

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 17 JULY 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 18 July	Mass: 7am	
Tues 19 July	Mass: 5.30pm	Communion service
Wed 20 July <i>St Apollinaris, bishop, martyr</i>	Mass: 9:30am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm
Thurs 21 July <i>St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm - 5:15pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm –5:15pm Rosary: 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 	Mass: 7:45am
Fri 22 July <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
Sat 23 July	Rosary: 7:10am Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm 	Rosary: 8:40am Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am 
Sun 24 July	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am ( <i>Polish</i> )	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Fred Lauric, Jose Cardoso  
Phyllis Spain

#### Anniversaries

Concesa Mamanglu, Juana Domingo  
Margret Amelia Weldon, Molly Mary Swift  
Paul Cubbin, Helen Smolenaars,  
Mary Louise Stubbs



### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

[unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au) / 4271 1068

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

## Message from Sr Kerry

Being a MasterChef fan, I have watched most episodes with interest. Last Monday night my reaction took me by surprise. Daniel was eliminated. Even if you did not watch the series you may have 'met' Daniel in advertising. He was the fire fighter from the NT. I liked Daniel and my affection for him grew deeper when I learnt some weeks back that he is the great nephew of one of our Sisters. My surprise came when once Daniel was eliminated, and the next episode would be the grand final, I really was not so enthusiastic about who would win.

During one episode Daniel said he was like a square peg and that once he came to the show, he realised he fitted in. His passion was cooking. He encouraged everyone for he said he has found a square hole where he now fits.

So easily we just categorise ourselves as either a Martha or a Mary. Why not be both? Service and contemplation; giving our efforts to fully living each moment, no matter what our hole may be.



### Sr Kerry Gardiner

### Reflections on the Mass - We Gather

Together we form the priestly people of God. What does this mean? Through Baptism we are made into Christ's body who gathers us together to offer sacrifice and praise to God. As we gather for mass, we form this unified body. We bring our week with its joys, struggles, hopes and fears. We come united, seeing Christ in one another, joining our lives together and to Christ himself in a real spiritual way.

This gathering begins when we get up and decide to come to mass and concludes at the opening prayer. At the beginning of this prayer the priest, who leads us, says 'Let us pray'. It is here, in this moment that each of us offers the intentions which we have brought to this mass.

#### Celebrant for Sunday Mass

Fr Duane is on leave until 10th September. The main contact in his absence is **Sister Kerry Gardiner 0421 463 871** or [kerry.gardiner@sosj.org.au](mailto:kerry.gardiner@sosj.org.au) (including co-ordinating last rites and funerals).

**This weekend's priests:** Saturday 6pm (and Reconciliation from 5pm) Fr Paul Gurr; Sunday 8am Fr Peter Gardiner.

**Next weekend's priests:** Saturday 6pm (and Reconciliation from 5pm) Fr Paul Gurr; Sunday 8am Fr Peter Gardiner

### ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

July	Church Washing	Barbara Farraway	
Sat 23 Jul	Church Cleaning	J Allen, J Haywood, L Salway, M Hurley	
Sat 23 Jul	Lawns	No lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
Sat 23 Jul 6pm Mass	Vera Cleary	L Gandy	
Sun 24 Jul 8am Mass	P Gunning	A Kelly, S Michielin	Sarah Walsh, Michelle Rodwell
Counters	A Kelly. B Farraway		

### ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:  
please contact



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## PARISH NEWS

### St Vincent de Paul—Unanderra Conference

As winter bites—the poorer in our community suffer. We are visiting people wearing 2 dressing gowns to keep warm during the day and sleeping with mildew infested pillows and doonas/blankets.

St Vinnies meet every Tuesday night in the St Joseph's room. You may like to come and assist in the St Vincent de Paul work. Please call 0425 236 214 if you would like to help.



### Faith Enrichment Evenings—Come Along and Unlock the Mystery of the Bible

Many Catholics want to read the Bible but get bogged down by the long stretches that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places. Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible, an eight-part Bible study, helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the “big picture” of the Bible and understand what it's all about. Aided by a unique color-coded *Bible Timeline*™ Chart that arranges the key people, places, and events of the Bible in chronological order, Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God's plan.

