

PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C) – 1 MAY 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 2 May <i>St Athanasius</i>	Mass: 8am	Mass: 9am
Tues 3 May <i>Sts Philip and James, apostles</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Wed 4 May	Mass: 9:30am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thur 5 May	Mass: 11am (Polish) Adoration: 4:30pm—5:15pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Rosary: 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 6 May	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 7 May	Rosary: 7:10am Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm	Rosary: 8:40am Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am
Sun 8 May	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (Polish)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Pat (Patricia) Walsh

Anniversaries

Charles Dean, Lyle Kevin Brown
 Peter O'Keefe, Arthur Henry Varley



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 busyness of Holy Week and Easter is behind us, we have been able to recommence the next phase of the Parish Ministry Renewal Process. If you are a new volunteer who put your name down for any ministry and haven't been contacted yet, be assured that new volunteers are being contacted by ministry leaders in a systematic way and you will be contacted in the coming weeks.

I'd like to share a couple of reflections on the responses here and at West Wollongong parish. Firstly, in both places the response was very generous and exciting to see, especially for the first time that we've tried this process during my time here. Secondly, even though it was the exact same process in both places implemented by each Parish Pastoral Council with the same Parish Vision, there were significant contrasts in the pattern of responses. This reminded me that each community is unique, and the Spirit is working in different ways not only in each individual but also in each community at this time. I look forward to seeing where the Spirit leads us as a parish community during this Easter season – a time of renewal!

FAMILY FUN DAY: Save the Date for our Family Fun Day, a joint initiative of Unanderra and West Wollongong parishes, on Sunday **22nd May 11:30am onwards at Edmund Rice College** grounds. Open to all ages, singles, families, and a wonderful chance to connect with more lovely people in a relaxed and fun environment. More details to come.

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

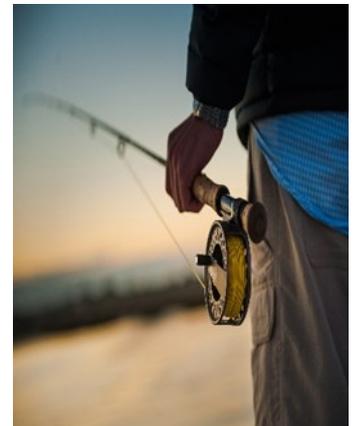
Message from Sr Kerry

Have you spotted me by the water at Windang? If you have, I certainly look the part. I carry a fishing rod that makes me look very professional. Added to that the accompanying bag suggests I am planning to have a great catch and going home ready to load the freezer. That is how you might see me, but the reality is different.

Inside the bag is a rag for I cannot bear to touch any fish I catch. I do not like the sliminess of the fish; I do not like it wriggling around in my bare hand. I have some aversions!

However, I love fishing and I really do not need to even catch the fish, but I do get bored if I do not get any nibbles.

The gospel today ends with the words, 'Follow me.' In my following of Jesus, I question am I for real or do I just look the part?



Have you marked your diary for **lunch at Wests on Friday, 27th May**? I look forward to many of us gathering and enjoying the joy and friendship of each other.

Sr Kerry Gardiner

ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

May	Church Washing	Jackie Allen	
Sat 7 May	Church Cleaning	F Fernandez, B Rice, R Tassone	
Sat 7 May	Lawns	No lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
Sat 7 May 6pm Mass	M L Wyatt	Barbara Farraway	No children's liturgy
Sun 8 May 8am Mass	A Kelly	Gloria Simmonite	Maria Matos, Anna Gunning
Counters	A Gunning, M Caudero, C Garrett		

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:
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PARISH NEWS

Morning tea

Everyone is welcome to join us for a cuppa and chat in St Joseph's room after 8am Mass

Sunday (1st May).



Silver Circle

Unanderra Catholic Women's League will be selling Silver Circle tickets before masses on 30 April and 1 May 2022. Cost of **each ticket is \$20**. It is run over ten weeks commencing 9 May and is based on Monday night lotto's two supplementary numbers. There will be **nine weekly prizes of \$20 and \$10 with the final week having a prize of \$100 and \$50**.

Recent death of a former parishioner

Alice Ross, a former parishioner of Unanderra, died in Singapore on 6 April at the age of 96. Fr Mark O'Keefe was notified by the granddaughter who had been caring for Alice since her return to Singapore several years ago. Alice formerly attended the Sunday morning Mass at Unanderra and paid for the padding of the kneelers and some other special appeals. The funeral was held on 8 April and Mass was offered for her soul. May Alice rest in eternity with God, whom she faithfully served.

