

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – SUNDAY 26 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 27 July	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 28 July	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 29 July <i>St Martha</i>	Mass: 9.30am	*Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm <i>* Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm.</i>
Thursday 30 July	* Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm <i>*Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm.</i>	Mass: 7.45am
Friday 31 July <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday 1 August <i>St Alphonsus Liguori</i>	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am
Sunday 2 August <i>18th 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

Stephen ZANESCO
Daphne BROWN



Anniversaries

John WALSH
Marguerite HILLMAN
Kenneth John WOODS

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

Last week, on behalf of the Parish, I thanked **Sinh Le** for all of his wonderful work with us. He begins Semester 2 at Seminary this weekend and has left a wonderful legacy in many ways from his stay with us these past four months – not least his wonderful contribution to the live-streamed Mass on Sundays at 5pm. This week I wish to thank not only Sinh but also the rest of the “tech team” for their generosity, commitment and expertise throughout these difficult months of Covid. **Peter Veerhuis** was the instigator of the idea of live-streamed Masses (back when I personally thought they weren’t necessary) and has turned up at church almost every Sunday evening since we began the streamed Mass back at Easter. He has given valuable wisdom all the way through to help us continually improve the delivery of these Masses. **Rebecca Hall** has likewise been “virtually” present every Sunday since we began – co-ordinating our online presence through Facebook and YouTube and helping guide both the tech team at the church and viewers at home during these Masses. Finally, when we needed some new help to ensure continuity after Sinh’s return to seminary, **Jeff De Battista** and **Marilyn Ng** have stepped up to generously offer their time and skills to continue our live streams. At an unprecedented moment when Masses were cancelled, until now while capacity is limited and the vulnerable are rightly reluctant to attend, these live-streamed Masses are proving vital to our Parish life. While we look forward to being able to welcome everyone back at church, let’s also celebrate the opportunity we have been given through the skills and generosity of these wonderful people, to maintain and deepen our communion in Christ at the altar even during these difficult times. We thank you, tech team, for all you have done and continue to do!



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

August	Church Washing	Helen Murphy
Sat 1 Aug	Church Cleaning	P & A Browne, K Harrison
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 1 August
Sat 1 Aug 6pm Mass	D Ferrer	J Lonard S Carrigan
Sun 2 Aug 8am Mass	S Walsh	H Fernandez

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

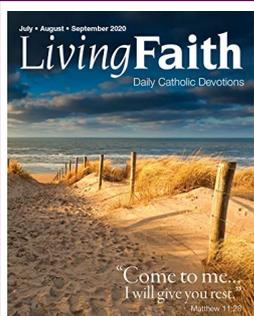
For any pastoral needs:

please contact

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BOOKS FOR SALE

On the middle pew of the church we have our booklets for sale again —

The Word Among Us for Easter, June and July/Aug; and

Living Faith (Adults/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!

A VOCATION VIEW

"Give your servant an understanding heart to distinguish right from wrong." True knowledge comes from the Lord and is not to be used for our own gain, but for the building of the Kingdom of Heaven. (1 Kings 3:9)



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

KNOWING & FOLLOWING THE HOLY SPIRIT

Wednesdays — 22 July to 9 September via Zoom

To register, please visit:

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

The theme of Australia's Plenary Council is Listen to What Spirit is Saying. But how do we do this?

How can we as individuals and parish communities truly know, listen and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit?

Entering into these questions is vital as we discern how we will live our faith and mission in the years to come.

Join us for this eight-part video reflection series, using material from formed.org, exploring the role and action of the Holy Spirit.



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

PRAYER RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

During this time of social isolation, it is important that we pray and stay connected to our community. A range of online resources are available to assist with this. These include daily prayers and readings, prayer services, the Sunday Office, commentaries, homilies and reflections as well as Gospel based activities and resources to support personal and family prayer.

Please go to: www.liturgyhelp.com/aus/woll/pray and follow the prompts to access. Hopefully these resources will help create prayerful solidarity with our community and the whole Body of Christ.



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 26 JULY 2020 –



This week, you will hear all about the upcoming National Men's Conference and new content from Darren McDowell in his segment – Leading For Mission – asking us why we would bother?

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

VIRTUAL NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING

Saturday 15 August 2020

This free half-day gathering will look to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship four sessions with inputs from Australian Bishops and lay leaders to inspire and renew men in the Church for mission.

Participate individually but also in approx 30 locations around Australia — four in Diocese of Wollongong.

Simply register at www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

The Diocese will bring men together in four locations on Saturday 15 August from 9.30am-2.30pm:

Wollongong: Venue - Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour St
Host - Peter Crowe (0407 913 696)

Macarthur: Venue - TBC
Host - Eddie Ferry (0417 049 418)

Nowra: Venue - St Michael's Parish
Host - Nigel Porter (0430 365 383)

Sthn Highlands: Venue - TBC
Host - James Glynn (0431 636 027)



INTERESTED IN WALKING?

Please join us on **Thursday 6 August 2020** at **9.30am** for a walk.

The start of the walk is on the corner of Booreea Boulevard and Cordeaux Road in Cordeaux Heights.



We intend to walk up Cordeaux Road and along the old Nebo rail line. Please bring a snack.

Please contact:

Barbara Faraway — 0419 989 608

Josephine Haywood — 0425 236 214

SUNDAY 26 JULY 2020 — 17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

First Reading — 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 — *You have asked for wisdom.*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm — *Lord, I love your commands.*

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. R.
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come and I shall live for your law is my delight. R.
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts, and hate false ways. R.
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. R.



Second Reading — Romans 8:28-30 — *He predestined us to become true images of his Son.*

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth. Alleluia!

Gospel — Matthew 13:44-52 — *He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

Jesus said to the crowds, "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.



Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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.