

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – SUNDAY 12 JULY 2020

**Registrations ESSENTIAL for ALL Masses — via Unanderra Parish Office:
unanderra@dow.org.au or 4271 1068**

Weekly Programme	Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA	St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG
Monday 13 July	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 14 July	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 15 July <i>St Bonaventure</i>	Mass: 9.30am	Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 16 July	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Friday 17 July	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday 18 July	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am
Sunday 19 July <i>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<u>Polish</u>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (<i>also streamed online</i>)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Eris WATSON



Anniversaries

Dr Sheila DWYER

Ruby STUBBS

Jose MAMANGLU Concesa MAMANGLU

Joseph SCHEMBRI Jacobo DOMINGO

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Please only email or ring the office
unanderra@dow.org.au / 4271 1068

Monday: 11am-3pm (Magda)
 Tuesday: Closed
 Wednesday: 9am-12noon (Sue)
 Thursday: 9am-12noon (Sue)
 Friday: 9am-2pm (Sue)

Message from Fr Duane

Thank you to the volunteers who have offered to help with monitoring at Eucharistic Adoration. This week, we will begin with Eucharistic Adoration on one day only: Wednesday at 4.30pm at St Therese Church, West Wollongong, before the 5.30pm Mass. *Please only come for Adoration if you are also able to stay for the 5.30pm Mass.* Once you have registered for the 5.30pm Wednesday Mass this will enable you to arrive, if you wish, from 4.30pm for Adoration as well.

Note: Pre-registration is essential for the Wednesday 5.30pm Mass to ensure we don't exceed the maximum number of 76 worshippers (please see Registration Process below).

Parish meetings can begin again according to the Diocesan Directives. However, the first step before initiating any parish meetings in any parish buildings will be to contact Fr Duane, so that we can work together to ensure each meeting complies with Government and Diocesan directives.

Thank you all for your ongoing co-operation as we continue to carefully broaden our parish activities while following all the relevant regulations and, above all, keeping everyone as safe as we can.



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

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

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest



CAN'T COME TO MASS BUT WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE COMMUNION?

Anyone who is choosing not to come to Mass but would still like to receive Communion, please contact Fr Duane and we will aim to arrange Communion to be brought to you at your home.

(Fr Duane: duane.fernandez@dow.org.au / 0414 626 357)

REGISTRATION PROCESS - BOTH UNANDERRA & WEST WOLLONGONG

Registrations are ESSENTIAL for ALL Masses at both Unanderra and West Wollongong — ALL registrations must be via the Unanderra Parish Office: unanderra@dow.org.au or 4271 1068 (please only call during office hours, shown in pink box on front page of bulletin). Please include the name of all family members who will be attending, contact phone number, email address and the day/time/church of your preferred Mass(es), both weekday and weekend. For weekend Masses, please await a confirmation email from Fr Duane approximately 24 hours prior to the Mass time, before attending the church.

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

July	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez
Sat 18 July	Church Cleaning	J Allen, J Haywood, L Salway
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 18 July
Sat 18 July 6pm Mass	M Gillis	(No lawnmowing duties this week)
Sun 19 July 8am Mass	S Walsh	

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

Fr Duane Fernandez

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BOOKLETS FOR SALE AGAIN

On the middle seat of the church we have our booklets for sale again, with a bit of a backlog due to them arriving in the office but not being allowed to place them in the church.... The Word Among Us for Easter AND June AND July/Aug; as well as Living Faith (both Adults and Children's versions) for both April/May/June AND July/Aug/Sept — all books are \$5 each, please place money in the box provided — but remember:

**PLEASE DO NOT CONGREGATE AROUND THE AREA WHEN PURCHASING THE BOOKS —
MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES PLEASE!**

'THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY'

The PRINTED edition of The Catholic Weekly is finally back in the church this week — it is available for purchase for \$2 (please place money in the poor box next to them) — located near the side door of the church, but remember: **PLEASE DO NOT CONGREGATE AROUND THE SIDE DOOR AREA WHEN PURCHASING — MAINTAIN SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES PLEASE!**

THE Catholic Weekly
Catholic news from Australia and the world

PLENARY COUNCIL ASSEMBLIES

The dates are now locked in for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia Assemblies — they will be held in Adelaide 3-10 October 2021 and in Sydney 4-9 July 2022.



