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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 26 JUNE 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 27 June <i>St Cyril of Alexandria</i>	No Mass today	
Tues 28 June <i>St Irenaeus, martyr</i>	No Mass today	No Mass today due to Clergy In-service
Wed 29 June <i>Sts Peter and Paul</i>	No Mass today	No Mass today due to Clergy In-service
Thurs 30 June	No Mass today	No Mass today due to Clergy In-service
Fri 1 July	No Mass today	No Mass today due to Clergy In-service
Sat 2 July	Rosary: 7:10am Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm	Rosary: 8:40am Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am
Sun 3 July	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am (<u>Polish</u>)	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased

Fred Lauric, Jose Cardoso
 Phyllis Spain

Anniversaries

Clare Patton, Fr Peter Little SJ
 Jason Mou, Warren Yates, Marie Dawson
 Fr Doug Rhienburger, Launa Wall, John Nissen,
 Nelson Meez, Fr George Ratzinger, Ron Daniels
 Jack Grant, Andre Van der Linden



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

The date chosen for our first “Family Mass” – Sunday 26th June – coincides with the conclusion of the 10th **“World Meeting of Families”** in Rome. I wish we could say we planned for this – but it was entirely the providence of God! From 22nd June to 26th June, Pope Francis has called the Church throughout the world to join in spirit with those meeting in Rome, praying for family life in the Church and the world. The theme this year is **“Family Love: a vocation and a path to Holiness”**. Inaugurated by St. John Paul II in 1994, Pope Francis announced this year’s event with these words: *“Take courage, then: family life is not an impossible mission. With the grace of the sacrament, God makes it a wonderful journey to be taken together with him, never alone. Family is not a beautiful ideal, unattainable in reality. God guarantees his presence in marriage and family, not only on your wedding day but throughout your life. And he sustains you every day in your journey”*.

The Church speaks of the family as the “domestic Church” – the Church in the home, the first community of love and the primary place where children learn about the love of God and the true meaning of their lives through the teaching and example of their parents. Let us continue to seek new ways to support marriage and family life in our parish and beyond.

In our Diocese this is also the Diocesan Feast Day of the **“Immaculate Heart of Mary”**. This is an especially significant Feast Day in our own Parish, dedicated to Mary. May Mary, our Mother, pray for us, for our parish family, and for all families in our parish, our nation, and our world; for *“as the family goes, so goes the nation, and so goes the whole world in which we live”* (St John Paul II).

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Every Sunday 8am Mass during school term

YOUTH GROUP (13-17 years old):

Every Friday during school term, 7pm-9pm

Fr Duane Fernandez — Parish Priest

Message from Sr Kerry

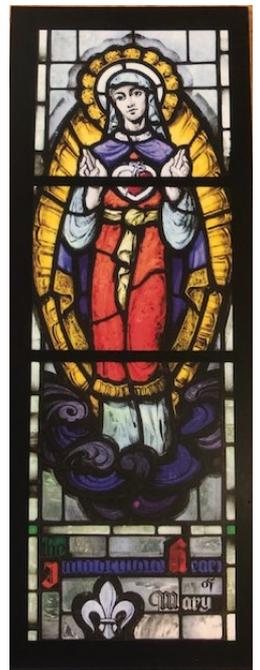
This weekend we are celebrating our Diocesan Feast Day - **The Immaculate Heart of Mary**.

As a family member I know what it is to gather and celebrate. Some years back I was showing some photos of our Easter family gathering. One woman said, “We would never have photos like that.” In the simplicity of my mind I just thought, take a camera and click. She continued while my mind was still ticking over, “Within 15 minutes we are all fighting.”

We are a parish family that is part of our Diocesan family. As a parish we are celebrating with our Family Mass and cuppa. On this special day what can you do as a member of our diocese? A friendly phone call to another parishioner in another parish of our diocese, someone who may not have much outside contact? Acknowledge some one in our parish who quietly works away in the background? Contact Bishop Brian on bishop@dow.org.au and thank him for taking the leadership of our diocese at this time or assuring him of your prayers? What is prompting your heart at this time?

Happy Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Sr Kerry Gardiner



ROSTER — NEXT WEEKEND

July	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway	
Sat 2 Jul	Church Cleaning	Volunteers Needed	
Sat 2 Jul	Lawns	No Lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children’s liturgy
Sat 2 Jul 6pm Mass	D Ferrer	Vera Cleary & Cindy	
Sun 3 Jul 8am Mass	T Vaafusuaga	Fiona Carolan	School holidays
Counters	M Murphy (FT), S Alessi		

ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



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PARISH NEWS

Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary- Family Mass, morning tea and cake stall—26 June

Catholic Women's league will host morning tea after 8am mass on **Sunday 26 June** in St Joseph's Room. Everyone is welcome.

Faith Enrichment Evenings—Thursday 30 June

All are most welcome to our next gathering in this wonderful series by Bishop Robert Barron, on "Catholicism". We commence with sharing a light meal at 7pm followed by the video screening at 7:30pm, in the St Joseph's room. This week's video is: **"The Last Things"**

Silver Circle results

1st - L Urquart , 2nd - R Wilson

Carmelites—bus trip

Have you heard about the saint-in-the-making, Eileen O'Connor? The Lay Carmelites are organising a bus trip to visit her former home in Coogee and extend an invitation to anyone who is interested in taking part on **Thursday, 14 July 2022**. For further information please contact 0415 926 132.

