

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2020

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

Weekly Programme	Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA	St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG
Monday 5 October <i>(Public Holiday)</i>	Mass: 8am* <b>*8am Mass — Public Holiday Monday</b>	
Tuesday 6 October	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 7 October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</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 8 October	* 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 9 October <i>St Denis</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday 10 October	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am
Sunday 11 October <i>28th 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

#### Anniversaries

Marta BONCOMPAGNI      Walter VANDER LINDEN

Giuseppe ROSTIROLA      Pat HEFFERNAN

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



### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

[unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) / 4271 1068

Monday: 11am-3pm (Magda)

Tuesday: *Closed*

Wednesday: *Closed*

Thursday: 9am-3pm (Magda)

Friday: 8am-12noon (Sue)

## Message from Fr Duane

The month of October is designated the “month of the Rosary”. The Rosary is one of the best known and loved Catholic prayers, providing spiritual help to people of all ages, individuals, families and groups in all kinds of circumstances. Pope St John Paul II provided a wonderful reflection on the Rosary for modern times in his Apostolic Letter “The Rosary of the Virgin Mary”, in 2002.

His letter explains well why the Rosary is still as relevant as it ever was, as well as very practical guidelines on how to enter into it in a truly contemplative manner. I encourage you to take this opportunity to make your way through his letter, and possibly discover for yourself a deeper love and fruitfulness from this centuries-old and ever new prayer of the Church!

The letter of Pope St John Paul II can be found here:

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost\\_letters/2002/documents/hf\\_jp-ii\\_apl\\_20021016\\_rosarium-virginis-mariae.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/john-paul-ii/en/apost_letters/2002/documents/hf_jp-ii_apl_20021016_rosarium-virginis-mariae.html)

A simple introduction to how to pray the Rosary can be found here:

<https://www.rosarycenter.org/homepage-2/rosary/how-to-pray-the-rosary/>

**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](mailto: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 10 Oct	Church Cleaning	P & A Browne, K Harrison
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 10 Oct
Sat 10 Oct 6pm Mass	V Cleary	There are no lawnmowing duties this weekend
Sun 11 Oct 8am Mass	A Kelly	

### ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

**Fr Duane Fernandez**

**0414 626 357**

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## 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.



## A VOCATION VIEW

"Have no anxiety at all, but make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:6-7)

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



## MONTHLY PARISH WALK

Mark your diaries — our next parish walk will be on **Thursday 29 October**, meeting at Aish's Seafood in Berkeley at 9.30am. It's a great way to get to know your fellow parishioners during these Covid times! More details in coming weeks.



## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME — AIRS SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2020 —



Don't miss the great music, stories and God spots on our weekly Podcast.

The Journey is available from Friday every week for free download at [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au)

## REQUEST FOR PRAYERS FOR CATECHIST MINISTRY

Request for Prayer for Catechist Ministry in the Diocese Each week, hundreds of volunteers around the diocese answer the call to share our Catholic faith with Catholic children. Please keep in your prayers the work of Scripture Teachers, the children they teach in state schools and their families. If you would like to know more about the ministry, please go to [www.ccdwollongong.com](http://www.ccdwollongong.com)



## CATHOLIC CARE

We're always here, if you ever need... These are challenging times for everyone and CatholicCare are here to support you and your family to navigate the uncertainty. We offer confidential online and phone counselling to support you with the frustration of managing family emotions, relationship pressures and employment changes.



To find out more about CatholicCare's counselling service,

call us on **4254 9395** or email

[intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au](mailto:intakeservice@catholiccare.dow.org.au)

## 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](http://www.wwme.org.au)

Alternatively contact

Christine & Terry Mahony  
on **0490 774 419** or email

[nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au)



## SUNDAY 4 OCTOBER 2020 — 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

**First Reading** — Isaiah 5:1-7 — *The vineyard of the Lord God of hosts is the House of Israel.*

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes.

Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.



**Responsorial Psalm** — *The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.*

1. You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. *R.*
2. Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. *R.*
3. God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. *R.*
4. And we shall never forsake you again; give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. *R.*

**Second Reading** — Philippians 4:6-9 — *Do these things and the God of peace will be with you.*

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

**Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

**Gospel** — Matthew 21:33-43 — *He leased his vineyard to other farmers.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way.

Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?'

They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

### 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](mailto:duane.fernandez@dow.org.au) or 0414 626 357.