

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) – 31 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
<b>Mon 1 August</b> <i>St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor</i>	Mass: 7am	
<b>Tues 2 August</b>	Mass: 5.30pm	Communion service
<b>Wed 3 August</b> <i>St Dominic, priest</i>	Mass: 9:30am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 
<b>Thurs 4 August</b> <i>St John Vianney, priest</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm-5:15pm  Reconciliation: 4:30pm-5:15pm Rosary: 5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 	Mass: 7:45am
<b>Fri 5 August</b>	Mass: 7am	Mass: 9:30am
<b>Sat 6 August</b> <i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	Rosary: 7:10am  Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm	Rosary: 8:40am  Mass: 9am Reconciliation: 9:30am
<b>Sun 7 August</b>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am ( <i>Polish</i> )	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

#### Anniversaries

Lorraine Brame, Sr Sheila Curnow RSJ,  
 Geraldine Dries, Mary Scally, Cd Edward Clancy,  
 Bonnie Miller, Bernard Gillis,  
 Geoff Goodwin, Frank Toohey.



### 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 Sr Kerry*

My dad died very suddenly near to thirty years ago. I remember that day as if it was this morning. I happened to be at home staying with mum and dad. Dad came out to the kitchen and spoke to mum and me, went into the bedroom and dropped dead.

I grew up in a family that had the basic material necessities of life. I was gifted with wonderful parents and four brothers and a sister. We knew love, security, faith and belonging. Only a few days before my dad died, I heard him say to mum, "We are the wealthiest people in Oatley.' Dad was not speaking of monetary matters.

After dad's death I realised I had been given the pearl of great price. My dad had shown me how to live. In memory of my dad, I bought a pearl....a gentle reminder of dad's legacy and how I am called to live. That is a challenge. We can only strive to live that challenge.

There is a starkness in the readings today but one line: 'Fool! This very night you will have to give up your life,' really strikes me. Sit and ponder. What legacy will be yours to gift to others?



Mary MacKillop's Feast Day Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Brian at St Francis Xavier's Cathedral on Monday 8th Aug commencing at 12:10 pm. All parishioners are invited. Thank you to the women of the CWL who will be contributing to the shared lunch after the Mass.

### **Sr Kerry Gardiner**

## *Reflections on the Mass - Listening to God's Word*

After having gathered as the body of Christ, we actively listen and respond to God speaking through his word. Through the readings, the psalm and the homily God speaks to us, opening up the mystery of his saving love and his desire for our lives.

There is a beautiful movement in this liturgy. *We listen*, firstly to a reading from the Old Testament which opens up the hope and promise of Jesus' coming. *We then respond* in song through the Responsorial Psalm, allowing its words to reinforce the message from the Old Testament. *We listen again*, this time to the reflections of the early Church through the second reading, usually taken from the letters of St Paul. The liturgy reaches its high point with the Gospel reading, and so *we stand and vibrantly sing Alleluia*. It is the high point because we *listen* to Jesus Christ himself, speaking directly to us from his life and teaching on earth. The themes of the first reading and gospel are usually connected to show the continuity of message between the Old and New Testaments and fulfillment of God's promises in Christ. The homily, given by the priest who speaks in the name of Christ, connects these readings with our lived experience in today's world. *We again respond* by proclaiming our unity in faith and offering our prayers in the Prayer of the Faithful.

We can hopefully sense, in the movement of this liturgy, that our responses are crucial to its meaning and offer of support to one another. By both active listening and responding clearly and audibly, we give hope, courage and support to one another to continue persevering in living the truths and message of our faith. We also give proper worship to Jesus who is truly present and speaking to us.

