



ST THERESE PARISH - WEST WOLLONGONG

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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."

SUNDAY 3 AUGUST 2025

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

ST THERESE WEST WOLLONGONG	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION UNANDERRA	RECONCILIATION:
Weekend Masses Sunday: 10am and 5pm	Weekend Masses Saturday: 5pm Sunday: 8am	St Therese - West Wollongong Saturday: 9.30am – 10.30am Wednesday: 4.30pm – 5.30pm Immaculate Conception – Unanderra Tuesday: 6.00pm – 7.00pm Thursday: 6.00pm – 7.00pm
Weekday Masses Wednesday: 5.30pm Friday: 7.45am Saturday: 9.00am	Weekday Masses Monday: 8.00am Tuesday: 5.30pm Thursday: 5.30pm	BAPTISMS: Notice period: 1 month 2 nd Sunday of month 12pm West Wollongong 4 th Sunday of month 12pm Unanderra
Eucharistic Adoration: Wednesday 4.30pm - 5.30pm	Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday and Thursday 6pm - 7pm	WEDDINGS: Notice period: 6 months

MODIFIED WEEKDAY TIMETABLE

Fr Duane will return from his time of annual leave on Saturday 9 August at the 5pm Vigil Mass at Unanderra. From that point on, the usual weekday Sacramental timetable will also recommence, beginning with 8am Mass at Unanderra on Monday 11 August.

During Fr Duane's absence, the current weekday timetable across the two parishes is as follows:

Tuesdays – Unanderra

5:30pm Mass at Unanderra
Rosary and Adoration 6pm-7pm (no Reconciliation)

Wednesdays – West Wollongong

4:30pm Adoration at West Wollongong (no Reconciliation)
5:30pm Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion (Deacon Joseph)

Thursdays – Unanderra

5:30pm Mass at Unanderra
Rosary, Adoration and Reconciliation 6pm-7pm

Friday mornings – West Wollongong

7:45am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion (Deacon Joseph)

Rosary and Silent Prayer at Unanderra

Unanderra Church will be open for Rosary and quiet prayer on **Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8am to 9am** commencing Friday 4 July until Saturday 9 August inclusive.

PARISH DINNER

8 August, 6pm

At Figtree Sports,
Make your booking by
contacting

Mary O'Rourke maryo42@optusnet.com.au

Barry Duggan Ph: 0411 236 616



PARISH FINANCES

\$290 First Collection - Clergy Remuneration Fund

\$251 Second Collection – Parish Expenses

\$283 Tap Point – Parish Donations

\$180 Planned Giving Envelopes

\$634 Direct Debits (weekly average for June)

Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly.

Parishioners who wish to join the planned giving program via envelope or direct debit to assist with our parish expenses, please contact the parish office for further information



NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH FOR JULY & AUGUST

Please note that there will be no Eucharistic Adoration at Immaculate Conception Church, Unanderra during July & August whilst Fr Duane is on leave (recommences 5 Sept.)



RECENTLY DECEASED:

DECEASED FOR WHOM OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED:

SICK: Kerrie Maidment, Lucila Montano, Rachael Wakely, Margaret Beamish, Daniel Hiew

ANNIVERSARIES OF PARISHIONERS: John Begley, Cecily Hunt, Edward Mulligan, Veronica Driscoll, Shirley McInerney, Esther Hannon-Nichols, Stanley Newton, Ronald Devlin, Lawrence Hiscox, Edwin Tuxworth, Theodore Balzer, Edward Connell, Ethel Walters, Thomas Brophy, William Hedley, Edward Egan, Robert Handcock, Elizabeth Hutchins, Eileen Purse, Alice Weaver, Paul Harland, Betty Phillips, Barry Bolt, Nicholas Herress, Jenny Malady, Margaret Casey, Alice Burke, Kathleen McCormack, Ellen Smith, Arthur Byrne, Margaret Fitzgibbon, Colin McCarthy, Michael Austin, Mary Day, Josephine Bill, Gertrude Dawson, Richard Werakso.

VINNIES NEWS

Our local conference will hold our Vinnies Winter Appeal on Sunday 24 August.

