

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 6 FEB 2022

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
Mon 7 February	Mass: 7am	
Tues 8 February <i>St Jerome Emiliani</i> <i>St Josephine Bakhita</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 9 February	Mass: 9:30am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thur 10 February <i>St Scholastica</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45 am
Fri 11 February <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 12 February	Rosary: 7:10am Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm—5:30pm Mass: 6pm	Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am
Sun 13 February	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<i>Polish</i>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Marina Putrina
 Bernard Trudgett

Anniversaries

Brian Brooks, Pat Rogan, Beryl Jean Clarke
 Bruce Bland, Garry Lewis
 Andrew Browne Snr

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

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

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Monday: 8:30am-3:30pm
 Tuesday: Closed
 Wednesday: 8:30am-3:30pm
 Thursday: Closed
 Friday: 8:30am-3pm

Message from Fr Duane

Now that the “holiday” month of January is over, it was back to work with the first Parish Pastoral Council meeting of the year. While they will share their plans in more detail in coming weeks, I’m excited about many things that are in the works. It excites me that we already have so many generous people who have been giving so much of themselves to guide the Parish through the many challenges of 2020-2021. This new year will be a year of opportunities where both existing and new volunteers will be able to find new ways to reconnect with each other and also reach out to those not yet part of our community. In our times especially, when so many people in our communities are anxious and alone, the Parish Community can – and must – be a shining light to bring a renewed sense of connection, hope and purpose to all. Let’s pray that each and every one of us will be ready to say “yes” to the ways God is calling us to get more involved and share our unique gifts to build up our parish this year!

The 8am Sunday Mass this weekend will be offered for Frank Posavec, who died recently. His wife Pauline, and children Matthew and Virginia will be with us. Pauline and Frank have been long time parishioners at our parish. May Frank be welcomed into the peace and joy of his eternal home and may his family find comfort and strength at this time.

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

Message from Sr Kerry

With a grave sense of shame I confess I was once deeply hurt by another person. After twenty five years of nursing this hurt I decided I needed to let it go; in other words, forgive this person. I discovered the intent to forgive doesn’t bring forgiveness; rather forgiveness is a process, a journey.

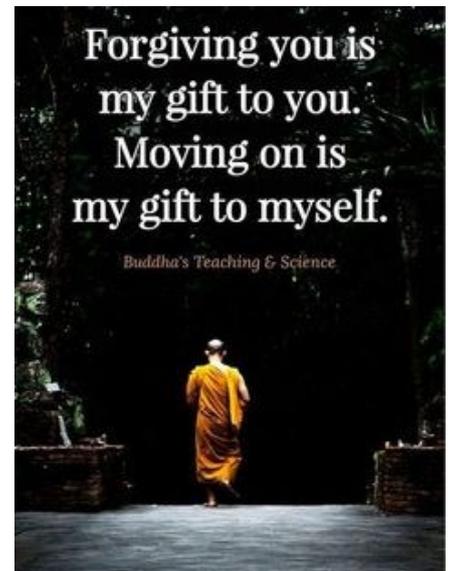
This week we have journeyed i4give week, which was instigated by the Abdallah family. We well remember their story. I sit dumbfounded at the way they have forgiven the one responsible for the tragic death of their children and niece.

Are you nursing a hurt? Feel let down by another? Feel distant when you seek closeness?

The other may not know your journey but your heart will certainly be lighter. Be patient. Forgiveness is like peeling away the layers of an onion....and that may cause you to cry.

Why not start your journey to forgiveness? Yes, we can forgive. I don’t believe we forget, but we do remember in a different way.

Sr Kerry Gardiner



ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

January	Church Washing	Barbara Faraway	
Sat 12 Feb	Church Cleaning	Volunteers needed	
Sat 12 Feb	Lawns	B Mannix, W Brown, F Caruana, R Murphy, J Lon	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children’s liturgy
Sat 12 Feb 6pm Mass	M L Wyatt	Barbara Faraway	No children’s liturgy
Sun 13 Feb 8am Mass	A Kelly	Gloria Simmonite	No children’s liturgy
Counters	A Gunning, M Caudero, C Garrett		

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



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CCD CATECHIST LEVEL 1 TRAINING

Start Date: Friday 4 February 2022

End Date: Monday 7 March 2022

Time: 9:30am-1:30pm

You are invited to take part in Catechist Training!

Unlike our previous Level 1 courses, this year we will start with a session introducing the ministry and the curriculum, which will be an ideal starting point for all those who are considering joining the ministry.

The course will run online via Zoom for five consecutive weeks on Mondays OR Fridays starting Friday 4th February and Monday 7th February, 9:30 am until 1:30 pm.

