



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 8 JUNE 2025

PENTECOST SUNDAY / C

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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

Pentecost – literally meaning “fiftieth” – takes place 50 days after Easter. Pentecost was the “birth of the Church” when the Apostles received the Holy Spirit, as promised by Jesus who had now risen and ascended to the glory of the Father. It was the Holy Spirit who empowered the Apostles to begin proclaiming the good news of the risen Christ amidst all kinds of persecution. We thank God for the courage of the Apostles, who knew the importance of proclaiming to the world what they had witnessed and received. Proclaiming Christ to the world remains the most important mission the world has ever seen, and one entrusted now to us, by the same Holy Spirit. To quote Pope Leo XIV in his homily at his Mass of inauguration: “We want to say to the world, with humility and joy: Look to Christ! Come closer to him! Welcome his word that enlightens and consoles! Listen to his offer of love and become his one family: in the one Christ, we are one. This is the path to follow together, among ourselves but also with our sister Christian churches, with those who follow other religious paths, with those who are searching for God, with all women and men of goodwill, in order to build a new world where peace reigns!”

When the Apostles first proclaimed Christ, people of many languages and cultures miraculously heard the good news in their own language. This same Holy Spirit continues to unite

us in the midst of our diversity, and this is something we especially celebrate in our annual “Multicultural Mass” on Pentecost Sunday morning. It is also something that we should be aware of and celebrate at every Mass, as we observe the rich diversity of our community, uniting as one in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit, as reflected in our parish vision:

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ALPHA: A UNIQUE MEANS OF SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF CHRIST

It can be difficult in our time to know how to *explicitly* share the gift of our faith, as the Apostles did in their time. One of the most effective ways I’ve seen in our time and place for doing this in a relaxed and welcoming way is Alpha. 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. On Wednesday 18th June at St Therese Parish Centre we will have a one-off “come and see” evening, commencing at 6:10pm, for any of you who might like to get a glimpse of what Alpha is all about.

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RECENTLY DECEASED: Gregory Potts, Barbara Chalker, Maureen Coughlan, Roseli Bulka, Joe Arnone,

Richard Piekarcz

DECEASED FOR WHOM OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED:

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

ANNIVERSARIES OF PARISHIONERS: Edwin McDonnell, Albert Cusick, Thomas Kearney, Patricia Quin, Erno Borszeki, Ted Reynolds, Mikolay Sezanowicz, Margaret Waugh, Briged O'Brien, Thomas Old, Colin Williams, Gwendoline Rylands, Charles Remfrey, Robert Young Snr., Margaret Kidd, Matthew Browne, Peter Page, Marilyn Bryne, Olga Hough, Florence Gillis, Joseph Hunt, Mary Hubbard, Lorraine Almond, Stephen Wise, Francesco Marciano, Ada Baker, Amundo Cattaneo, Wayne Sheenan

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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.

(Note: the organisers are aware that this is also the night of the second State of Origin, which is why the Alpha evening will begin at 6:10pm, and conclude shortly before 8pm. There will also be the opportunity to stay to watch the State of Origin at the Parish Centre after the Alpha evening concludes. Such is the inclusiveness of our parishes that even Queensland supporters are welcome!)



COME AND SEE CUP OF TEA

In our Second Reading for Pentecost Sunday Mass, St Paul reminds us that the Holy Spirit gives unique gifts and ways of service to each and every one of us. On Sunday 29th June straight after the 10am and 5pm Mass we will have a “Come and See Cup of Tea” in the Parish Centre, co-ordinated by our Parish Pastoral Council whose role includes unite 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. Save the date!

PARISH FINANCES

Collections week ending 1/6/25

\$388 First Collection - Clergy Remuneration Fund

\$197 Second Collection – Parish Expenses

\$298 Tap Point – Parish Donations

\$332 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.



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.

AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE – A CATHOLICARE INITIATIVE

Friday 13 June, 10am–1pm The Fraternity Club Fairy Meadow (Pick up a brochure from the resource table)

Join Robert Fitzgerald AM, Age Discrimination Commissioner, as he explores the critical issues facing older Australians today - including elder abuse and ageism - while offering practical insights and strategies for ageing with dignity, purpose and positivity.

To register for this free community event including morning tea, please use the QR code or call 02 4227 1122 or online at

catholiccare.dow.org.au/events



VINNIES NEWS

Wollongong locals will recall the Tuxworth family, stalwarts of the cathedral parish.

Brian Tuxworth established a Bequest, leaving a generous donation to the St Vincent de Paul society. This enables money to be accessed when those we assist require extra help. In the past 5 years over \$8,000 has been reimbursed to our conference when people have required urgent assistance with education and medical expenses, removalist costs and rental arrears. We are grateful to this benefactor and to those parishioners who support us in our work.