During this month we will share details for donating and let you know where your money goes. Our main ongoing cost is food. Workers at the Homeless Support Hub in Coniston pack simple hampers of non-perishable food items (cereal, milk, pasta, soup etc.) to which we add frozen mince, surplus bread (thanks Coles) and fresh fruit (thanks Woolies). Each hamper costs us \$20 and we may deliver 5 in an afternoon. Therefore \$100 buys food for 5 individuals or households. If you'd like to make an online donation, our details are – BSB: 062000, Account No: 19889862, Name: SVDP Society NSW Conference. Please add Reference for West Wollongong 46426 to ensure it comes to us.



Mass for the Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop will be celebrated on Friday 8 August at 12:10pm at St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP - "REVIVE YOUTH"

Meets fortnightly 7-9pm, St Therese Parish Centre
August Dates: 8th and 22nd

Come along and enjoy fun games, some snacks and meet awesome people. It's also a great way to learn more about our faith. We'd love to see you there!

Contact reviveyouth25@gmail.com for more information.

STIC YOUNG ADULTS is in recess during August. Message us on FB or Insta (@sticyoungadults) to join our WhatsApp for regular updates. See you in September!

ST THERESE JUSTICE, ECOLOGY AND PEACE GROUP

Events in Gaza can seem overwhelming and it is heartening to remember that Wollongong has a history in promoting peace and justice. Have you seen the film 'The Dalfram Dispute 1938 Pig Iron Bob' about the Port Kembla wharfies who refused to load a ship with pig iron, knowing it was being turned into bullets and bombs? You can find it online. And did you know that Wollongong against War and Nukes has been chosen for a two week activist residency at Wollongong Art Gallery during July and August? Go along to see the display and join in activities. The goal is to take the message of peace to our city.

menALIVE REGIONAL WEEKEND – REGISTER NOW

9 – 10 August 2025, Xavier Conference Centre, W'gong

Come along to our menALIVE weekend and be impacted by an encounter with the Gospel in the presence of other good men seeking to be renewed in faith and life.

For more information and to register

<https://menalive-weekend-2025>

CCD LEVEL 1 CATECHIST COURSE (TERM 3)

via Zoom starts on Monday 4 August for four Mondays.

Dates: Mondays, 4, 11, 18, 25 August (via Zoom)

Time: 9:30am - 1:30pm.

Beginning and experienced SRE Catechists are invited to register by following this link: [CCD Level 1 Course Aug 2025](https://support@ccdwoollongong.com) or contact Sue Clark at support@ccdwoollongong.com.

Please note: The first day of the Level 1 course includes the Child Protection and Classroom Management training update that must be revisited by SRE Catechists every three years.

CHARISMATIC EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - THE SOURCE AND SUMMIT OF OUR FAITH

Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart St Wollongong Friday 8 August 2025. Praying for the Bishop's Vision

Join us for 90 minutes of Charismatic praise, Scripture, and silence to implement our Bishop's Vision for the Wollongong Diocese. Everyone welcome.

7:00-8:00pm Adoration and Praise

8:00-8:30pm Individual prayer and a Cuppa

Contact: Gabriella De Battista Ph: 0414 205 404

2025 SIGNIFICANT MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES MASS

If you are celebrating 25, 30, 40, 50, 60 or over 60 years of marriage this year, we invite you to the celebration of Significant Marriage Anniversaries, to be celebrated with Bishop Brian Mascord on **Sunday 24 August 2025 at 2pm at the St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong.** Mass will be followed by light refreshments in the Xavier Centre Conference Room. **Please register online at <https://dow.sh/MA2025> by no later than Monday, 11 August 2025.** Any enquiries please email Helen Bennett helen.bennett@dow.org.au

POSITIONS OPEN – DIOCESAN YOUTH COUNCIL

The Diocesan Youth Council (DYC) is a vibrant team of lay people, clergy, and religious who serve as both an advisory body and implementation team to the Bishop for youth and young adult ministry in the Diocese of Wollongong. The Bishop is currently seeking to appoint four new members to the Council. **Applications are now open and will close on 4 August.** To apply, visit: dow.sh/4ewlLkU

INVITATION FROM DARREN MCDOWELL ORDINATION TO DIACONATE

It is with great pleasure and gratitude that I invite you to attend my ordination to the Diaconate occurring on **Saturday 23rd August, 10am at St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong.** This will be a wonderful celebration for me and for our Diocese. Please RSVP at <https://www.siec.org.au/darren> so that we can arrange appropriate catering for the light lunch which will follow the mass.