St Vincent de Paul—Unanderra Conference

Vinnies meet every Tuesday night in the St Joseph's room. Please call **Jo on 0425 236 214** if you would like to find out more about the work of Vinnies.



Carmelite Meeting

Would you like to learn a little more about the Carmelite family? Living the Carmelite charism has produced many great saints and the Lay Carmelites have been in the Wollongong Diocese since the early 1980s. They currently meet every first Saturday of the month in St Joseph's Room. Our next meeting will be on **2 July beginning at 10am**. Do consider joining us for a cuppa and Morning Prayers at our next meeting.

CWL Craft Table

CWL Ladies will have a craft table in St Joseph's Room after mass on **Sunday 26th June**. There will be lots of hand made goods for sale. There will also be a raffle of Baby Items including sleeping bag, shawl and cuddly toys. Don't forget to come along and see what is being offered for sale. You may find something you like. Money raised will be used to support needs in our parish, Mission to Seamen and Women Illawarra (Share the Dignity).

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY, 3 JULY

Every year, on the first Sunday in July, Catholics come together across Australia to acknowledge and celebrate the gifts of Australia's First Peoples in the Catholic Church.

Next week we will acknowledge that God has been walking with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, making His Presence known through a continuous living culture over many thousands of years. For interesting information about First Nations people and the Catholic Church go to dow.sh/NATSICC

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**.

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

THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 26 JUNE 2022

On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista says the rejection of Jesus in the Gospel is the same today, with the biggest mistake being "I will follow you when I'm ready" rather than the immediate "here I am Lord, your servant is listening". Plus, Mother Hilda on brokenness, Fr Mike Delaney, Cathy Jenkins, Pete Gilmore, and more great music! Listen at jcr.org.au



A VOCATION VIEW

Choose to follow Jesus wherever he goes. To say "yes" without hesitation requires great trust. The reign of God needs servants to trust. (Luke 9:51-62)

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



"FAMILY LOVE: A VOCATION AND A PATH TO HOLINESS"

10TH WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES, JUNE 2022

Over several days 22 – 26 June, delegates from around the world will gather in Rome with Pope Francis for the World Meeting of Families. This meeting has been called under the theme, **"Family Love: A vocation and a path to holiness"**.

If you would like to learn more about the World Meeting of Families, go to www.romefamily2022.com

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

Holiness does not consist of a few heroic gestures, but of many small acts of daily love. "Are you called to the consecrated life? So many of you are here today! Then be holy by living out your commitment with joy. Are you married? Be holy by loving and caring for your husband or wife, as Christ does for the Church. Do you work for a living? Be holy by labouring with integrity and skill in the service of your brothers and sisters, by fighting for justice for your comrades, so that they do not remain without work, so that they always receive a just wage. Are you a parent or grandparent? Be holy by patiently teaching the little ones how to follow Jesus. Tell me, are you in a position of authority? So many people in authority are here today! Then be holy by working for the common good and renouncing personal gain" —Pope Francis, 15 May2022

LIVE FESTIVAL 2022

This year the annual LIVE Festival is returning for the first time since 2019. If you are a young person in year 9 - 12 in the Wollongong Diocese who likes live music, quality content, fun, games, festival activities and has missed big Catholic events, then come to the LIVE Festival!

Date: Friday the 2nd of September

Time: 10am - 8pm

Location: WIN Entertainment Centre Wollongong

Cost: \$50 Register your interest now.

Registrations close on the 31st of July.

For more information, please email youth@dow.org.au and follow @cymdow on Instagram for updates!

LIVING FAITH BOOKS

Living Faith books for children and adults (July, August and September) are available at the church side door.

Cost is \$5 each.



26 JUNE—THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

First Reading— 1 Kings 19:16,19-21 *Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant*

The Lord said to Elijah, 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Responsorial Psalm — You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
It is you yourself who are my prize.' R.
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. R.
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. R.
4. You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. R.

Second Reading — Galatians 5:1,13-18 *My brothers, you were called to freedom*

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed is the Virgin Mary, who kept the word of God and pondered it in her heart. Alleluia!

Gospel — Luke 2:41-51 *Mary stored up all these things in her heart*

Every year the parents of Jesus used to go to Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. When he was twelve years old, they went up for the feast as usual. When they were on their way home after the feast, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem without his parents knowing it. They assumed he was with the caravan, and it was only after a day's journey that they went to look for him among their relations and acquaintances. When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.

Three days later, they found him in the Temple, sitting among the doctors, listening to them, and asking them questions; and all those who heard him were astounded at his intelligence and his replies. They were overcome when they saw him, and his mother said to him, 'My child, why have you done this to us? See how worried your father and I have been, looking for you.'

'Why were you looking for me?' he replied. 'Did you not know that I must be busy with my Father's affairs?' But they did not understand what he meant.

He then went down with them and came to Nazareth and lived under their authority. His mother stored up all these things in her heart.