The new dates mean that the celebration of the Plenary Council has effectively moved 12 months from the original plan of a first assembly in October 2020 and a second assembly in June/July 2021.

A VOCATION VIEW

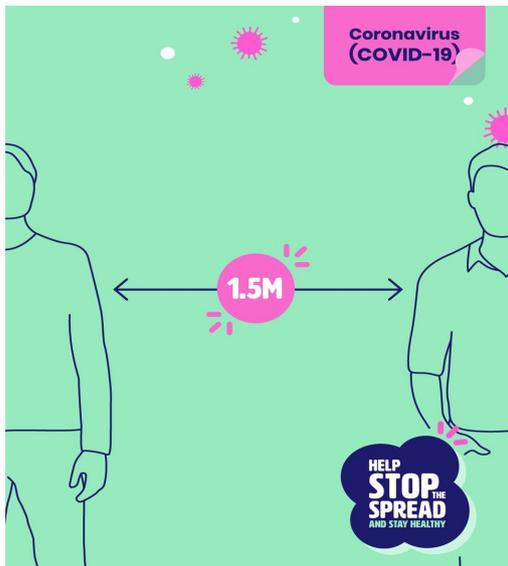
Make your heart ready to receive the Word of God sown through the Mass and Sacraments in the Church. (Isaiah 55:10-11).



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

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Don't forget to stay 1.5 metres from others in and around the Church



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 12 JULY 2020 –

Listen in this week as we break open the Sunday Gospel reading with Bishop Brian Mascord. We also have a wonderful interview with Fr Mark de Battista as he celebrates 25 years in ministry. As usual, there are some great short talks from some of Australia's best Catholic presenters.



Go to www.jcr.org.au or www.itunes.jcr.org.au where you can listen/subscribe to weekly shows

STEUBENVILLE LIVE VIRTUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

17-18 July 2020

Experience hope alive at Steubenville's very first virtual conference, Steubenville Live! Enjoy a virtual event like no other, live-streamed from Steubenville in Florida, no pre-recorded talks; fully interactive; powerful worship music; and, of course, Jesus will be there, the source of our hope! Steubenville Live engages not only high schoolers but their families, too! Registration is now open: https://steubenvilleconferences.com/live/?mc_cid=3361e73640&mc_eid=a9eafb22e5



"Hope does not disappoint because the love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." (Romans 5:5)

REFRESHER: SUPPORTING AND CO-ORDINATING MINISTRIES

Multiple daytime and evening sessions in July via Zoom. To Register, please visit:

www.dow.org.au/news-and-events

How are you going in co-ordinating or supporting an area of ministry in your parish? Would you like to gain some further skills and tips to undertake this role more successfully?

This introductory session will help you explore how you are going and consider ways in which we can all improve in inspiring, equipping and empowering people within our areas of ministry and parish life.

For more info, please contact Darren McDowell at darren.mcdowell@dow.org.au or on 4222 2463.



SUNDAY 12 JULY 2020 — 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

First Reading — Isaiah 55:10-11 — *The rain makes the earth fruitful.*

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

Responsorial Psalm — *The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. R.
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers; you bless its growth. R.
3. You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. R.
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. R.



Second Reading — Romans 8:18-23 — *All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel — Matthew 13:1-23 — *A sower went out to sow.*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

BAPTISMS AND RECONCILIATION

The Sacraments of Baptism and Reconciliation are available again, by appointment with Fr Duane.

NB: There are no set times for either of these Sacraments at this point, and appointments for Reconciliation should be made away from Mass times, so as not to complicate the monitoring system for Masses. Please contact Fr Duane: duane.fernandez@dow.org.au or 0414 626 357.