

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – SUNDAY 13 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 14 September <i>Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 15 September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 16 September <i>Sts Cornelius & Cyprian</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 17 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 18 September	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday 19 September	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am
Sunday 20 September <i>25th 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

Anniversaries

Edoardo MILAN

Bishop Thomas McCABE

Paul BLOOD



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

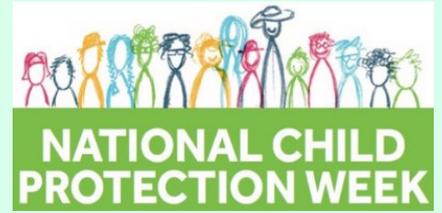
Wednesday: Closed

Thursday: 9am-3pm (Magda)

Friday: 8am-1pm (Sue)

Message from Fr Duane

This week (6-13 September) we mark National Child Protection Week throughout Australia, a time of reflection for every Australian on our shared responsibility in safeguarding children in our society. As Catholics, the week culminates with Child Protection Sunday this Sunday 13 September. As Australian Catholics today, we remain deeply affected by the failures of Church authorities in safeguarding children in recent decades. Nevertheless it is important that we not allow the shame of these mistakes to lead us to despair, but rather learn from past mistakes and constantly improve the culture of our church communities, each doing our part to ensure they are places of welcome, respect, and safety for children and vulnerable adults.



I personally am encouraged by many practical steps which have been put in place in recent years for our Diocese including a well resourced Office of Professional Standards led by Asante Viswasam, Joanna Laba and Caitlin Moore. This Office in turn collaborates with National bodies and provides training in best practices with regard to safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults to all clergy and other key leaders in the diocese.

As Vocations Director, I can assure you that our Vocations Team work closely with Seminary staff to ensure clear and rigorous processes of assessment for applicants to seminary, and ongoing formation and assessment throughout seminary. There are many signs that we are moving in the right direction, and yet we must remain constantly vigilant and never complacent in this sacred duty of protection of children within the Church and beyond.

For more information on our Diocesan personnel and protocol, you can visit this website: <https://www.dow.org.au/directory/safeguarding/> or for more information on the response of the Church nationally: <https://www.cpsltd.org.au/>

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.

Sr Kerry: Kerry.Gardiner@sosj.org.au / 0421 463 871

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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 19 Sep	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, S Walsh
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 20 September
Sat 19 Sep 6pm Mass	M Gillis	B Mannix, W Brown,
Sun 20 Sep 8am Mass	A Kelly	F Caruana, R Murphy

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

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MONTHLY PARISH WALK

Don't forget our monthly parishioners walk — the next one will be on

Thursday 24 September meeting at **9.30am** at Kanahooka Point

(more details in coming weeks)

Make a note in your diary

and we hope to see you on that day!

People of all abilities welcome —

we always choose an easy, flat, scenic walk.



WEEKLY HOLY HOUR

Join the NET Team for
Online Holy Hour!

Every Wednesday from **6.30pm**
on Instagram @wollongongnetteam
or Facebook @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!

HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Rachel's Vineyard Ministries Weekend Retreat offers women and men a sanctuary in which to renew, rebuild and redeem hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment. The next healing retreat will be held **4-6 December 2020**.



Join in an Online Reflection - Called to Life - a confidential free online individually guided reflection at a time to suit you.

Please enquire about these programmes at
Rachel's Vineyard Ministries
on their confidential number (voicemail)

0400 092 555

For more info, go to

www.rachelsvineyard.org.au

CARMELITES MEETING

The monthly meeting of the Carmelites will be held on **Saturday 19 September** between **10am and 12noon** in St Joseph's Room.

Members are reminded to wear a mask and adhere to Government regulations.

As there are only 15 permitted in St Joseph's Room, behind the Unanderra Catholic Church, bookings are essential.

Anyone interested please contact Vera Cleary on **0415 926 132** or email vera.cleary09@gmail.com

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME — AIRS SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2020 —



Jude Hennessy interviews Beth Riolo about September celebrating the Season of Creation; plus a reflection on the cost of forgiveness in this week's gospel by Fr Mike Delaney; Mother Hilda with the story of Archbishop Thuc, humiliation and forgiveness; Pat Keady on God dropping practical training on us every day to challenge to us to love like Him; and in Smart Loving — trust in marriage when dealing with sorrow and difficulties.

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

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

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A VOCATION VIEW

For if we live, we live for the Lord. (*Romans 14:8*)



If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director,

Fr Duane Fernandez, at:

vocations@dow.org.au

SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2020 — 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

First Reading — Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 — *Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating,

remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will;

remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.



Responsorial Psalm — *The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. R.
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. R.
3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. R.
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. R.

Second Reading — Romans 14:7-9 — *Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel — Matthew 18:21-35 — *I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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.