This course is necessary for all new catechists, but we encourage all catechists who are interested in refreshing their knowledge and skills to attend. It is a requirement for all current catechists to attend the Child Protection and Classroom Management training every three years. These essential Child Protection and Classroom Management subjects will occur in the fourth week of the course.

Please register your attendance below for either the Monday or Friday course: [REGISTER NOW](#)

[DOWNLOAD COURSE OUTLINE](#)

If you have any questions, please contact us at support@ccdwallongong.com or Cindy Oliver 4640 8550.

SMARTLOVING THE MARRIAGE KIT LEADER FORMATION PROGRAM

April – June 2022 Online Gatherings: **Wed @7:30 pm / April 27, May 11, May 25, Jun 8, Jun 22**

The Marriage Kit is an online course for couples to strengthen and enrich their marriage. It includes multimedia input via SmartLoving's online learning platform, individual reflection, and couple activities.

Enrolment includes:

1. Access to the Marriage Kit online course (Apr 1- June 30). The course is comprised of 5 lessons with each one taking approximately 2 hours to complete.
2. Access to Online Gatherings, community chat, file share, via MS Teams private group.

More Info & enrolment Web: smartloving.org/mk-leader-formation-sydney

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VOCATION NEWS

"Holiness is a gift of God. Open yourself to the gift. When God calls, be ready to respond: "Here I am, send me!" (Isaiah 6:1, 3-8).

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



NEW YOUTH MINISTRY INNOVATIVE

The Diocese of Wollongong is excited to be launching two deanery-based youth groups in Wollongong and the Macarthur this year. These youth groups will be run weekly under the name LIVE Local.

Further details to come later in the month.

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2022

On the Journey this week: Fr David Catterall says that on Word of God Sunday, we are called to step out into the deep and take God's Word and proclaim it in word and action. Mother Hilda has a story of 5 blind men describing an elephant. We introduce new presenter Fr Anthony Crook, plus Trish McCarthy and Fr Dave Callaghan. Listen at jcr.org.au



CURSILLO THREE-DAY WEEKEND

Ladies of the Wollongong Diocese. Life has been so unsettled and erratic for many of us. If you are feeling in need of revitalisation in your Spiritual life, please join us for our next 3-day Cursillo weekend. The weekend will be held at St Mary's Towers, Douglas Park and consist of talks, discussion, friendship, daily Mass, and spiritual guidance on request. Our Spiritual Director is Father Chris Roberts. The weekend commences at **6pm on 17 March and concludes at 4pm on 20 March 2022.**

Accommodation and all meals included in the cost. The weekend organisation will be compliant with all COVID safe requirements. Please contact Denise **0438 254 139**

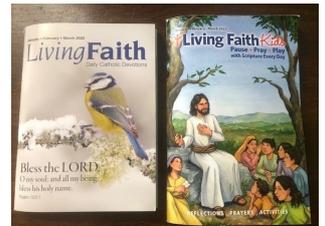
YOUTH MINISTRY ONLINE

Have you seen Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong's (CYMW) online version of LIVE yet? Click on the link below for some great worship and challenges as you explore faith with some very awesome leaders!

Enjoy! https://dow.sh/cymw_youtube

LIVING FAITH BOOKS

Living Faith books for children and adults (**Jan, Feb and March**) are now available in the church. **Cost is \$5 each.**



Living Faith provides reflections based on a scripture passage from the daily Mass.

Please leave money in the container.

AMORIS LAETITIA (THE JOY OF LOVE)

Pope Francis' post-synodal Apostolic Exhortation, Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) on love in the family is an Apostolic Exhortation published after the conclusion of a two-year synod process discussing both the beauty and challenges of family life today. The 2015 Synod's theme was "the vocation and mission of the family in the Church and the modern world."

Fr Bernard Gordon and James Arblaster will be presenting a **9-week course on Amoris Laetitia commencing Wed 27 April 2022, 7pm** at St Francis Xavier Cathedral in the Monsignor Rigney Meeting Room. To follow the talk, please purchase a copy of Amoris Laetitia from St Pauls Publications or from the parish office.

To register please contact Lumen Christi Parish Office on **4211 0500** or go to: www.lumenchristi.org.au/AmorisLaetitia

6 FEBRUARY 2022—THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

First Reading — Isaiah 6:1-2,3-8 *Here am !! Send me.*

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord of Hosts seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,
'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of Hosts.
His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost,
for I am a man of unclean lips
and I live among a people of unclean lips,
and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of Hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips,
your sin is taken away,
your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

Responsorial Psalm — In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart: you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. R.
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love, which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. R.
3. All earth's kings shall thank you when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord's ways: 'How great is the glory of the Lord!' R.
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. R.

Second Reading — 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 *I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.*

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

Alleluia Alleluia! Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

Gospel — Luke 5:1-11 *They left everything and followed him.*

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied, 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.