

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 13 NOV 2022

**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
Mon 14 Nov	Mass: 7am	
Tues 15 Nov <i>St Albert the Great, bishop, doctor</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 16 Nov <i>St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude</i>	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion: 9:30am Anointing of the Sick Mass: 11am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 
Thurs 17 Nov <i>St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm-5:15pm  Reconciliation: 4:30pm-5:15pm Rosary: 5pm  Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 18 Nov	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 19 Nov	Rosary: 7am  Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm	Rosary: 8:30am  Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am
Sun 20 Nov	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am ( <u>Polish</u> )	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Patricia Simpson, Frank Coughlin, Kevin Court

#### Anniversaries

Frank Cordina, Des Fitzgerald

#### Prayers for the sick

Craig Battley, Francesca Quetcher, Jackie Allen



### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

[unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) / 4271 1068

Monday: 8:30am-3:30pm

Tuesday: Closed

Wednesday: 8:30am-3:30pm

Thursday: Closed

Friday: 8:30am-3pm

## *Message from Fr Duane*

Over the next 3 weekends, the Diocese of Wollongong is conducting a census. This weekend this consists of a simple head count at Mass – we thank those who have previously served as “Covid monitors” for refreshing their skills of counting the numbers of Mass-goers!

Follow up of the “Ministry Renewal” process that was launched early this year is still continuing. Some of you would have noticed new parishioners sharing their gifts in various ministries. If anyone signed up for a ministry and would like an update as to progress in the follow up of that ministry area please don't hesitate to contact me, or the parish office. At this time we are especially looking for **more musicians and singers willing to share their gifts at either of our Masses**. If you are interested, please contact Greg Parrish on **0439 494 429 or greg.parrish@dow.org.au** – or simply make yourself known to me or the musicians and singers at any of our Masses. Also, new volunteers in any ministry will always be welcome.

In two weeks, Seminarian Sinh Le to will be coming to stay at St Therese West Wollongong for a period of 3 weeks before traveling to Vietnam for Christmas. He will also come to visit Unanderra parish during this time. We look forward to reconnecting with Sinh!

**Fr Duane Fernandez**

## *Message from Sr Kerry*

My mother's last parish priest was a very attentive and pastoral priest. Fr John, a compassionate and caring man could be summed up in one sentence. I proudly say, 'Fr John never forgot those who could no longer sit in the pews.' That is a wonderful attribute.

Next Saturday we will be celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the arrival of the Scalabrinian Fathers. The Scalabrinian Fathers made a foundation here in Unanderra.

As we look back on these 70 years let us remember those who have had the courage to build the foundation of our parish. Let us give thanks for the priests who came from overseas to be with their people in their new homeland. Let us pray for all who have worshipped or prayed in our church. Let us remember.....and in remembering, let us celebrate, but more so, not forgot a prayer for those who have gone before us, nor forget those on whose shoulders we stand.

One day others will be standing on our shoulders. What legacy will I be leaving for those who follow me?

**Sr Kerry Gardiner**



### ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

November	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 19 Nov	Church Cleaning	<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	
Sat 19 Nov	Lawns	No lawn mowing this week	
	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Welcomers</b>	<b>Children's liturgy</b>
Sat 19 Nov 6pm Mass	M Rodwell	G Simmonite	
Sun 20 Nov 8am Mass	D McDowell	F Carolan	Leah Galea, Alison Sharwood
Counters	M Murphy (FH), C Stratton, M Winner		

### ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:  
please contact



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## PARISH NEWS

### Anointing of the Sick Mass - Wed 16 Nov

At 11am on Wed 16 Nov, Fr Duane will be celebrating an Anointing of the Sick Mass. All are welcome to come and receive the Sacrament. If you, or anyone you know would like to come but does not have transport, please contact Sr Kerry. A cuppa will follow the Mass.



### 70th Anniversary of the Scalabrinian Order in Australia

On **Saturday 19th November at 10am** we will celebrate this historic milestone as well as the canonisation of their founder Saint Scalabrini. Everyone is warmly invited to come and celebrate. The mass will be in English and so all will be able to fully participate.

### Church Ministries - 2023 roster

We are in need of people to assist with lawn mowing and cleaning of the church. Can you help? Please contact Melissa at the Parish office on 4271 1068 or [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au)

### Parish Feast Day - Thursday 8 Dec

We will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with a special 6pm Mass followed by a BBQ and other festivities. Save the date! All are welcome.

### November Masses - Remembrance book

To have Mass offered for a deceased relative or friend, please email the person's name to the Parish Office at [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) with the subject "November Masses".

