

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 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 26 October	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 27 October	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 28 October <i>Sts Simon & Jude</i>	Mass: 9.30am	*Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm *Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm.
Thursday 29 October	* Adoration: 4.30pm Mass: 5.30pm *Only those registered for 5.30pm Mass may attend Adoration at 4.30pm.	Mass: 7.45am
Friday 30 October	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday 31 October	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am
Sunday 1 November <i>31st 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

Alison BAXENDALE
 Bonnie GRECH
 Bill MICALLEF
 Mary & Charlie MICALLEF
 Mavis STUBBS
 Josie FENECH
 Manuel MAMANGLU
 Connor VISPOR
 Victor TABONE
 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-12noon (Sue)

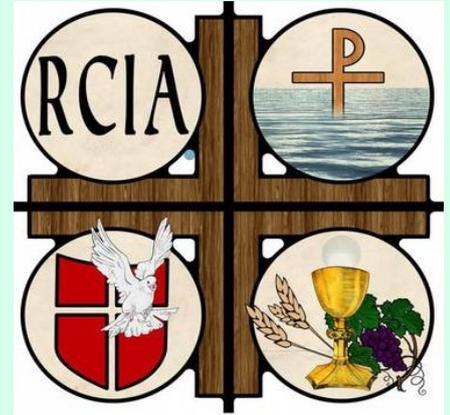
Message from Fr Duane

WELCOMING 6 NEW ADULTS INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH!

Our parish communities of St Therese West Wollongong and Immaculate Conception Unanderra are excited to be welcoming six adults who will receive the Sacraments of Initiation next weekend: two of them will be baptised, and all six will receive their Confirmation and First Communion.

This group has been preparing for many months to receive the Sacraments – some since last year. The usual Easter ceremony was not possible, and after continuing to deepen their preparation through regular Zoom meetings ever since, we can now finally celebrate their Sacraments on All Saints Day, at a special extra Mass just for them and their guests. Due to the limited capacity allowed we will not be able to celebrate the occasion itself at a Parish Mass, however we will have a simple ritual of welcome and introduction at the 5pm Live Stream Mass this Sunday 25 October.

Please pray for this wonderful group of adults who have engaged with great sincerity and commitment in their extended preparation for this day: Kayla Stork and Tiffany Gomez, to be baptised; and Karene Harrison, Rob Gordon, Jade Nikolovski and Tom Lattimore, to receive Confirmation and First Communion.



CLERGY RETREATS

All clergy are expected to take a 5 day retreat each year. This year the Diocesan clergy retreat was cancelled due to Covid and clergy were encouraged to organise their own individual retreats instead.

I thank Fr Jerzy for agreeing to celebrate the weekday Masses at St Therese West Wollongong for 26-30 October, so that I can take my 5 day retreat. I will return the favour for Fr Jerzy in the last week of November.

Please pray for us that these days of retreat will be a time of refreshment and spiritual renewal, and be assured of my prayers for you all during this coming week.

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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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

November	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez
Sat 31 Oct	Church Cleaning	J Allen, J Haywood, L Salway
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 31 Oct
Sat 31 Oct 6pm Mass	D Ferrer	B Mannix, W Brown,
Sun 1 Nov 8am Mass	S Walsh	F Caruana, R Murphy

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

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MONTHLY PARISH WALK

Our next parish walk will be this coming **Thursday 29 October**, meeting at Aish's Seafood Café carpark in Berkeley at **9.30am**. Please bring water and a snack.



THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 2020 –



On the Journey this week: Have you ever had the overwhelming sense you were loved? Fr Mark De Battista breaks open the Gospel's commandment of Love for God and love for neighbour; Mother Hilda says it is often hard for us to accept God's mercy; and Trish McCarthy tells how to respond to that nagging voice in your head.

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

CATHEDRAL BOOKS & GIFTS

The Cathedral Books & Gifts is open by appointment only.

Cathedral Books & Gifts has a wide range of gifts for Baptism, Communion, Confirmation, etc including missals, books, rosaries, statues, plaques, medals etc.

Please phone **Wendy** on **0457 023 556** to make an appointment.

STAMPS FOR PERU



Thank you to the parishioners who have placed their used stamps in the box at the side door of the church. All used stamps are sent to Sydney to raise money for the work of the Sisters of St Joseph in Peru.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Please continue to place all of your used stamps in the box provided near the church side door (please remember to leave a 1cm / ½" border around the stamp).

A VOCATION VIEW

"You turned from idols to serve the living and true God." Destroy the false gods in your life which prevent you from serving the one true God.

(1 Thess. 1:10)

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



THANK YOU!

Much has been happening these last few weeks where volunteers donned their glad rags and worked hard to line and prepare a garage at the Convent for the catechetical materials that had been stored in the demountable.

To all who worked so hard — thank you!

It was good for some catechists to gather with Fr Duane to chat about the changes, and enjoy a preview of the changes.

A job well done.

Thank you!

Sr Kerry



CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL

Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Mission Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers. Your generosity makes it possible for people, through programs such as the Arrupe Centre, to continue reaching out and empowering people like Chen and his family. Thank you also to so many parishioners who have become monthly giving partners through our Cambodia Mission Partners program.

For more information about the work of Catholic Mission in Cambodia and around the world, please contact our friendly team at the freecall number below, or at www.catholicmission.org.au/contact

You can donate at either

Freecall 1800 257 296

or online at

www.catholicmission.org.au/cambodia



SUNDAY 25 OCTOBER 2020 — 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

First Reading — Exodus 22:20-26 — *If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.*
The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this: "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity".'

Responsorial Psalm — *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes. *R.*
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. *R.*



Second Reading — 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10 — *You turned away from idols to serve God and to await his Son.*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel — Matthew 22:34-40 — *You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'



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.