



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 20 JULY 2025

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

<u>ST THERESE WEST WOLLONGONG</u>	<u>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION UNANDERRA</u>	<u>RECONCILIATION:</u>
<u>Weekend Masses</u> Sunday: 10am and 5pm	<u>Weekend Masses</u> 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
<u>Weekday Masses</u> Wednesday: 5.30pm Friday: 7.45am Saturday: 9.00am	<u>Weekday Masses</u> Monday: 8.00am Tuesday: 5.30pm Thursday: 5.30pm	<u>BAPTISMS:</u> Notice period: 1 month 2 nd Sunday of month 12pm West Wollongong 4 th Sunday of month 12pm Unanderra
<u>Eucharistic Adoration:</u> Wednesday 4.30pm - 5.30pm	<u>Eucharistic Adoration:</u> Tuesday and Thursday 6pm - 7pm	<u>WEDDINGS:</u> Notice period: 6 months

MODIFIED WEEKDAY TIMETABLE

Fr Duane is away for conferences and annual leave from Friday July 4th returning for Saturday Vigil Mass on 9 Saturday August at Unanderra. **During this time there will be no Monday morning Masses at Unanderra or Saturday morning Masses at West Wollongong.**

The weekday timetable across the two parishes will be as follows:

Tuesdays (commencing 8 July) – Unanderra

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

Wednesdays (commencing 16 July) – West Wollongong

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

Thursdays (commencing 10 July) – Unanderra

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

Friday mornings (commencing 11 July) – 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

PRAYER FOR THE FIFTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 27 July 2025

'Blessed are those who have not lost hope' (Sir 14:2)

How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!

Help us to continue our pilgrimage through time, animated by the hope that comes from You!

Help us in this divisive world, to bring the hope of communion.

Help us in this world, wounded by wars, to bring the hope of peace.

Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing, to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.

Help us to be, for our grandchildren, for our loved ones and for everyone we meet, the memory of your tenderness.

Help us to bring, in a world distracted from You, the Hope of a new life that only You can give! For in You, Lord, nothing is lost

For in You, Lord, everything begins again! Amen

WHAT'S ON AROUND THE DIOCESE?

Check out upcoming formation courses, youth events, walks, camping and jubilee events – too many to list in one place. Subscribe here and we will keep you in the loop dow.sh/stayingconnected or visit dow.sh/weeklybulletin to see everything that is on around our Diocese!



RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr David Catterall,

DECEASED FOR WHOM OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED: :Vicenta Ramos, Joao Bernadino, Becky Wilkie, Barbara Bourke

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

ANNIVERSARIES OF PARISHIONERS Emma Pearce, Lucia Sanderson, Alexander McKillop, Mary McGoldrick, William Scully, Margaret Pearce, John Quirk, James Hennessy, Margaret Logue, Francis Condon, Jozsef Csapo, Leslie Mulligan, James Taggart, John Titus, Charles Roberts, Jane Round, Florence Everett, Elaine Smith, James Templeton, Anthony Driscoll, Harold Weibe, Gregory Wormald, Roma Brown, John Brown, Irene Ransley, John Maloney, Bernard Donaldson, Phillip Gerathy, Robert Brannon, Margaret Condell, Catherine Drummond, Patrick McGoldrick, Dorris Polley, Jesus Rey, Angelina Taranto, Myrtle Phillips,

THE FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR

FR DAVID CATTERALL are as follows:

Wednesday 23 July 2025

Vigil Mass to be led by Bishop Brian Mascord

Time: 6.30pm

Location: Mary MacKillop Catholic Church, Oran Park

Address: 94 Oran Park Drive, Oran Park

Thursday 24 July 2025

Funeral Mass to be led by Fr James Arblaster

Time: 11.00am

Location: St Paul's Catholic Church, Albion Park

Address: 249 Tongarra Road, Albion Park

When details regarding live streaming and refreshments are released I will be in contact again.



Tuesday St Mary Magdalene
Friday St James, apostle

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



VINNIES NEWS

During the week we will hold a Winter Morning Tea for the people we assist. It's one of the four social gatherings we hold during the year and we look forward to preparing food to share. On the menu are soups and sandwiches, savoury slices and cupcakes plus a warm cuppa of course. Would you like to assist? Just leave a few dollars in the Vinnies bucket in the church to help us buy ingredients or contact Louise 0402742825 if you would like to contribute in another way.



