

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B) – 2 MAY 2021

Parish Vision—We are a diverse community united by our love for Jesus and for one another, constantly seeking to grow in this love especially through the Eucharist. We welcome everyone and help each other to discover their unique gifts, joyfully working together as one to bring the overflowing love of Jesus to all people.

Weekly Programme	Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA	St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG
Monday 3 May <i>Sts Philip and James</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 4 May	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 5 May	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 6 May	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Friday 7 May	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Saturday 8 May	Rosary: 7.10am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 9 May	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<i>Polish</i>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (<i>also streamed online</i>)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Adelina Madrid
 Mark Brian Langlands
 Sante Michielin, Bill Parnell

Anniversaries

Iris Parrish, Allan Parrish,
 Laurie Greening, Peter O'Keefe
 Arthur Henry Varley

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Monday: 8:30am-3pm (*Magda*)
 Tuesday: Closed
 Wednesday: 8:30am-1:30pm (*Melissa*)
 Thursday: 8:30am-3pm (*Magda*)
 Friday: 8:30am-1:30pm (*Melissa*)

Message from Fr Duane

As mentioned in previous weeks, the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is preparing a "Pentecost Parish Gathering" on **Saturday 29th May at 10am at St Pius School Hall**. We warmly invite everyone to come along if you can. It will be an opportunity to meet the PPC, and to hear the plans and priorities we have discerned. There will also be an opportunity provided by Darren McDowell (Office of the Bishop) to discern your own personal gifts – in line with the Parish Vision which states that we "help each other to discover their unique gifts" – and this may guide you, if you wish, in how you may get more involved in the parish.

Please save this date in your diary - we will be sharing more about this in the coming weeks.

THE FEAST OF ST JOSEPH THE WORKER – 1ST MAY

In his letter inaugurating the Year of St Joseph, Pope Francis wrote of St Joseph as "a working father" with the following words:

"An aspect of Saint Joseph that has been emphasized from the time of the first social Encyclical, Pope Leo XIII's Rerum Novarum, is his relation to work. Saint Joseph was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. From him, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labour...

Working persons, whatever their job may be, are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us. The crisis of our time, which is economic, social, cultural and spiritual, can serve as a summons for all of us to rediscover the value, the importance and necessity of work for bringing about a new "normal" from which no one is excluded. Saint Joseph's work reminds us that God himself, in becoming man, did not disdain work. The loss of employment that affects so many of our brothers and sisters, and has increased as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, should serve as a summons to review our priorities. Let us implore Saint Joseph the Worker to help us find ways to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!"

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

MENALIVE MEN'S WEEKEND

Rediscover God's Presence and Purpose for your Life

12-13 June 2021, St Patrick's Church Catholic Church (Hall) 42 O'Donnell Street, Port Kembla

The menALIVE Men's Weekend is an opportunity for all men from 18 years of age to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic, and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. Experienced leaders from menALIVE Team will be running the weekend.

Register via brochure or online www.dow.org.au/events

Enquiries: Helen Bennett (Diocesan Contact) 4222 2403;

Anthony Rewak (Parish Contact) 0488 233 078 or

Ian Boorman (menALIVE Contact) 0427 006 021

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

	Church Washing	Jackie Allen
Sun 9 May	Counting	M Murphy (FT), S Alessi
Sat 8 May	Church Cleaning	Volunteers needed
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 8 May
Sat 8 May 6pm Mass	V Cleary	
Sun 9 May 8am Mass	C Walsh	No lawnmowing this week

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

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WALKING GROUP

Everyone is welcome to join us for our next walk on **Friday 7th May at 9.30am**. The walk will be from Gilba Rd, Koonawarra to Tallawarra - a very picturesque walk suitable for all ages and abilities. Come along and bring your water and a snack.

Directions:

Turn left off M1 at Kanahooka Rd and follow the road to Lakeside Drive. Turn right into Lakeside Drive and continue along to Gilba Road. Turn left and drive to the end of the road which will be the meeting place.

We hope you can join us. For more information contact **Barbara 0419 989 608 or Josephine 0425 236 214**



VOCATION NEWS

Jesus, the true vine, promised that if we live in him, we will produce abundantly. What are the signs of new life in you? Find ways to nourish your relationship with Jesus. (John 15:1-8) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au



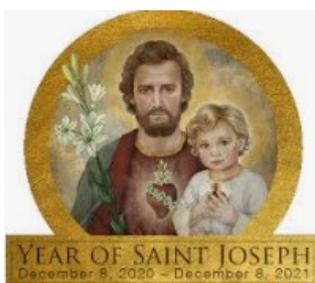
POSITION VACANT

**Senior Executive Assistant to the Bishop
– Catholic Diocese of Wollongong**

Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Senior Executive Assistant to the Bishop in the Diocese of Wollongong.

For more information and a detailed role description, please go to <http://dow.sh/execbishop> or for enquiries contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH



May the tender love with which Joseph embraced Jesus and Mary become a reality in our lives. May it renew and support us in raising our consciousness of love through our respect for all creation and our loving concern for every person. Amen.

FORMED

Would you like to nurture your faith at home, in your own time and at your own pace? FORMED.org is a large Faith Formation Resource library website containing thousands of faith formation documentaries, courses, movies, audio and books covering all aspects of our Catholic faith. Materials for both adults and children. Sign-up for Free using our Diocesan Subscription by contacting darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au or helen.bennett@dow.org.au

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 2 MAY 2021 –

On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista says personal pruning is needed to bear fruit for God's Kingdom. Mother Hilda tells what makes us more beautiful & welcoming to God's heart, and Michelle Vass answers how do WE know that Jesus is risen? The Journey available as a podcast at jcr.org.au



LOSS OF A CHILD

An invitation is extended to all parents who have buried a child, whether it be a miscarriage, stillbirth, medical issues, suicide, accident etc.

On **Friday 28 May**, we plan to commence at 2:00 pm with a short liturgy/ prayer followed by afternoon tea. This will be held in the St Joseph's room. Mum's and dad's are invited if this cross has been yours in life.

To assist with planning and catering it would be very much appreciated if you would contact **Sr Kerry on 0421 463 871 or Kerry.Gardiner@sosj.org.au** to inform her of your intention.

CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS WOLLONGONG

Please be advised the Cathedral Books and Gifts Wollongong has now re-opened. Operating hours: **Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday 10am – 2pm**

Entry via 38 Harbour Street



YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Are you a young adult keen for community? Hungry to learn and grow your faith? Eager to serve others? Join STIC (St Therese/ Immaculate Conception) young adults! We will be launching with a scripture study into the Bible as a whole, called "**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**", Thursdays 7pm St Therese School Hall. Anyone aged 18 - 35yrs welcome! For more info or to register see:

FBgroup: STIC Young Adults

Text: Bridget 0481 842 530

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!



2 MAY 2021 — FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

First Reading — Acts 9:26-31

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.
May their hearts live for ever and ever! R.
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations worship before him;
They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth;
before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. R.
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come,
declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:
'These things the Lord has done.' R.

Second Reading — 1 John 3:18-24

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these:
that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to.
Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.
We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia! Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. Alleluia!

Gospel — John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'