### **Darren McDowell - seminarian**

#### **Celebrant for Sunday Mass**

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

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

### **ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND**

August	Church Washing	Helen Murphy	
Sat 6 Aug	Church Cleaning	Volunteers Needed	
Sat 6 Aug	Lawns	No lawn mowing this week	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
Sat 6 Aug 6pm Mass	D Ferrer	Vera Cleary & Cindy	
Sun 7 Aug 8am Mass	D McDowell	Fiona Carolan	Maria Matos, Anna Gunning
Counters	A Kelly, B Farraway		

### **ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS**



For any pastoral needs:  
please contact



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**Fr Duane Fernandez is on leave until 10 Sept**

## PARISH NEWS

### **St Vincent de Paul - WINTER APPEAL 20/21 AUGUST**

The need for food, blankets, prescriptions, furniture and other assistance has increased as people struggle to cope this Winter. Please give generously to support people in our local community.

We'll be holding our annual appeal on the weekend of **20/21 August**. You can donate cash, use our envelopes or donate online.

Our bank Account details are:

BSB:062 000

Account: 1988 9862

Name: SVDP Society NSW Conference

Reference for Unanderra: **46425**



### **Morning Tea—Sunday 7 August**

Morning Tea will be served after 8am mass next **Sunday, 7th August**. Everyone is welcome for a cuppa and a chat after Mass.

### **Walking Group**

Our next walk is planned for **Thursday 4th August**. We will gather at the shops on Derribong Drive, Cordeaux Heights at 9.30 am. There is plenty of parking. We will walk up Cordeaux Rd to Mt Kembla.

After the walk everyone is invited to enjoy morning tea together at the Cordeaux Cafe. Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you there.



### **Faith Enrichment Evenings—Thursday evenings**

Our parish will begin Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible study on **Thursday 4th August at 7pm** in the St Joseph's 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**

### **The Christian Meditation Group - Monday evenings**

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**

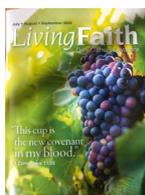
Please remember to place all of your used stamps (leaving a 1cm / ½" border) in the box near the side door of the church. All used stamps donated are sent to Sydney to raise money for the work of the Sisters of St Joseph in Peru.

### **Living Faith books—(July, August, September)**

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

This booklet helps Catholics pray and meditate in spirit with the seasons of the Church Year.

**Cost \$5**. Please leave money in the small box.



### **LIVE LOCAL**

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 31 JULY 2022



On the Journey this week: Fr Robert Reidling says the gospel is a message for us as well. We, in our own lives, can often be obsessed with our own futures. Mother Hilda's story of the beggar's reply to theologian Johannes Tauler's question. Plus, Fr Dave Callaghan on being over worked and under prayed, Trish McCarthy encouraging us to take in nature's breath. Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)

### A VOCATION VIEW



Jesus calls us to be generous with the gifts that he has given. When we share our treasures with others, we will have true treasure in heaven. (Luke 12:12-21)

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)

## 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 2 September 2022

**Time:** 10am - 8pm

**Location:** WIN Entertainment Centre Wollongong

**Cost:** \$50

**Registrations close on Sunday 31 July.**

For more information, please email [youth@dow.org.au](mailto:youth@dow.org.au) and follow @cymdow on Instagram for updates!



## 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/)

## CAN YOU UNDERTAKE AN OVERSEAS MISSION?

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these [Mission opportunities abroad](#).

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. [Palms Australia](#), who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away.

Enquire [online](#) or Ph: **0422 742 567** to find out about a placement to engage your skills. You can also Register for a Webinar on Mon August 1st, 7pm to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste.

**The stories will inspire.**

## NOVENA OF MASSES IN PREPARATION FOR THE SOLEMN FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

Our novena this year, in preparation for the feast of The Assumption will be held at the **usual weekday Mass times**, commencing on Saturday 6 August 2022.



## 31 JULY - EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

**First Reading**— Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23

*What do people gain by all their work?*

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

**Responsorial Psalm — In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.**

1. You turn men back to dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'  
To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone,  
no more than a watch in the night. R.
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like the grass which springs up in the morning.  
In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. R.
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. R.
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. R.

**Second Reading** — Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

*Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Alleluia, Alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

**Gospel** — Luke 12:13-21

*To whom will all this wealth of yours go?*

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

