

# PARISH AND SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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## FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING (YEAR C) – 20 NOV 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 21 Nov</b> <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	Mass: 7am	
<b>Tues 22 Nov</b> <i>St Cecilia, virgin, martyr</i>	Mass: 5.30pm	Mass: 7:45am
<b>Wed 23 Nov</b> <i>St Clement, pope, St Columban, abbot</i>	Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion: 9:30am	Adoration: 4:30pm Reconciliation: 4:30pm—5:15pm Mass: 5:30pm 
<b>Thurs 24 Nov</b> <i>Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, and companions, martyrs</i>	Adoration: 4:30pm-5:15pm  Reconciliation: 4:30pm-5:15pm Rosary: 5pm  Mass: 5:30pm	Mass: 7:45am
<b>Fri 25 Nov</b> <i>St Catherine of Alexandria</i>	Mass: 7am	No Mass today (demountables being removed)
<b>Sat 26 Nov</b>	Rosary: 7am  Mass: 7:30am Reconciliation: 5pm - 5:30pm Mass: 6pm	No Mass today (demountables being removed)
<b>Sun 27 Nov</b>	Mass: 8am Mass: 10am ( <u>Polish</u> )	Mass: 10am Mass: 5pm

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### Recently Deceased

Kevin Court, Tomasi Luigi

#### Anniversaries

John Richards, Winifred Staunton  
 Colin McCabe

#### Prayers for the sick

Craig Battley, Francesca Quetcher, Jackie Allen



### 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

This weekend (Saturday 19th November at 10am Mass) we celebrate the **70th Anniversary of the Scalabrinian Order** in Australia, who were the first Parish Priests of Immaculate Conception Parish Unanderra and built our beautiful Parish Church. We give thanks to God for their work which has borne fruit beyond measure – and continues to bear lasting fruit throughout the generations – including, today, through each one of us.

Speaking of the handing on of the faith to successive generations - during this coming week, we will celebrate the **First Holy Communion of 110 children** across the parishes of Unanderra and West Wollongong. Let us keep the children and their families in our prayers during this sacred time for them. While the ceremonies themselves will be for the children and families only, we are inviting all of these children and families to our Parish Masses next Sunday, especially the morning Masses, where we will have an opportunity to celebrate the children at a morning tea after Mass (including celebratory cake for the children!) We hope that many of them come to that Mass, and let's do all we can to make them feel welcome and at home with us. May these children continue to deepen in their love for Jesus and one another all throughout their lives, especially through the Eucharist.

**Fr Duane Fernandez**

## Message from Sr Kerry

Fr Duane caused me to shed a tear during the week.

An elderly man opened his hands to be anointed. His hands were beautiful. As I gazed at his hands, I did wonder what the story of his life was. Fr Duane gently anointed his hands and for a few seconds both just pondered in silence. My emotions were touched in that moment.

I reflected on a story I had heard some years earlier. A woman told the priest she did not know what to say when she was to be called to her God on judgment day. She was afraid and worried. The priest replied, 'Just show Him your hands.'

Did you know that when you are born your hands are like closed fists? When you die your hands are open. Life is an unfolding of our hands. Our hands tell our story.

What will your hands speak for you when you come to the gentle and loving embrace of your God?

A very sincere thank you to Fr Duane and each parishioner who made the Anointing of the Sick Mass possible and such a moving and beautiful celebration in our parish. I can only say, 'It was wonderful to be there.'

**Sr Kerry Gardiner**



### ROSTER – NEXT WEEKEND

November	Church Washing	Fiona Fernandez	
Sat 26 Nov	Church Cleaning	W & J Rodgers, J Andersson	
Sat 26 Nov	Lawns	B Mannix, W Brown, F Caruana, J Lonard	
	Lectors	Welcomers	Children's liturgy
Sat 26 Nov 6pm Mass	D Nugent	L Gandy	
Sun 27 Nov 8am Mass	T Vaafusuaga	G Simmonite, H Murphy	Sarah Walsh, Michelle Rodwell
Counters	A Kelly, B Faraway		

### ALL YOUR PASTORAL NEEDS



For any pastoral needs:  
please contact



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## PARISH NEWS

### 70th Anniversary of the Scalabrinian Order in Australia

On **Saturday 19th November at 10am** we will celebrate this historic milestone. Everyone is warmly invited to come and celebrate. The mass will be in English.

### CWL Christmas Stall and Raffle - 3/4 Dec

Our Christmas Raffle will have 10 amazing prizes.

**Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5**

Buy your tickets before mass on the weekends of **26/27 Nov or 3/4 Dec**.

Raffle will be drawn at morning tea on 4th Dec.

Our stall will have a variety of cooking and craft items for sale. It will be held on **3rd and 4th December** after mass. Come along and see our great selection. We'd be happy to see you.



### Advent & Christmas reflections, \$4 - available at the side door

Incarinate is a 86-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (27 Nov 2022) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 Jan 2023).

Incarinate also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters such as Caravaggio, Santafede, Murillo, Poussin, Fra Angelico and Brueghel The Elder with enlightening "Artwork Spotlight" reflections written by the popular Monsignor Graham Schmitzer.