PARISH FINANCES

\$528 First Collection - Clergy Remuneration Fund

\$361 Second Collection – Parish Expenses

\$382 Tap Point – Parish Donations

\$112 Planned Giving Envelopes

\$634 Direct Debits (weekly average for Junel)

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



NEW YOUTH GROUP: "REVIVE YOUTH"

We are now taking registrations for our new parish youth group called "Revive Youth" – a joint initiative of West Wollongong and Unanderra parishes. Revive Youth will be meeting fortnightly on Fridays at St Therese Parish Centre from 7pm to 9pm, commencing Friday July 25th. All high school aged young people are welcome to attend, and there are permission forms available at the church tables, or else contact reviveyouth25@gmail.com for more information or a permission form

menALIVE REGIONAL WEEKEND

9 – 10 August 2025, Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong
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>

CREATING A CULTURE OF INVITATION:

AN EVENING WITH MICHAEL HARVEY

Michael Harvey, international speaker, author, and founder of Unlocking the Growth. Michael has helped over 25,000 churches across five continents grow in confidence and mission — not through marketing, but through rediscovering the Gospel call to invite.

CREATING A CULTURE OF INVITATION Tuesday 22 July – Xavier Conference Centre, Wollongong 7:00pm–9:30pm
Register today and bring a friend: <http://dow.sh/culture>
Whether you're a parish leader, team member, or simply someone who cares deeply about the Church's mission — this evening will both encourage and challenge you. You'll walk away with practical ideas, renewed hope, and a deeper belief that the Gospel still works — one invitation at a time. Let's take a step toward the Church we're called to be.

HEAR FROM POPE LEO XIV

Sunday Echo is a limited-release resource the Diocese has developed that contains, using 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.

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. Recommence 5 Sept

ST THERESE JUSTICE, ECOLOGY AND PEACE GROUP.

Did you know that Catholic priests will now be able to celebrate Mass "for the care of creation" after the Vatican announced that a new formulary of prayers and biblical readings for the Mass will be added to the Roman Missal? The formulary for the Mass began development during Pope Francis's pontificate in response to "requests for a liturgical way of celebrating the meaning and the message of *Laudato Si'*," Cardinal Michael Czerny, prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, said at a press conference last week. The message of 'integral ecology' widely described and explained in the encyclical is celebrated in the Mass.



JOIN "ALPHA" – A CONVERSATION AROUND LIFE, FAITH AND MEANING

Alpha explores life's biggest questions in a welcoming and relaxed space. Sessions begin with a meal followed by some great video input that leads into small-group conversation. You can say anything you like or nothing at all. Our next Alpha series **begins on Wednesday 23 July at the Parish Centre, starting at 7:00pm with dinner.** There is no cost and no commitment, just come and see, or invite others along who you think might be open to exploring the deeper questions of life, faith and meaning. Whatever your age (18yrs+) and stage of faith, you will be welcomed and feel a sense of belonging right from the start! **Scan the QR Code to register or contact the parish office or pick up a card from the resource table.**



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

CATHOLIC CARE AGEING WITH CONFIDENCE

Wed 23 July Campbelltown Catholic Club, 10am-1pm 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. Free event. To register go to catholiccare.dow.org.au or call 42271122.

A VOCATION VIEW

Jesus desires that we, like his friend Mary, would spend time in his presence. Take time regularly to be with Jesus and listen to his living word. (Luke 10:38-42) 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

Friday 8 August 6pm	Parish Social
Figgy Sports Club	
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 Conference 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

STIC Young Adults (18-35yrs)

Meets each Thursday

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

Other Thursdays 7pm Faith Studies and Fellowship Parish Centre

Message us on FB or Insta (@sticyoungadults) to join our whatsapp for regular updates.

First Reading: Genesis 18:1-10

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' he asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Responsorial Psalm: Ps 14:2-5

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. **R.**

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. **R.**

He who keeps his pledge come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. **R.**

Second Reading: Colossians 1:24-28

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake

of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: cf Luke 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia!



Gospel : Luke 10:38-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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