



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 15 JUNE 2025

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WEST WOLLONGONG

Weekend Masses

Sunday: 10am and 5pm

Weekday Masses

Wednesday: 5.30pm

Friday: 7.45am

Saturday: 9.00am

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday 4.30pm - 5.30pm

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

UNANDERRA

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5pm

Sunday: 8am

Weekday Masses

Monday: 8.00am

Tuesday: 5.30pm

Thursday: 5.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration:

Tuesday and Thursday 6pm - 7pm

RECONCILIATION:

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

BAPTISMS:

Notice period: 1 month

2nd Sunday of month 12pm West Wollongong

4th Sunday of month 12pm Unanderra

WEDDINGS:

Notice period: 6 months



MESSAGE FROM FR DUANE

I wish to extend my deepest gratitude to all involved in the Pentecost Multicultural Mass last Sunday – those who prepared it behind the scenes, those who shared prayers in

language, those who dressed in traditional dress, the St Therese school community for their attendance and leading the final song, those who brought delicious food for after Mass, our regular ministers for their usual ministry as well as their flexibility, and all of our regular parishioners for your openness to the uniqueness of the celebration. It was a wonderful celebration of the cultural diversity that we are so blessed to enjoy in our parish, and of the bond of unity we share through Christ in the Holy Spirit!

While I am often reluctant to single out any particular group, there are a few reasons why I wish to make special mention of our Burmese community at this time. A number of people commented on how deeply moved they were by the reflection hymn prepared and sung so beautifully by the Burmese community. When we consider the journey that so many of our Burmese parishioners have made as refugees fleeing oppression and violence, it was even more deeply moving to witness the faith, courage and joy that they radiate so beautifully among us. As many of you would know, a terrible earthquake occurred in March this year in Myanmar, with aftershocks continuing even to this week, adding to the struggles of many in Myanmar, including loved ones of our

own Burmese parishioners. We will have opportunities in our parish to provide practical support to the Burmese community in the coming months and I look forward to sharing more details with you of this as they come to hand. For now, I share with you the English translation of the hymn they sang, which I pray will continue to inspire all of us in whatever difficulties we face in life:

As I walk through the troubled world, you protect me.

Even in the presence of enemies, you love and give me your flesh and blood at the table.

If God is in my life, all things will be fulfilled. My soul will be joyful and praise God's glory.

When I was in pain and suffering, you warmed my heart.

When darkness reigned, I could not see, you were a lamp to see on the path.

As I have fallen many times in the path of sin, you have always forgiven me.

You have promised me a place of refuge in heaven, a refuge for my believing soul.

CAR PARK UPDATE: GATHERING SAFELY AFTER MASS

Thank you to everyone for your co-operation with the new line-marking in the car park. One ongoing challenge that we have always faced in our car park is that the main steps of the church open out directly onto the traffic. This can make it natural for people to gather and chat after Mass in the path of traffic. I love to see people mingling after Mass, but to help

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Gregory Potts, Barbara Chalker, Maureen Coughlan, Roseli Bulka, Jo Pettit

DECEASED FOR WHOM OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED: Julie Fisher, Chris Lyons, Zora Grgic, Aleksander Sadolewski

SICK: Kerrie Maidment, Fr David Catterall, Lucila Montano, Rachael Wakely

ANNIVERSARIES OF PARISHIONERS: Gwendoline McNamara, Loreta Condon, Selma Mannix, Debbie Van Den Brink, Dorothy Challenger, Harry Halpin, Joseph Quin, Francesco Capilli, Joseph Sanders, Mary Rogers, Lillian Glossop, Paul Hennessy, Michael Rowles, Grace Scroope, Barbara Hall, William Pierce, Anna Davoren, Umberto Mariani, MaryThomas, Patrick Melouny, William Everett, Frederick Shepherd, Fay O'Donnell, Gino Silveri, Terence Goldspring, Peter Burchell.

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to increase safety and convenience for all pedestrians and vehicles, I ask that when we gather to chat after Mass, we do so **under the awning** where there are the "no parking signs", where there is always plenty of space to gather. The other option is the parish centre which is always open after Mass (and warm...with free refreshments available!)

ALPHA: COME AND SEE! (AND STATE OF ORIGIN)

6.10pm, Wednesday 18 June

During the past 5 seasons of Alpha, over 200 people of all stages of life and faith have come to a new or deeper encounter with Jesus and his church. Our next season of Alpha launches with a one-off "come and see" evening this Wednesday 18 June at St Therese Parish Centre, including testimonies from some of those who completed the last Alpha. Please also consider who the Holy Spirit might prompt you to invite along – a gentle invitation to "come and see" is all they might need to find something of the joy and hope that Christ has brought to us! You can use this QR code to register yourself or others for the come-and-see evening, or simply contact the parish office. The Alpha evening will conclude shortly before 8pm and there will then be the opportunity to stay to watch the State of Origin at the Parish Centre. Note: even if you don't come to the Alpha evening, feel free to join to watch the footy – no registration needed if you only come to that.



