

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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ALL SAINTS DAY — SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 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 2 November <i>All Souls Day</i>	Mass: 7am* Mass: 11am (<i>Polish</i>)* <i>(*NB Polish Mass is Mon instead of Thur this month only).</i>	Mass: 6pm (<i>one-off Mass</i>) <i>(Please register via unanderra@dow.org.au)</i>
Tuesday 3 November	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 4 November <i>St Charles Borromeo</i>	Mass: 9.30am	4.30pm Adoration & 5.30pm Mass cancelled this week only due to Confirmation ceremony
Thursday 5 November	4.30pm Adoration & 5.30pm Mass cancelled this week only due to Confirmation ceremony	Mass: 7.45am
Friday 6 November	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9.30am
Saturday 7 November	Rosary: 7.15am Mass: 7.30am Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am
Sunday 8 November <i>32nd 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

Rev Sr Marie KENNEDY

Patricia GEYLING

Don MASCORD

Vincent STUBBS



Madeline HEFFERNAN

Josie NEWMAN

Leo HAYWOOD

Teresa LEGGOTT

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

At last Sunday's 5pm Mass, which was also live streamed as usual, we officially welcomed the adults who have completed their 'RCIA' program (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) and will be receiving the Sacraments of Initiation this Sunday. This will take place at a special 11.30am Mass at St Therese West Wollongong, for these candidates and their guests only due to capacity restrictions. It has been a wonderful privilege to journey with these six wonderful people, some of them far longer than usual as they had been prepared to celebrate their Sacraments at Easter until Covid made that impossible. Please keep Tiffany, Kayla, Rob, Karene, Jade and Tom in your prayers this weekend, as they celebrate their Sacraments on this joyful Feast of All Saints' Day! Let's also look for opportunities to keep welcoming them more deeply into the life of our Parish Communities, enabling them to share their unique and wonderful gifts to keep building up our Parishes.

Also if you know of any adults who may be interested in becoming Catholic, or getting to know more about the Catholic faith, this is the perfect time to invite them to contact me at duane.fernandez@dow.org.au or 0414626357 so I can let them know the next steps. There are already three adults inquiring, so let's spread the word and continue to share the overflowing love of Christ with all people!

Finally, this coming week, with the Bishop's permission, I will be celebrating the Confirmations of over 80 young people across our two parishes. They have prepared wonderfully with the help of their families, and I wish to especially thank the Sacramental Team across both parishes – Renee Maguire, Patricia Staff, Sr Kerry Gardiner, Rogee Pe-Pua and Lauren Hall for their wonderful work once again, to ensure this Sacrament can be celebrated for our young people during these complicated times. Please keep all our candidates in your prayers.

Due to our Confirmation celebrations this week, we have to modify our weekday Mass timetable for this week only, since we had to schedule a number of Confirmation ceremonies throughout the week. The usual Wednesday 5.30pm Mass at St Therese will be cancelled – you are encouraged to attend the 9.30am Mass at Unanderra if you wish. The usual Thursday 5.30pm Mass at Immaculate Conception will be cancelled – you are encouraged to attend the 7.45am Mass at West Wollongong if you wish. (The monitors for the morning Masses will have the registration lists for both evening Masses as well, so there is no need to re-register, being a one-off change).

ALL SOULS DAY AND MONTH OF NOVEMBER

This Monday is All Souls' Day, and in addition to the usual 7am Mass at Immaculate Conception Unanderra with Fr Jerzy, I will celebrate one extra Mass, at St Therese West Wollongong at 6pm. If possible, could those planning to attend please email unanderra@dow.org.au or call or text 0414 626 357 to register your name and details in advance, to help with monitoring.

As we enter into the month of November, it's not too late to send in names of your deceased loved ones for us to remember during our November Masses – this month beginning with All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day in which we remember those who have gone before us, united with us still in Christ who has conquered death forever.

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest



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

November	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez
Sat 7 Nov	Church Cleaning	G Lord, L Zanetti, S Adams
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 7 Nov
Sat 7 Nov 6pm Mass	V Cleary	(There are no lawnmowing duties this weekend)
Sun 8 Nov 8am Mass	A Kelly	

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS

For any pastoral needs:

please contact

Fr Duane Fernandez

0414 626 357

duane.fernandez@dow.org.au



CALLED BY BAPTISM

Make a difference in the life of a child. For some children, this is the only time they will hear of the love Jesus has for them.



Become an Aide to a Scripture Teacher, especially in an Infants class - an extra pair of hands. Assist with work books, help the children to follow the lessons, complete activities, etc.

The Scripture teacher will value you like 'a pearl of great price'. Lessons take half an hour a week and fit in to the school's timetable. The requirements are a police check, working with children clearance and authorisation by the parish priest.

Without committing yourself but to express an interest, please contact **Sr Kerry** on **0421 463 871**

Our state schools are Unanderra, Figtree, Mt Kembla and Farmborough Road.

MONTHLY PARISH WALK

Unfortunately our monthly walk on Thursday 29 October was cancelled due to rain. Our next monthly parish walk will take place on **Thursday 19 November**, meeting at Aish's Seafood in Berkeley at 9.30am. Please put this date in your diary!



A VOCATION VIEW

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

(Matthew 5:9)

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



POSITION VACANT

CCD Faith Education Officer — Catholic Diocese of Wollongong. Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of CCD Faith Education Officer in the Diocese of Wollongong, to commence in December 2020. **Applications close on Friday 13 November.** For more information and a detailed role description, please go to **dow.sh/ccdjob** or for enquiries contact **helen.bennett@dow.org.au**

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME — AIRS SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2020 —

On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista breaks open the Gospels and teachings about our call to holiness; and Pat Keady speaks about what it means to be dressed in the Holy Spirit.

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



USED STAMPS FOR PERU

Please remember to place all of your used stamps (leaving a 1cm / ½" border) in the box near the side door of the church.



All used stamps donated are sent to Sydney to raise money for the work of the Sisters of St Joseph in Peru.

SAINTS RELICS

Rosemeadow Parish has established a "Shrine of the Saints" in the Parish church.



The basis of this was the donation by the Carmelite Sisters of 50 relics of Saints dating back to the first centuries of the Church.

It is hoped that once our churches are able to be fully

opened again, the shrine will be open for visitors to come and pray in quiet and solitude with the Saints whose lives sustain us still from Heaven.

If anyone has a First-Class Relic (from the bone) of any Saint and would like to offer it to be permanently included in this Shrine, please contact Father Chris Sarkis on (02) 4628 1385.

Not only would the relic be available for prayer and devotion for everyone, but it would ensure its proper safeguard and dignity in a reverent and beautiful setting.

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.



SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2020 — ALL SAINTS DAY

First Reading — Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14 — *I saw an immense crowd, beyond hope of counting, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language.*

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

Responsorial Psalm — *Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.*

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

R.

2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place?

The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.

R.

3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him.

Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

R.



Second Reading — 1 John 3:1-3 — *We shall see God as he really is.*

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel — Matthew 5:1-12 — *Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'



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**.