SUMMIT NIGHT – AN EVENING WITH DR EDWARD SRI

For young adults aged 18+

6.30 – 8.30pm, Saturday, 30 August

Xavier Conference Centre (adjacent to St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Wollongong)

Free – donations gratefully accepted on the night

Young adults of the Diocese of Wollongong, this is our final Summit Night for 2025! We're inviting you to an unforgettable evening designed to challenge, inspire, and renew. At Summit Night, you'll join a vibrant community seeking truth, building faith, and growing closer to Christ. This time, we will be joined by Dr Edward Sri. He is a renowned Catholic, author and theologian who presents to tens of thousands of people from around the world each year, including clergy, parish leaders, catechists and laity.

COMPASS: "BUSH" FAMILY CAMPING WEEKEND

Friday 5 – Sunday 7 September 2025 Guntawang -

Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility

We are excited to be returning for the second of our 2025 Catholic family camping weekends at Guntawang Catholic Youth Centre. This weekend is designed to bring together families of all ages, including couples with or without children, single parents with their children, and grandparents, to celebrate the incredible gift of family life.

Mark your calendars for a wonderful opportunity to connect with families from across the diocese in a laid-back setting. Enjoy shared meals, games, music, prayer, and Mass together. To secure your spot, register now.

dow.org.au/events/compass-bush-family-camping-weekend Cost: \$50 per adult or \$100 per family

RSVP: Friday 29 August 2025

JUBILEE YEAR EVENT – ROSEMEADOW JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE DAY

Saturday 6 September 2025

The Parish of Our Lady Help of Christians, Rosemeadow invites everyone to a Jubilee Pilgrimage Day where we will uncover the profound meaning, history and significance of the Year of Jubilee and how we can continue living it out in our pilgrimage of life towards Christ. The day begins with Mass at 10:00am, followed by a catechesis led by Elise Duval, a time of Eucharistic Adoration with opportunity for confession, and concludes with Benediction at 3:00pm. Please BYO lunch. Come and be renewed in God's mercy!

HEAR FROM POPE LEO XIV

Sunday Echo is a **limited-release resource** the Diocese has developed that contains the Holy Father's most recent homily or reflection and accompanying discussion questions. **Each issue will be released the day after Pope Leo XIV gives a homily or reflection on the most recent Sunday Gospel readings** go to <https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/> to access or sign up to have sent straight to you.

THE JOURNEY, – YOUR DIOCESAN WEEKLY PODCAST

The Journey is the weekly podcast for parishioners in the Diocese of Wollongong. Each week it brings you great music, formation in faith, with an array of fantastic presenters from our Diocese and around Australia. Just go to www.jcr.org.au

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Registrations Now Open! Spots are limited and must be finalised by mid-September.

Join the Diocese of Wollongong's pilgrimage to the *Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)*, taking place at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre from **30 November to 2 December 2025**.

ACYF is a national celebration of faith, drawing together thousands of young people (Year 9 to 25 years old) from across Australia for a powerful experience of encounter, formation, prayer, and community. Each day includes dynamic speakers, workshops, music, Mass, and an interactive expo. Travel and accommodation are being organised through **Harvest Journeys**, with a full package including your ACYF ticket, return flights, transfers, 4 nights' hotel accommodation, daily breakfast, and dinner on arrival (the night before the Festival).

To register or find out more, visit dow.org.au/cymw or contact Arnie Hurdoyal at arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au.

'Never see a need without trying to do something about it.'
Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Friday 8 August, 6pm Figgy Sports Club	Parish Dinner
First Fri. of month, Parish Grounds, 5.30pm	Environmental Stations of the Cross
Mondays, 5pm Parish Centre	Christian Meditation Group Monica Ph: 0418 172072
Last Tue of month Parish Centre, 6.30pm	Parish Pastoral Council ppc@sttherese.com.au
1 st and 3 rd Wed of month, 7.30pm Parish Centre	West Wollongong Vinnies louise.pinson@vinnies.org.au
Saturdays, 8.30am St Therese Church	The Rosary
2 nd Sat of month 10.00am Parish Centre	Ladies' cuppa and chat contact Elaine 0410692973

Revive Youth (12-18yrs)

August Dates: 8th and 22nd

Fortnightly on Fridays 7-9pm, Parish Centre
Contact reviveyouth25@gmail.com

STIC Young Adults (18-35yrs)

In recess during August

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23*A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes*

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

You turn men back into 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.**

You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

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.**

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*A reading from the letter of St Paul to Colossians*

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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

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 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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