PARISH FINANCES

Collections week ending 8/6/25

\$527 First Collection - Clergy Remuneration Fund

\$268 Second Collection – Parish Expenses

\$308 Tap Point – Parish Donations

\$167 Planned Giving Envelopes

\$634 Direct Debits (weekly average for May)

Parishioners who wish to join the Parish Planned Giving program via envelope or Direct Debit to assist with our parish expenses, please contact Parish office for further information.



'COME AND SEE CUP OF TEA'

Sunday 29 June after 10am and 5pm masses

On Sunday 29 June straight after the 10am and 5pm Mass, we will have a special 'Come and See Cup of Tea' in the Parish Centre, co-ordinated by our Parish Pastoral Council whose role includes uniting and supporting the various activities of the parish. This will be a special gathering showcasing the various parish groups and activities as well as possible ways you might use your own unique gifts to serve in our parish and beyond.

2025 RECONCILIATION AND FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Tuesday 17 June OR Thursday 19 June, 7pm, Parish Centre

This year the sacraments will be celebrated at both St. Therese and Immaculate Conception parishes. Please note that ALL registration sessions will be held at the St Therese Parish Centre. Should you wish to register your child, attendance at **ONE** of the sessions is required.

DEACON JOSEPH ANNUAL LEAVE

Deacon Joseph will take his annual leave commencing this week, returning to Vietnam, in part to celebrate with his parents for their 50th wedding anniversary! This will also be his first opportunity to celebrate with his family after his ordination as Deacon. He will return on 10 July. We wish him a blessed and restful trip and joyful celebrations with his family and friends!

MINISTRY OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

We need some new members to our small team to visit parishioners individually where you go to their home at a time that suits both you and the recipient. Or attend at Greenhill Manor where staff bring the residents to a lounge area and we watch Mass online and distribute communion at the appropriate time. Training for this Ministry is available online in your own time and takes about 3 hours in total. Ph: Therese Driscoll 0407 898710 t.driscoll.td7@gmail.com

VINNIES NEWS

Winter is upon us and many of the people we assist are feeling the cold. The Miller Street Homeless Hub is low on men's clothing and is keen for donations. Any items of warm clothing in good condition would be gratefully received: trousers, shirts, jumpers and coats. Please take them to Charles O'Neill House in Coniston or leave on the porch at 12 Eastern Avenue. Other donations can be placed in the clothing bin in the church car park and money to buy goods can be left in the poor box or Vinnies buckets at church. Thanks for your ongoing support of our neighbours in need.



WOLLONGONG DIOCESE CURSILLO MOVEMENT

Celebrating 25 years of guidance by the Holy Spirit. We would like to invite anyone who has been involved with the CM in the past 25 years to join us for Mass and a reunion luncheon on **21st June at 11am**. Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul's Church Camden with lunch in the church hall. Please call Dianne for further details. 0418640373.

FORMATION PATHWAY | FOUNDATIONS:

EMPOWERING LEADERSHIP (115)

Wollongong and Zoom. Wednesday, 2 July, 7-9 pm

Register: dow.sh/fpjuly2025 Cost: Free

We can't do parish renewal alone. No one person has all the gifts and strengths needed to single-handedly lead, let alone transform, a parish. There is no such thing as a balanced person, but you can have a balanced team. — Fr James Mallon

Everyone knows at least one person who has served in a parish for years, sometimes decades. When that person inevitably moves on or passes away, there is a momentary panic as we all scramble to find someone, anyone, to do the thing that they used to do. When we give tasks, we create workers. When we share responsibility and authority, we empower leaders. This creates ownership, commitment and passion. Everyone is called to lead, each in their own sphere of influence. So, what are we looking for in parish leaders? And how do we lead in a way that continues to empower new leaders? This formation will explore the basics of what it means to be an empowering leader and how that can help you discover untapped potential and talent in your community.

What is the Formation Pathway?

