

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR A — SUNDAY 27 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
Mon 28 Sept <i>St Wenceslaus and St Lawrence Ruiz & Companions</i>	Mass: 7am	
Tues 29 Sept <i>Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 30 September <i>St Jerome</i>	Mass: 9.30am	*Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm *Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm.
Thursday 1 October <i>St Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i>	Mass: 11am (<u>Polish</u>) * Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm *Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm.	Mass: 7.45am
Fri 2 Oct <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday 3 October	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am
Sunday 4 Oct <i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<u>Polish</u>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (also streamed online)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS



Recently Deceased

Antonio CARLOTTO
Mavis BADGER
Maude BARRETT

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

PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office
will be closed this
coming **Friday**
2 October 2020

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

unanderra@dow.org.au / 4271 1068

Monday: 11am-3pm (Magda)
Tuesday: Closed
Wednesday: Closed
Thursday: 9am-3pm (Magda)
Friday: Closed (Fri 2 Oct ONLY)

Message from Fr Duane

This week I extend a special invitation to all parishioners of both West Wollongong and Unanderra to join the **7.45am Mass on Thursday 1 October** at St Therese Church, to celebrate the feast day of St Therese of Lisieux.



St Therese is a much-loved saint of modern times, and I would suggest that so much of her life and writings are extremely relevant to us in these present, strange times. Covid safety measures have taken away many normal aspects of our lives, and it is easy to lose a sense of purpose and motivation – even to feel like life itself is “on hold”.

St Therese went through this when her own poor health created many limitations for her, preventing her from realising many grand dreams. And yet it was in the midst of these very limitations that she discovered the power of countless little acts of love: “Love proves itself by deeds, so how am I to show my love? Great deeds are forbidden me. The only way I can prove my love is by scattering flowers and these flowers are every little sacrifice, every glance and word, and the doing of the least actions for love.”

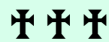
Whatever our circumstances, whatever our limitations, let us recognise our littleness before God, and yet His power to bring about far greater than we can imagine through our daily little acts of love.

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

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

October	Church Washing	Barbara Faraway
Sat 3 Oct	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 3 Oct
Sat 3 Oct 6pm Mass	D Ferrer	J Lonard, S Carrigan, H Fernandez
Sun 4 Oct 8am Mass	A Browne	

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

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MONTHLY PARISH WALK

Last Thursday, 14 parishioners went for their monthly parish walk at Kanahooka Point.

Despite the wind, it was a lovely sunny day, full of chit-chat, friendship and getting to know each other.

We hope you can join us next time — note the date in your diary: **Thursday 29 October**, which will be at Berkeley.



All walking abilities catered for, as we always choose a nice, easy, flat, casual walk. **Everyone welcome!**

A VOCATION VIEW

“Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths.” The paths of the Lord lead to eternal life if we but have the courage to walk where He leads. (*Psalm 25:4*)

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



BISHOP'S APPEAL

BISHOP BRIAN'S ANNUAL APPEAL TO SUPPORT THE RETIREMENT AND HEALTH OF CLERGY AND LOCAL PARISH MINISTRIES

Given that we are still limited to the number of people who can attend Mass, this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal has moved to an ONLINE format. Find out more at **www.dow.org.au/giving**

Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Your donation to this appeal will enable me to provide a dignified retirement for our diocesan clergy and ensure that our parish communities stay connected during this time of pandemic. While I

acknowledge the pressure that some households are facing at this time, if you are in a financial position to give, I would be very grateful if you would consider giving generously to this appeal.

Bishop Brian Mascord



THE JOURNEY

CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME

— AIRS SUNDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2020 —

On the Journey This Week: The Pharisees in the Gospel tell Jesus that actions speak louder than words, and Fr Mike Delaney says we'll also be judged on our actions not on our words; plus Mother Hilda's story is about God putting obstacles in our way to slow us down, saving us from our own irrationality and much more.



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

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Monday 5 October 9.30am—11am

St Michael's Parish

325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive Thirroul

The annual Blessing of the Animals will be held on the long weekend in October, from 9.30am until 11am on Monday 5 October. All animals are welcome.

This year, because of social distancing regulations, all animals must remain two paws apart.



You may bring your pets any time between 9.30am and 11am so as to maintain social distancing (two paws apart).

On 4 October, people all over the world will be celebrating the feast day of the Patron Saint of Animals, Saint Francis of Assisi. It is customary that in remembrance of St Francis of Assisi's love for all creatures, animals are led to churches for a special ceremony called the “Blessing of the Animals.” Every year, millions of animals are blessed by priests/friars in a ceremony that touches the hearts of most of those in attendance.

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

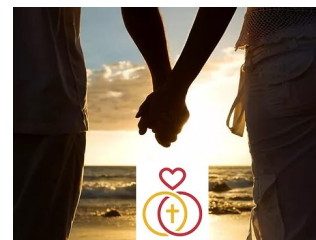
www.wwme.org.au

Alternatively contact

Christine & Terry Mahony

on **0490 774 419** or email

nswbookings@wwme.org.au



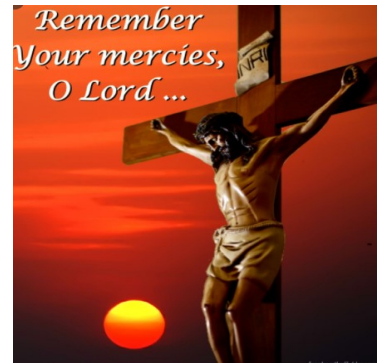
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First Reading — Ezekiel 18:25-28 — *The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm — *Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. *R.*
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. *R.*
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path, He teaches his way to the poor. *R.*



Second Reading — Philippians 2:1-11 — *In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel — Matthew 21:28-32 — *He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*



Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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.