### Parish Feast Day - Thursday 8 Dec

We will celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with a special 6pm Mass followed by a BBQ and other festivities. Save the date! All are welcome.



### Advent Program:

Come and join us in preparing for Christ's arrival by participating in this year's Advent program. Four Saturday evenings at **7pm in St Joseph's room, starting 26 Nov, 3, 10 & 17 December**. All welcome.

RSVP to Melissa on 4271 1068 or [unanderra@dow.org.au](mailto:unanderra@dow.org.au)  
Call Mark on 0407 604498 for more info.

### St Vincent de Paul Giving Tree

The Giving Christmas Tree will be placed in the church next week, full of tags for children's toys and Christmas food. The gifts received from this tree are used Unanderra Vinnies Conference to distribute approximately **40 Christmas Hampers and toys for about 70 children** to the needy within the Unanderra area.

Gifts need to be placed under the Giving Tree **by Sunday 18 Dec** as hampers and toys will be delivered to families on Tues 20 Dec.

A big thank you to all the generous Parishioners who have supported the Vinnies Giving Tree for many years.



### Recycling bins

Your donations of 10c recyclable bottles, cans and plastics are most appreciated. Our bins are located in the church car park.

### STIC Young Adults prayer mini series - 24 Nov & 8 Dec

STIC YA is hosting a prayer mini series every fortnight on a Thursday evening, 7pm—8:30pm in St Joseph's meeting room. Come along for faith formation, community, and a good time!

### Parish Finances - week ending 13 Nov

\$496	First Collection	- Clergy Remuneration Fund
\$422	Second collection	- Parish expenses
\$240	Tap Point - Parish donations	
\$465	Planned giving envelopes	
\$540	Direct debits (weekly average from Oct).	

Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

## THE JOURNEY CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAMME - AIRS SUNDAY 20 NOV 2022



On the Journey this week. Fr Rob Galea's Gospel reflection on the King of the Universe. Mother Hilda on Hildegard and the mystery in the ways that our lives unfold. Plus, Fr Mike Delaney sees God in the everyday in pole dancing, Trish McCarthy calls all who are burdened to rest, Pete Gilmore observes that growing orchids is a great example of faith without works is dead. Listen at [jcr.org.au](http://jcr.org.au)

## A VOCATION VIEW

The Church needs shepherds. Pray that the bishops will lead us well and rely on the power of God. (2 Samuel 5:1-3)  
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)

## ALL SOULS MASS - WEST DAPTO CEMETERY

Everyone is invited to attend the annual All Souls Mass to be held at West Dapto Catholic Cemetery.

Mass will be at **10am, Saturday 26 November**, West Dapto Road. In the case of bad weather the mass will be moved to St John's church - 24 Jerematta St Dapto.

## ENEMY LOVE RECORDS GIG

Enemy Love Records (David Kruse & Emma Fradd) are an independent record label producing and promoting good Catholic music. They are touring Australia to present three brand new releases and they will be playing in Wollongong!

**When:** Sunday 4 December 2022 @ 07:00 PM  
**Where:** Xavier Centre, 38 Harbour St, Wollongong  
**Tickets:** [EnemyLoveRecords.com](http://EnemyLoveRecords.com) (limited tickets)  
Entry by ticket with donation upon entry. Finger food and drinks will be served.

## SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT

We affirm the work being done by faith communities and organisations to support those who experience domestic and family violence and abuse, and to address the drivers and enablers of violence. We look for further ways in which we can all respond to spiritual violence.

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au>

## MENALIVE'S—REFUEL WEEKLY SHARING AND JOURNALING SESSIONS

reFUEL is a weekly hour-long gathering of men every Tuesday evening 7:30pm 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>

## POSITION VACANT - PARISH SECRETARY - ST MICHAEL'S, NOWRA

Nowra parish is seeking the services of a part time secretary for **10 hrs per week. 4 days x 2.5 hours (Tues, Wed, Thurs & Fri 9.30am- 12 Noon)**. The position requires skills in administration, bookkeeping and maintaining a database. The parish secretary needs to be a committed and practising Catholic, embracing the teachings and ethos of the Catholic Church in their daily life. If interested, please email [frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au](mailto:frances.vanleerdam@dow.org.au) to request an application pack for this position. Appl'n close 2 Dec.

## 20 NOV - FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING (YEAR C)

### First Reading - 2 Samuel 5:1-3 *They anointed David king of Israel.*

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

### Responsorial Psalm - Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'  
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. R.
2. Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.  
It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. R.
3. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.  
There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. R.

### Second Reading — Colossians 1:12-20 *He has taken us into the kingdom of his beloved Son.*

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light.

Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God  
and the first-born of all creation,  
for in him were created  
all things in heaven and on earth:  
everything visible and everything invisible,  
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –  
all things were created through him and for him.  
Before anything was created, he existed,  
and he holds all things in unity.  
Now the Church is his body,  
he is its head.  
As he is the Beginning,  
he was first to be born from the dead,  
so that he should be first in every way;  
because God wanted all perfection  
to be found in him  
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,  
everything in heaven and everything on earth,  
when he made peace  
by his death on the cross.

### Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

### Gospel — Luke 23:35-43 *Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.*

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'