FAITH ENRICHMENT EVENINGS

We are recommencing our video series on 'Catholicism', presented by **Bishop Robert Barron**.

Covid, last year, interrupted our programme, so we'll begin again with the first video. A very warm welcome is extended to all, to come along and be part of a group, aiming to learn more and deepen its faith.

The first session is on Thursday, 28 April at 7pm in St. Joseph's Room, where we will all enjoy a light hot meal before the video screening around 7:30pm. Contact **Mark on 0407 604498** or **Josephine on 0425 236214**.

LIVE LOCAL



LIVE LOCAL Catholic Youth Ministry Wollongong (CYMW) has arrived in the Illawarra! LIVE Local is a Regional Youth Group run by the CYMW and NET Team which runs **every Friday night during school term from 7 - 9pm, at St Therese West Wollongong school hall**.

This regional youth group is for all Parishes and is open to young people aged 13 -17 who want to make new friends and grow in their faith. Come along for snacks, games, formation, prayer, and music. For more information, please contact our Deanery Youth Group Coordinator, Luke Vail at **luke.vail@dow.org.au**

For more details on youth groups, visit <https://www.dow.org.au/cymw/>

MENALIVE'S -REFUEL WEEKLY SHARING AND JOURNALING SESSIONS

reFUEL is a weekly hour-long gathering of men every Tuesday evening on Zoom providing the chance to:

- break open the Sunday reading using a Lectio Divina style exercise
- "catch up" with great men from across Australia and New Zealand.
- gain strength and inspiration by the witness of other men.
- pray as a group for individual needs and the needs of others.

Join via this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88436558468>

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 1 MAY 2022

On the Journey this week: Fr John Paul Escarlan's Gospel reflection, Mother Hilda's response to the display of hate in the world, Sam Clear on Jesus asking Peter 3 times for his love, plus Trish McCarthy and Pete Gilmore.

Listen at jcr.org.au



VOCATION NEWS

Jesus asks us, "Do you love me?" Show your love for Jesus in the way that you live. (John 21:1-19)



If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at **vocation@dow.org.au**

TECHNOLOGY SKILLS WORKSHOPS

CatholicCare and the Being Connected network are teaming up to facilitate small group sessions aimed at assisting older Australians with improving their digital skills and knowledge. Sessions will be held at **Wollongong Golf Club on Monday 2 and 9 May from 10am-12pm** spaces are very limited.

This is a great opportunity to learn new skills and connect with others. Morning tea will be provided, and we encourage you to stay, purchase lunch from the club and continue the conversation.

For more information: Jane Hollier, Parish and Community Liaison Officer **0417 018 152 janeh@catholiccare.dow.org.au**

Note: all NSW Health Covid 19 guidelines will be adhered to.

DIACONATE ORDINATION OF JAMES ARBLASTER 30 APRIL 2022

You are encouraged to join with the faithful from around the Diocese who will prayerfully view the ordination online <http://livestream.lumenchristi.org.au/>

MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS WALK FOR AUSTRALIA/WALK FOR LIFE FRIDAY 20 MAY 2022

We walk to raise PRAYERS for Australia for all life issues, the day before the Federal Election. You are warmly welcome to join us in our tenth year, praying along the Kiama Coastal Walk to Gerringong (13km). B.Y.O Lunch, snacks, water, and hat. Support vehicle provided all the way, shuttle cars return pilgrims to Kiama.

BENEFITS: Mass. Prayer. Hymns. Exercise. Spectacular scenery. Joyful fellowship. Blessings in abundance.

START: 9:30am Kiama Catholic Church (Holy Mass)

FINISH: 3:30pm Gerringong Catholic Church (Benediction, confession also available).

For information **Sue: 0435 336 195 or Gabriella 4261 2500**

LIVING FAITH BOOKS

New Living Faith books for children and adults (Apr, May and June) 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.



1 MAY 2022 - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR C)

First Reading — Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 *We are witnesses of these words, and so is the Holy Spirit*

The high priest demanded an explanation of the Apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Responsorial Psalm — I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. R.
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name.
His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. R.
3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help.
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing: O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. R.

Second Reading — Apocalypse 5: 11-14 *The Lamb that was sacrificed is worth to be given power, wealth, glory and blessing*

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Christ is risen; the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people. Alleluia!

Gospel — John 21:1-19 *After Jesus stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.*

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep.

'I tell you most solemnly,
when you were young
you put on your own belt
and walked where you liked;
but when you grow old
you will stretch out your hands,
and somebody else will put a belt round you
and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'