To assist parish communities in understanding and implementing Come & See, Go & Make: A Vision for Parishes (CSGM), we have developed a program of formation, known as the Formation Pathway. Consisting of introductory, intermediate and advanced formation, the Formation Pathway is designed to explore core concepts of parish renewal, equip and encourage the faithful, and help to nurture the existing culture of growth – personally and as a community. **Register: dow.sh/fpjuly2025**

IGNITE CONFERENCE SYDNEY 10 – 13 JULY 2025

Every year, Ignite Youth hosts one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth conferences. Ignite Conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, forming them and sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus. The Diocese of Wollongong is taking a group of 30 youth and young adults to the conference at a subsidised price. If you'd like to be part of the diocesan group or would like more details, please email Arnie Hurdoyal at: arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au or visit www.dow.org.au/events/the-light-ignite-conference-2025/

A VOCATION VIEW

The love of God is being poured forth into our hearts. Open yourself to receive and share that love. Be open to God calling you to spread love through a Church vocation. (Romans 5:1-5) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

THE JOURNEY, CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM

11am on Pulse 94.1FM or go to www.jcr.org.au

FEEDBACK ON BISHOPS VISION AND PARISH LIFE

Bishop Brian invites all parishioners across the Diocese, to take the time to prayerfully reflect on his vision for renewed parishes, by completing the online activity @ dow.sh/csgmactivity

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. Go to <https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/faith-circles/> to access or sign up to have sent straight to you.



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Tuesday, 17 June	Registration for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion
Thursday, 19 June	
7pm, Parish Centre	
Wednesday, 18 June	Alpha "Come & See" Evening
6.10pm, Parish Centre	
Sunday, 22 June	Commissioning of Ministers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
During mass	
Sunday, 29 June	Come and See Cup of Tea
Parish Centre	Following 10am & 5pm Masses
Mondays, 5pm	Christian Meditation Group
Parish Centre	Monica Ph: 0418 172072
Last Tue of month	Parish Pastoral Council
Parish Centre, 6.30pm	ppc@sttherese.com.au
1st and 3rd Wed	West Wollongong Vinnies
of month, 7.30pm	Conference
Parish Centre	louise.pinson@vinnies.org.au
Saturdays, 8.30am	The Rosary
St Therese Church	
2nd Sat of month	Ladies' cuppa and chat
10.00am Parish Centre	contact Elaine 0410692973

STIC Young Adults (18-35yrs)

Meets each Thursday

First Thursday 7pm	Guest Speaker
Parish Centre	
Last Thursday	Prayer & Pub
5.30pm Mass at Immaculate Conception + 6.45pm dinner	
at Collegians, Figtree	
Other Thursdays 7pm	Faith Studies and Fellowship
Parish Centre	

Follow "STIC Young Adults" on Instagram and Facebook

First Reading: Proverbs 8:22-31

A reading from the book of Proverbs

The Wisdom of God cries aloud:

The Lord created me when his purpose first unfolded,
before the oldest of his works.

From everlasting I was firmly set,
from the beginning, before earth came
into being.

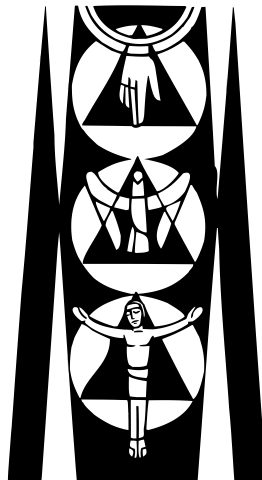
The deep was not, when I was born,
there were no springs to gush with
water.

Before the mountains were settled,
before the hills, I came to birth;
before he made the earth, the
countryside,
or the first grains of the world's dust.
When he fixed the heavens firm, I was
there,

when he drew a ring on the surface of the deep,
when he thickened the clouds above,
when he fixed fast the springs of the deep,
when he assigned the sea its boundaries
- and the waters will not invade the shore -
when he laid down the foundations of the earth,
I was by his side, a master
craftsman,
delighting him day after day,
ever at play in his presence,
at play everywhere in his world,
delighting to be with the sons of
men.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm: Ps 8:4-9

**R. O Lord, our God,
how wonderful your name in all the earth!**

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,
the moon and the stars which you arranged,
what is man that you should keep him in mind,
mortal man that you care for him? **R.**

Yet you have made him little less than a god;
with glory and honour you crowned him,
gave him power over the works of your hand,
put all things under his feet. **R.**

All of them, sheep and cattle,
yes, even the savage beasts,
birds of the air, and fish
that make their way through the waters. **R.**

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged
righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and
through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace
in which we can boast about looking forward to God's
glory. But that is not all we can boast about; we can
boast about our sufferings. These sufferings bring
patience, as we know, and patience brings
perseverance, and perseverance brings hope, and this
hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has
been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which
has been given us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Glory to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit:
to God who is, who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia!

Gospel : John 16:12-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'I still have many things to say to you
but they would be too much for you now.
But when the Spirit of truth comes
he will lead you to the complete truth,
since he will not be speaking as from himself
but will say only what he has learnt;
and he will tell you of the things to come.
He will glorify me
since all he tells you
will be taken from what is mine.
Everything the Father has is mine;
that is why I said:
All he tells you
will be taken from what is
mine.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus
Christ.**

Glory be to the Father,
through the Son,
in the Holy Spirit !



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