### Advent Program:

Come and join us in preparing for Christ's arrival by participating in this year's Advent program. Four Saturday evenings at **7pm in St Joseph's room, starting 26 Nov, 3, 10 & 17 December**. All welcome. If you're coming, RSVP to Melissa on 4271 1068 or [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) Call Mark on 0407 604498 for more info.

### Lost Property

We have an increasing number of items in our lost property boxes—including bibles, rosary beads, glasses, umbrellas and a handbag. Lost property boxes are located in the northern Confessional. You are welcome to collect your belongings at any time.

### Missing:

The blue tablecloths from St Joseph's Room are missing. Does anyone know their whereabouts?

### Recycling bins

Your donations of 10c recyclable bottles, cans and plastics are most appreciated. Our bins are located in the church car park.



### STIC Young Adults prayer mini series

St Therese Immaculate Conception Young Adults Group (or **STIC YA**) is hosting a prayer mini series every fortnight on a Thursday evening. Come along for faith formation, community, and a good time!

**Dates:** 24th Nov & 8th Dec

**Time:** 7pm - 8:30 pm

**Location:** St Joseph's meeting room.

### Parish Finances - week ending 6 Nov

\$457 First Collection - Clergy Remuneration Fund

\$445 Second collection - Parish expenses

\$170 Tap Point - Parish donations

\$310 Planned giving envelopes

\$540 Direct debits (weekly average from Oct).

Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME - AIRS SUNDAY 13 NOV 2022

On the Journey this week. Fr Mark De Battista's Gospel reflection on life's last things, death, judgement, heaven, and hell. Mother Hilda says we are often looking in the wrong places to find God. Plus, Robert Falzon on renewing men through the menAlive ministry, Fr Brian Lucas tells the story of Pauline Jerichot, Deacon Josh Clayton explains how to do a local pilgrimage. Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)



## A VOCATION VIEW

Patient endurance will see you through to the end. God will give you the wisdom and the words to speak. Don't let anything hold you back from a wholehearted "yes." (Luke 21:5-19) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)



## ALL SOULS MASS - WEST DAPTO CEMETERY

Everyone is invited to attend the annual All Souls Mass to be held at West Dapto Catholic Cemetery. Mass will be at **10am, Saturday 26 November**, West Dapto Road. In the case of bad weather the mass will be moved to St John's church - 24 Jerematta St Dapto.

## ENEMY LOVE RECORDS GIG

Enemy Love Records (David Kruse & Emma Fradd) are an independent record label producing and promoting good Catholic music. They are touring Australia to present three brand new releases and they will be playing in Wollongong!  
**When:** Sunday 4 December 2022 @ 07:00 PM  
**Where:** Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour St, Wollongong  
**Tickets:** [EnemyLoveRecords.com](http://EnemyLoveRecords.com) (limited tickets)  
Entry by ticket with donation upon entry. Finger food and drinks will be served.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

We affirm the work being done by faith communities and organisations to support those who experience domestic and family violence and abuse, and to address the drivers and enablers of violence. We look for further ways in which we can all respond to spiritual violence.  
<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

## MENALIVE'S—REFUEL WEEKLY SHARING AND JOURNALING SESSIONS

reFUEL is a weekly hour-long gathering of men every Tuesday evening 7:30pm on Zoom providing the chance to:  
break open the Sunday reading using a Lectio Divina style exercise "catch up" with great men from across Australia and New Zealand.  
gain strength and inspiration by the witness of other men.  
pray as a group for individual needs and the needs of others.  
Join via this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468>

## FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING

CatholicCare are very proud to be partnering with CEO and Holy Spirit College offering free technology training again to seniors. The Cross + Generational training program is a unique opportunity for an 'exchange of gifts' between both students and seniors.  
Next sessions this term **18 Nov and 2 Dec, 9.30-11am** at Holy Spirit College Bellambi. To secure your place, please call **Jane Hollier, at CatholicCare 0417 018 152**

## 13 NOV - THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

### **First Reading** - Malachi 3:19-20 *The sun of righteousness will shine on you.*

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of Hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

### **Responsorial Psalm - The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.**

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp  
with the sound of music.  
With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
acclaim the King, the Lord. R.
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder;  
the world, and all its peoples.  
Let the rivers clap their hands  
and the hills ring out their joy  
at the presence of the Lord. R.
3. For the Lord comes,  
he comes to rule the earth.  
He will rule the world with justice  
and the peoples with fairness. R.

### **Second Reading** — 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12 *Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.*

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: do not let anyone have any food if he refuses to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

### **Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

### **Gospel** — Luke 21: 5-19 *Your endurance will win you your life.*

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'