

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 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 7 September	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 8 September <i>Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 9 September	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 10 September	* 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 11 September	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday 12 September	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am
Sunday 13 September <i>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<i>Polish</i>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (<i>also streamed online</i>)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Elizabeth HIMMELREICH
 Brian KERIN
 Albert SOVRANO

Anniversaries

Michael VANDER LINDEN
 Hazel McNAMARA
 Minnette VILLANUEVA

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

unanderra@dow.org.au / 4271 1068

Monday: 11am-3pm (Magda)
 Tuesday: Closed
 Wednesday: Closed
 Thursday: 9am-3pm (Magda)
 Friday: 8am-1pm (Sue)

Message from Fr Duane

The “**Season of Creation**” began on 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for Creation, and continues until 4 October (the Feast of St Francis of Assisi). This initiative is a united effort by Orthodox and other denominations, which was officially recognised by Pope Francis in 2015 who encouraged Catholics to take this opportunity to reflect on our relationship with God and all creation. We are entrusted by God with the task of caring for and protecting creation, at a time when the self-indulgent materialism of many in our world seek only to exploit it. And yet we cannot take up this responsibility without God; in the Pope’s words this year, “we cannot live in harmony with creation if we are not at peace with the Creator who is the source and origin of all things”. As we in the Southern Hemisphere begin the season of Spring (with beautiful weather this past week) let’s remember that while many activities are paused or limited, the beauty of creation continues to reveal the glory of God. Let’s find some time during this “season” to contemplate this beauty, for it is the loving gift of our God to us: “The entire material universe speaks of God’s love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God” (*Pope Francis, Laudato Si, 84*).



HAPPY FATHERS DAY to all of the fathers of our community, and all our fathers wherever they may be (including my own wonderful father!)

We give thanks to God and ask God’s abundant blessings upon all fathers and father figures on this special day:

“Let us praise those fathers who have striven to balance the demands of work, marriage, and children with an honest awareness of both joy and sacrifice.

Let us praise those fathers who, by their own account, were not always there for their children, but who continue to offer those children, now grown, their love and support.

Let us pray for those fathers who have been wounded by words and actions of their children.

Let us pray for those fathers who have lost a child to death, and continue to hold the child in their heart.

Let us praise those men who have no children, but cherish the next generation as if they were their own.

Let us praise those men who have "fathered" us in their role as mentors and guides.

Let us praise those men who are about to become fathers; may they openly delight in their children.

And let us pray for those fathers who have died, but live on in our memory and whose love continues to nurture us.”

(Adapted from <https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/fathers-day-prayers>)



Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest



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

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



CAN'T COME TO MASS BUT WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE COMMUNION OR ANOINTING OF THE SICK?

With Covid-19 still having a huge impact on so many still not being able to return to Sunday Mass, please contact the parish office or Sr Kerry if you would like to receive Communion in your home. Our present directives state that one must not be suffering from an illness for our Ministers of Communion to visit you. Any further enquiries, please contact Sr Kerry. If you do need a priest for the Anointing of the Sick, Fr Duane would be very happy for you to contact him.

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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

September	Church Washing	Jackie Allen
Sat 12 Sept	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 5 September
Sat 12 Sept 6pm Mass	V Cleary	(There are no lawnmowing duties this weekend)
Sun 13 Sept 8am Mass	C Walsh	

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

Fr Duane Fernandez

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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Marriage Enrichment Weekend
20–22 November 2020

at Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville.

Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love!

Book online at www.wwme.org.au

Alternatively contact Christine & Terry Mahony on **0490 774 419** or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

If you would like Worldwide Marriage Encounter brochures, please see WWME website at www.wwme.org.au



A weekend of discovery.....a lifetime of love

A VOCATION VIEW

“Where two or three are gathered,
there I am in the midst of them.”

Make Christ the centre of your conversations and interactions with others. (*Matthew 18:20*).

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



NEED A TABLE?

Stacked on the Convent verandah are some very good tables and a few bookcases. If you would like to take any item(s) on the verandah, you are most welcome

to do so. These items are for free but if you wish to give a donation towards costs incurred during the setting up of the new Catechist room, you are welcome to do so. Please feel free to come and view the items at any time.

My apologies but delivery isn't included in the offer!
Blessings. Sr Kerry



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2020 –

This week on the Journey, Fr Mike Delaney's Gospel reflection; Mother Hilda on how God's Word consoled her and will do the same for us in difficult times; and Darren McDowell on why understanding the difference between leadership and management is critical for parish mission.



The Journey is available from Friday every week for free download at www.jcr.org.au

MONTHLY PARISH WALK

Last week, 13 parishioners (10 women and 3 men) went for a lovely walk along the Mt Kembla rail track on a gorgeous sunny winter's day. It was a walk of



happiness, chatting, getting to know each other, and exercise!

It was so much fun that it has been decided to become a monthly event, at different venues each month. Our next walk will be on **Thursday 24 September** at **9.30am** at Kanahooka Point (more details in coming weeks) - so make a note in

your diary, and we hope to see you on that day!

SEASON OF CREATION

This coming month marks the commencement of the Season of Creation, commencing with a world day of prayer on 1 September and



concluding with the feast day of St Francis of Assisi on 4 October. Join with Christians around the world in joyful celebrations, prayer, formation and activities that focus on our common home at:

<https://seasonofcreation.org/>

WEEKLY HOLY HOUR



Join the NET Team for
Online Holy Hour!

Every Wednesday from **6.30pm**
on Instagram
[@wollongongnetteam](https://www.instagram.com/wollongongnetteam) or
Facebook [@CYMDOW](https://www.facebook.com/CYMDOW) (Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong).

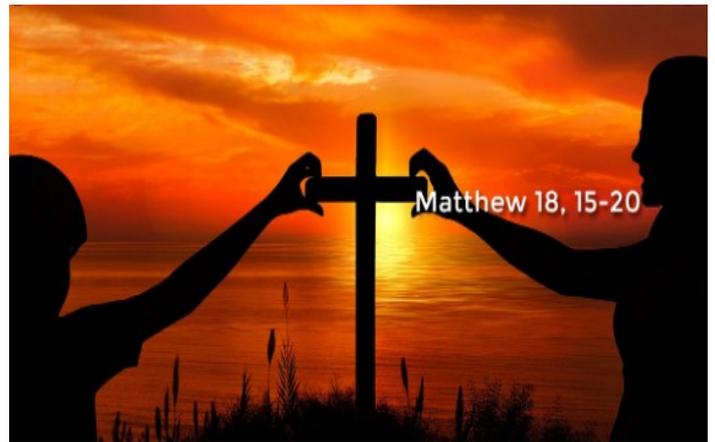
Witness adoration, join in for praise and worship, and hear the Gospel as well as a reflection written by one of our team members — all from the safety of your home!

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2020 — 23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

First Reading — Ezekiel 33:7-9 — *If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.*
The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’

Responsorial Psalm — *O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. R.
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. R.
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ R.



Second Reading — Romans 13:8-10 — *Love is the fulfilment of the Law.*

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel — Matthew 18:15-20 — *If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’

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**.