

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY, UNANDERRA, NSW

(ESTABLISHED 1952)

Immaculate Conception Church was opened in 1954, solemnly dedicated in 1992, and became the diocesan shrine to the Blessed Virgin Mary in 1993

Christmas – the birth of Jesus

25th December 2011

Sunday Masses	
morning	7am 9am 10.45am (Polish)
evening	5pm
Weekday Masses	
Monday	7am Saint Stephen
Tuesday	7am Saint John
Wednesday	7am Holy Innocents
Thursday	5.30pm
Friday	12 noon Holy Family
Saturday	7.30am
Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation)	
Saturday	9.30am to 10am
Devotions to the Blessed Virgin Mary	
Monday	Resuming in February

Christmas Mass times:

Vigil 6pm, Vigil 8pm, Midnight, 9am

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The Catholic Weekly and The Catholic Leader are both on sale at the side door (\$2 each).

CHRISTMAS 2011

Welcome to all parishioners and visitors and may you all experience a blessed and joyful Christmas.

Mobile Phones Please turn off all mobile phones when attending Mass or any other ceremony in church.

New Order of the Mass The parish has been using the new translation of the Mass since Pentecost Sunday, about six months ago. If you are unfamiliar with the new translation, please use the cards in the pews, to make the correct responses and prayers during Mass.

The Christmas Crib The wise men do not appear in the Crib at Christmas, as they are still on their journey to Bethlehem. Their arrival is observed on Epiphany Sunday, on 8th January 2012.

A great many thanks to the many parishioners who have been so generous with their time and faith in various parish ministries and activities in the past year.

The collections and parish finances The parish debt is approximately \$713,000. The exact figure will be available in about a fortnight. **Please give very generous support to the second collection at Mass**, as it constitutes the principal source of parish income. It covers such matters as loan repayments, insurance, some wages, general parish costs and repairs. Thank you to the parishioners who regularly and generously contribute to the second collection. It is very concerning that the collections are virtually at the same level as ten and twelve years ago, yet costs have significantly increased. Could you survive on your income of ten years ago? Most people would say, "No". Can you help improve this situation? Please be generous to the parish.

The first collection covers the presbytery housekeeping expenses and clergy salaries (which operate on a centralised system). My suggestion is that coins be given to the first collection and notes to the second.

To all parishioners and visitors May the blessings of Jesus Christ of Bethlehem and the Holy Family be with you all.
Fr Mark O'Keefe PP

Book of Rosters for 2012 is now available near the font, for acolytes, lectors, welcomers, church lawns, church cleaners, counters, childrens' liturgy, flower arrangers, alb washing, etc. Also, the **altar servers' roster** is available for collection from Fr Mark.

HYMNS FOR THE CHRISTMAS MASSES

Hymns at 6pm Vigil Mass (New Living Parish hymnal)		
Processional	170	O come all ye faithful
Offertory	28	Away in a manger
Communion	221	Silent Night
		When a child is born (choir)
Recessional	20	Angels we have heard

Hymns at 8pm Vigil Mass (New Living Parish hymnal)		
Before Mass		Several hymns by the choir
Processional	200	Once in royal David's city
Offertory	28	Away in a manger
Communion	125	Joy to the world
	221	Silent Night
Recessional	170	O come all ye faithful (verses 1, 6 and 7)

Hymns at Midnight Mass (New Living Parish hymnal)		
Before Mass (commencing at 11.30pm)	200 choir 85 choir 185 choir 280 choir	Once in royal David's city Gaudete, Gaudete Hark the herald angels sing Puer Natus O little town of Bethlehem Born is Jesus While shepherds watched Quem Pastores Laudaverunt
Processional	170 choir	O come all ye faithful Dominis Dixit - Gregorian
Offertory	choir	Alma Redemptoris Mater
Communion	choir	Puer natus in Bethlehem
	221	Silent Night
Recessional	20	Angels we have heard

Hymns at 9am Mass (New Living Parish hymnal)		
Processional	170	O come all ye faithful
Offertory	28	Away in a manger
Communion	185	O little town of Bethlehem
Reflection	221	Silent Night
Recessional	85	Hark the herald angels sing

Readings at the Christmas Masses The church's liturgy provides for four different sets of readings and prayers for Masses at Christmas: vigil, midnight, dawn Mass and Mass during the day. The readings for the midnight and day Masses are provided today. The Gospel for the 9am Mass will be from the dawn Mass.

Journey (Diocesan News) copies are free, at the side door.

Prayers are requested for: Mary & Charlie Micallef, Don, Ken & Jack McNamara, Pattman & O'Grady families, Dawson & Morgan families, Anne McDermott, Blair Freestone, Betty Barnett (rec. dec), Cundy, Smith & Egan families, Albert & Marion Flanagan, Margaret (Doly) Clifford, Catherine & Vincent Clifford, Catherine Mortimer, Ethel Walters, Shepherd family, Marciano & Buda families, Ciril Skofic, Matilde iakin, Mario Leban, Silvio Spagnoto, Kelloway & Dennis families, Evangeline & Joseph Gatt, Jodie Gatt (ill), Tosti & Mori families, Katrina Meehan, Meehan & Wooley families, Hans Lambert (hospital)

Rosters for next weekend			
Sat. 31 st Dec	Church Cleaning	G. Lord, L. Zanetti, A. Bill	
	Lawns	Rod Leggett, Peters Family	
Sun. 1 st	Acolytes	Lectors	Welcomers
7am	P. Jones	C. Walsh	Walsh Family
9am	Leo Haywood	Tomas Parrish	Eve Andrews, G. Barlow
5pm	N. Dwyer	M. Gillis	A. Farrington
Counters	J. & S. Meehan, B. & P. Walker		
Childrens Liturgy	Not held during the school holidays		

Change of Mass Time From 26 December to 30 January, the Mass on Monday will be at 7am.

List of Eucharistic Prayers

Eucharistic Prayers 1, 2, 3 and 4
EPs for Masses of Reconciliation 1 and 2
EPs for Various Needs and Occasions, 1, 2, 3 and 4 (will be referred to as A, B, C and D)
The EPs for Masses with children 1, 2 and 3 are not yet available.

This week: Preface for Christmas 1 and EP 1

Living Faith Booklets which contain daily spiritual reflections for January to March are \$4 at the shrine.

Rosters for the Christmas Masses			
	Lectors	Acolytes	Servers
Vigil 6pm	Colleen Walsh	Rob Klaus John Meehan	R and R Walsh Cassie Green Cailin Beswarick Emma Parrish
Vigil 8pm	Jack Ray Louise Ray	Leo Haywood Paul Jones	Daniel Mikleus Liam Mikleus Harry Ray
Midnight	Larry Jennett Mary Gillis	Peter Zielinski	J Fernandez
9am	Sue Meehan Vera Cleary	John Meehan Neil Dwyer	E Fernandez