

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (YEAR B) – 16 MAY 2021

Parish Vision—We are a diverse community united by our love for Jesus and for one another, constantly seeking to grow in this love especially through the Eucharist. We welcome everyone and help each other to discover their unique gifts, joyfully working together as one to bring the overflowing love of Jesus to all people.

Weekly Programme	Immaculate Conception UNANDERRA	St Therese WEST WOLLONGONG
Monday 17 May	Mass: 7am	
Tuesday 18 May <i>St John I, pope</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7.45am
Wednesday 19 May	Mass: 9.30am	Adoration: 4.30pm Reconciliation: 4.30pm-5.15pm Mass: 5.30pm
Thursday 20 May <i>St Bernadine of Siena, priest</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Friday 21 May <i>St Christopher Magallanes and companions</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Saturday 22 May <i>St Rita of Cascia</i>	Rosary: 7.10am Mass: 7.30am Reconciliation: 5pm-5.30pm Vigil Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday 23 May	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<u>Polish</u>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm (also streamed online)

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Mark Brian Langlands
 Sante Michielin, Bill Parnell
 Keith Cole, Pam Sellick

Anniversaries

Ilma Saunders,
 Fr Joe Gillis

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Monday: 8:30am-3pm (Magda)
 Tuesday: Closed
 Wednesday: 8:30am-1:30pm (Melissa)
 Thursday: 8:30am -3pm (Magda)
 Friday: 8:30am-1:30pm (Melissa)

Message from Fr Duane

Immaculate Conception Pentecost Parish Gathering

Come along for an opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners, including the Parish Pastoral Council who will present the Parish Vision and Goals for the coming year; a brief input from Darren McDowell (Office of the Bishop) who will lead us in a reflection exercise on our own unique gifts; concluding with an opportunity to join any current or potential ministries and groups within the parish guided by your personal gift discernment - including possibly joining the Parish Pastoral Council itself. It will also be an opportunity to give more feedback to me and the Parish Pastoral Council for our ongoing planning.

DATE: Saturday 29th May

TIME: 10am – 12pm (beginning with light refreshments)

PLACE: St Pius School Hall

No need to RSVP - just come along if you can! Let's pray that Pentecost will be a time of true renewal for our parish, and each one of us.

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest



MENALIVE MEN'S WEEKEND

Rediscover God's Presence and Purpose for your Life

12-13 June 2021, St Patrick's Church Catholic Church (Hall) 42 O'Donnell Street, Port Kembla

The menALIVE Men's Weekend is an opportunity for all men from 18 years of age to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The experience of the weekend is powerful and dynamic, and many men are inspired and encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission. Experienced leaders from menALIVE Team will be running the weekend.

Register via brochure or online www.dow.org.au/events

Enquiries: Helen Bennett (Diocesan Contact) 4222 2403;

Anthony Rewak (Parish Contact) 0488 233 078 or

Ian Boorman (menALIVE Contact) 0427 006 021

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

	Church Washing	Jackie Allen
Sun 23 May	Counting	M Murphy(FH), C Stratton, M Winner
Sat 22 May	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, R Tassone
	Lectors	Lawns — Sat 22 May
Sat 22 May 6pm Mass	L Milan	M & J Winner, M Walsh, S Carrigan
Sun 23 May 8am Mass	S Walsh	

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:
please contact



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ADULT EDUCATION EVENINGS

Come along & enjoy watching a video each week for 10 weeks, presented by Bishop Robert Barron on aspects of Catholicism, starting **Thursday 27 May at 7pm sharp in the St Joseph's room**; the aim will be to finish by 9pm.

At the beginning of each evening a light meal will be provided followed by a video to watch & ending with discussion on the video.

The first night's topic will be 'The Revelation of God Become Man'. Themes for other evening's include: Mary, Jesus' teachings, Eucharist & Liturgy, Saints, Prayer & the Last Things. **Registration is essential.** Please contact **Mark 0407 6044 98 or Josephine 0425 236 214.**

VOCATION NEWS

Jesus commissions us to go into the whole world and proclaim the good news. What do you need to carry out this mission? Ask for that grace. (Mark 16:15-20) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au



POSITION VACANT

**Senior Executive Assistant to the Bishop
– Catholic Diocese of Wollongong**

Suitably experienced and qualified persons are encouraged to apply for the role of Senior Executive Assistant to the Bishop in the Diocese of Wollongong.

For more information and a detailed role description, please go to <http://dow.sh/execbishop> or for enquiries contact helen.bennett@dow.org.au

THE CHOSEN - A TV SERIES ABOUT JESUS

The Chosen is a new 'free to view', television program that creatively presents the life of Christ and his followers. The shows are of the highest quality and is receiving acclaim around the world across denominations. Go to <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen> to watch



REFLECTIONS FROM SR KERRY— PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

We pray like Joseph 'to hold ourselves in readiness for God's will. Whichever way things go.' [Mary MacKillop] May we be blessed with patience, trust and courage to be obedient to our good God, as we use our gifts in the service of God's mission Amen.



YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH
December 8, 2020 – December 8, 2021

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 16 MAY 2021 –

On the Journey this week: The Gospel reflection with Fr Daniel McCaughan, Mother Hilda discovers a unique way to see God's glory in cleaning windows, Michelle Vass observes nature teaches us about rising to new life and a powerful faith testimony from Suzanne on how Alpha changed her life. The Journey available as a podcast at jcr.org.au



LOSS OF A CHILD

An invitation is extended to all parents who have buried a child, whether it be a miscarriage, stillbirth, medical issues, suicide, accident etc.

On **Friday 28 May**, we plan to commence at 2:00 pm with a short liturgy/ prayer followed by afternoon tea. This will be held in the St Joseph's room. Mum's and dad's are invited if this cross has been yours in life.

To assist with planning and catering it would be very much appreciated if you would **contact Sr Kerry on 0421 463 871 or Kerry.Gardiner@sosj.org.au** to inform her of your intention.

WALKING GROUP

Unfortunately we were not able to enjoy our walk together last Friday due to the rain. However we have rescheduled the walk for **Thursday, 3 June at 9:30** at the same place, Gilba Rd, Koona-warra. We hope that the weather will be favourable and you will be able to join us. More details closer to the date.



FEAST OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS WALK FOR AUSTRALIA

We walk to raise PRAYERS for Australia. We walk for all the life issues, knowing that prayer united with sacrifice, makes prayer more effective. Join us on either day or both days. Support vehicle provided. Shuttle cars return to start on both days. B.Y.O Lunch, water, hat.

FRIDAY 21 May: START 9:30am Mass, Kiama Catholic Church. Walk to Gerringong Catholic Church (13km).

SATURDAY 22 May: START 8:00am Mass, Gerringong Catholic Church. Walk to Shoalhaven Heads(15km).

For information contact **Sue Hill: 0435 336 195** or **Gabriella De Battista, (02) 4261 2500**

ADORATION



CYMW is holding Holy Hour **every Wednesday evening from 6:30PM to 7:30PM** for an hour of Adoration at St Francis Xavier Cathedral. There will be time for silence and reflection before the Lord and is a great time to quiet our hearts to listen to Him more closely.

16 MAY 2021 — THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (YEAR B)

First Reading — Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. R.
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. R.
3. God is king of all the earth, sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. R.

Second Reading — Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia Alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

Gospel — Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them:

'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised will be saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.'

And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