CHARIS MONTHLY MASS

Praying for our needs and the Bishop's Vision Sacred Heart Chapel, Stewart St Wollongong Friday 13 June

Are you struggling with praying alone? Join others in charismatic praise for all our needs, and to implement our Bishop's Vision for the Wollongong Diocese, followed by Holy Mass. There will also be an opportunity for individual healing prayer after mass and cuppa. Celebrant: Fr Patrick Vaughan. Everyone welcome.

7:00pm Praise and Worship 7:30pm Holy Mass

Info: Gabriella De Battista 0414 205 404

CATHOLIC BUSINESS CONNECTIONS LUNCHEON

Wednesday 25 June, 11.45am – 2pm City Beach Function Centre Wollongong

Guest speaker Graham Lancaster AM, lawyer, mediator and community leader continues to live with purpose following his 2024 diagnosis of Motor Neurone Disease (ALS). Scan the QR code to find out more or visit dow.sh/CBCJune2025.

RSVP by Tuesday 17 June 2025



TAIZÉ RETREAT DAY, ST JOSEPH'S BULLI

Saturday 14 June

Taizé a small town in France where thousands of young people come together throughout the year to praise Our Lord Jesus & share their lives. The Brothers of Taizé lead the Prayers & Chant and give Pastoral care to all who spend time there. The Chant fills us with Hope & Joy. Gabriella will lead us in the beautiful Taizé chant.

9am Morning Tea (*Tea/Coffee, biscuits/cakes are provided*)

9:30am Start of Retreat

11:30am Holy Mass

12:30pm Lunch (BYO)

1:30pm Chant & Prayers

3pm Finish

(Donation: \$15 To Cover All Materials (Hymn & Prayer Sheets))

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.

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/

SUMMIT NIGHT- AN EVENING WITH REAL TALK

After the success of the first **Summit Night with Matt Fradd**, we are excited to bring the young adults of the diocese another transformative night of community, truth and encounter with Jesus. This time, we will be welcoming two presenters from **Real Talk Australia** who will present on "What Am I Made For? The Good News about Love, Sex & Marriage".

When: Tuesday 10 June, 6.30pm- 9pm

Where: Xavier Conference Centre, 38 Harbour St Wollongong

What: Wine + Cheese Reception, vibrant community, guest speakers, meaningful conversation and Eucharistic Adoration in the Cathedral.

Cost: Free- donations will graciously be accepted on entry. Registration is essential.

Visit app.tickets.org.au/DOW/SummitNight2 to secure your seat!

THE WOLLONGONG VOCATIONS PROMOTIONS TEAM

is excited to invite all young adults (over 18) from across the diocese to our *June VOCARIS* with the theme of Jubilee, followed by a Trivia Night! **Saturday, 14 June (5:30pm to 9.30pm)**. 20 Broughton Street, Wilton (25 minutes from Wollongong). For more information and to register please use the QR Code.



A VOCATION VIEW

The disciples of Jesus made bold proclamations through the promptings of the Spirit. What is the Spirit prompting you to do? Be courageous and act on it! (Acts 2:1-11)

If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au



UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

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

Registration for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Wednesday, 18 June
6.10pm, Parish Centre

Alpha "Come & See" Evening

Sunday, 29 June
Parish Centre

Come and See Cup of Tea
Following 10am & 5pm Masses

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

1st and 3rd Wed
of month, 7.30pm
Parish Centre

West Wollongong Vinnies
Conference
louise.pinson@vinnies.org.au

Saturdays, 8.30am
St Therese Church

The Rosary

2nd Sat of month
10.00am Parish Centre

Ladies' cuppa and chat
contact Elaine 0410692973

STIC Young Adults (18-35yrs) **Meets each Thursday**

First Thursday 7pm
Parish Centre

Guest Speaker

Last Thursday
5.30pm Mass at Immaculate Conception + 6.45pm dinner
at Collegians, Figtree

Prayer & Pub

Other Thursdays 7pm
Parish Centre

Faith Studies and Fellowship

Follow "STIC Young Adults" on Instagram and Facebook

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34

**R. Lord, send out your Spirit
and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **R**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **R**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **R**

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated and join in the Pentecost Sequence

SEQUENCE

*Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.*

*Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!*

*Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow*

*Thou in toil art comfort sweet
Pleasant coolness in the heat
Solace in the midst of woe.*

*Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:*

*If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay
All his good is turned to ill.*

*Heal our wounds, our strength renew
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:*

*Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray.*

*Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:*

*Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.*

Alleluia!

Gospel : John 14:15-16. 23-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever.*

*'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my words.
And my word is not my own;
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you
while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.'*

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

