in prison with the rioters who had committed murder during the uprising. When the crowd went up and began to ask Pilate the customary favour, Pilate answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the king of the Jews?' For he realised it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed Jesus over. The chief priests, however, had incited the crowd to demand that he should release Barabbas for them instead. The Pilate spoke again. 'But in that case,' he said to them 'what am I to do with the man you call king of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' 'Why?' Pilate asked them 'What harm has he done?' But they shouted all the louder, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, anxious to placate the crowd, released Barabbas for them and, having ordered Jesus to be scourged, handed him over to be crucified.

The soldiers led him away to the inner part of the palace, that is, the Praetorium, and called the whole cohort together. They dressed him in purple, twisted some thorns into a crown and put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, king of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed and spat on him; and they went down on their knees to do him homage. And when they had finished making fun of him, they took off the purple and dressed him in his own clothes.

They led him out to crucify him. They enlisted a passer-by, Simon of Cyrene, father of Alexander and Rufus, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross. They brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha, which means the place of the skull.

They offered him wine mixed with myrrh, but he refused it. Then they crucified him, and shared out his clothing, casting lots to decide what each should get. It was the third hour when they crucified him. The inscription giving the charge against him read: 'The King of the Jews.' And they crucified two robbers with him, one on his right and one on his left.

The passers-by jeered at him; they shook their heads and said, 'Aha! So you would destroy the Temple and rebuild it in three days! Then save yourself: come down from the cross!' The chief priests and the scribes mocked him among themselves in the same way. 'He saved others,' they said 'he cannot save himself. Let the Christ, the king of Israel, come down from the cross