Our parish will begin the Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible study on **Thursday 4th August at 7pm in the St Josephs Room**. Participants will meet every week for 8 weeks to share a meal and view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. For catering purposes and registration please contact Melissa at the Parish Office by **1st August on 4271 1068** or **unanderra@dow.org.au**

### Silver Circle results - 11 July 2022

1st - K Heffernan 2nd - L Urquart

The Catholic Women's League would like to thank everyone who participated.

### The Christian Meditation Group

Meets each Monday from 6pm to 7pm in the St Joseph's room. Parishioners and friends are very welcome to come to learn of and experience this wordless form of non-denominational, contemplative prayer. Enquiries: please text Monica - 0412 056 877.

### Collections:

Two collections take place at Mass. The first collection goes to the Diocesan Clergy Fund. The second collection (as well as the tap point device donations) go to the Parish. We are always grateful for your generosity.

### 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.

The final Decrees of the Plenary Council can be viewed by clicking on this link: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

## DIOCESAN CHOIR

Join the Diocesan Choir! You are invited to register to participate in the Diocesan Choir for major diocesan liturgical events. To learn more and to register your interest, please visit the diocesan website [www.dow.org.au/diocesan-choir/](http://www.dow.org.au/diocesan-choir/)



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## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME – AIRS SUNDAY 17 JULY 2022



On the Journey this week: distracted by task detail or undividedly present to the guest, Fr Stephen Drum says true hospitality is spending time talking to and listening to Jesus. Plus, Mother Hilda on telling the never-ending story of our life, Fr Mike Delaney says it's time to spend time in wonder and awe at our surrounds with the curious vision of a child, Trish McCarthy on love and breath of the Holy Spirit pumping new life into those around us. Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)

## A VOCATION VIEW

We are called to love with our whole being. God is inviting you to love through ministry to the Church. Pray for generosity to serve God's people. (Luke 10:25-37)



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

## POSITION VACANT - DOW CLIENT SERVICE OFFICER

Catholic Development Fund, Diocese of Wollongong is seeking an experienced client service officer with financial institution experience. A full-time appointment is desirable. However, suitably qualified candidates looking for part-time or job share should apply. Applications close **Friday 22 July 2022**.

For a role description please email [tony.sanderson@dow.org.au](mailto:tony.sanderson@dow.org.au)

## FREE TECHNOLOGY TRAINING FOR SENIORS – CORPUS CHRISTI

If you are struggling with your mobile phone, downloading apps, or using a QR code CatholicCare are very proud to be partnering with CEO and Corpus Christi Catholic College offering free technology training again to seniors within our diocese.

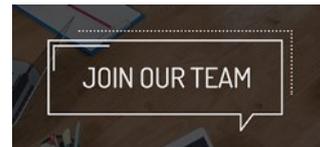
The Cross + Generational training program is a unique opportunity for an 'exchange of gifts' between both students and seniors.

There will be **6 sessions through August and September 3,10,17 August and 7,14,21 September**

Please contact Jane Hollier, Parish and Community Officer CatholicCare on **0417 018152**.

## POSITION VACANT- DIOCESE OF WOLLONGONG JUNIOR PROFESSIONAL OFFICER

The Office of Professional Standards and Safeguarding has an opportunity for a motivated person to join the team as a Junior Professional Officer. This role will work with parishes, agencies, and ministries in the Diocese to deliver initiatives that focus on the safety of children and all people in the Diocese. More information can be found on the [Diocesan website](http://Diocesan website).



## MASS WITH BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD

To all parishioners in the Wollongong Diocese, you are invited to a Mass with Bishop Brian Mascord on **Monday 8 August at 12 Midday**, to celebrate the **feast day of Saint Mary of the Cross McKillop** and the 150th Anniversary of the Josephite Sisters in NSW.

Following Mass Bishop Brian Mascord will bless the new Statue for the Unborn, provided by Catholic Women's League. Light lunch will be provided by CWL in the Xavier Centre. All are welcome.

## 17 JULY - SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

**First Reading**— Genesis 18:1-10

*Lord, do not bypass your servant*

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

**Responsorial Psalm — The just will live in the presence of the Lord.**

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue. R.
2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. R.
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever. R.

**Second Reading — Colossians 1:24-28**

*The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.*

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart, and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

**Gospel — Luke 10:38-42**

*Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.*

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'