



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 13 JULY 2025

15TH 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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

It is with a very heavy heart that I write to you with news of the death of Fr David Catterall. David entered his eternal reward this afternoon surrounded by the love and prayer of his family, at Bulli Hospital, where he has been cared for with such compassion since his arrival there. David was ordained to the priesthood on 25 March 2000, just weeks after being diagnosed with breast cancer, a challenge that, like others in his life, he faced with unwavering courage and trust in God. This battle with cancer has been a constant presence throughout his priestly life.

Throughout his ministry, Fr David served in the communities, of St Francis Xavier Cathedral Wollongong, and the parishes of Nowra, Camden, Campbelltown, Rosemeadow, and Albion Park, before being appointed the founding parish priest of St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish, Oran Park in 2015. There, he helped form a thriving new faith community, always reminding his parishioners that a parish is "owned by God," and that all gifts are to be placed at the service of others.

Diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukaemia in late 2024, Fr David once again faced illness with grace and faith. He retired from parish ministry in October last year and entered palliative care in recent days, supported tenderly by his loving family, including his sister, and upheld by your prayers, something he cherished deeply in his final days.

Funeral arrangements will be made available when they have been finalised. Please hold the family in your prayers. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen

Most Rev Brian G Mascord DD Bishop of Wollongong



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 Matthew Houghton Jan Lozinski, Adrian Sartor, Charles Gilmore, Anne Aitken, Estelle Hough, Phillip Blunt, Clarence Hubbard, Sydney Abberton, Charles McGoldrick, Mary O'Brien, Patricia Creagh, Kevin Carter, Rebecca Skulimowski, Aub Curran, Fanny Melton, Theresa Schaffer, Monica Humphries, Terence Melouney, Daphne Brown Rosetta Allison, Muriel McDonough, Frederick Sunderland, Ita Edmunds, James Mullan, Florence McCarthy, Edward Gallagher, Clara Merlin,

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

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.

VINNIES NEWS

'NAIDOC Week (6-13 July 2025) is a time to learn about and celebrate the continued history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia,' the Society's National President Mark Gaetani said recently. 'This year's NAIDOC Week theme - 'The Next Generation: Strength, Vision & Legacy' - honours the achievements of the past and the empowerment of young leaders and provides an opportunity to reflect on the generations of advocacy and activism. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are overrepresented in almost all support services provided by the Society, reflecting the challenges they experience from historic and contemporary injustices. Real change can only be achieved by empowering First Nations communities, groups and individuals to contribute to the important policy making decisions that affect their lives.'



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



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.**



PARISH FINANCES

\$565 First Collection - Clergy Remuneration Fund
\$358 Second Collection – Parish Expenses
\$250 Tap Point – Parish Donations
\$195 Planned Giving Envelopes
\$634 Direct Debits (weekly average for April)



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

PARISH DINNER

Save the date

8 august 6pm

At Figtree Sports,

Please make your

booking by contacting

Mary o'rourke maryo42@optusnet.com.au

Barry duggan ph: 0411 236 616

Westwollongong@dow.org.au or phone the parish office on 4243 9610 tuesday & thursday between 8.30am-1.30pm to register your attendance.



SANCTUS SUMMIT UNANDERRA

Eucharistic adoration and dinner Wednesday, 16 July 2025, Immaculate Conception

Monthly adoration for youth and young adults of the diocese at two locations, rotating each month. 3rd Wednesday of every month from 6:30-7:30 pm for adoration in a beautiful and sacred space. Dinner: Unanderra Hot

CATHOLICCARE 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.

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>

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. Meeting quarterly, the DYC helps guide, support, and implement initiatives that foster mission, faith, and community among young people. Members have the opportunity to be co-partners in shaping diocesan priorities in this important area of ministry. The Bishop is currently seeking to appoint four new members to the Council. Selections will follow a structured process that ensures a broad representation of voices, experiences, and demographics across the diocese.

Applications are now open and will close on 4 August. To apply, visit: dow.sh/4ewlLkU

LECTIO DIVINA IN THE BENEDICTINE TRADITION

Jamberoo Abbey 3:30pm Friday 18 July– 1pm Sunday 20 July 2025 Speaker: Sr Antonia Curtis OSB and Libby Denny (oblate) Both informative and practical this retreat takes a dive into the Lectio experience. Book and pay for this retreat by ringing 02 4236 0011 Extension 114 or email cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au

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!

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.

A VOCATION VIEW

We are called to love with our whole being. God is inviting you to love through ministry to the Church. Pray for generosity to serve God's people. (Luke 10:25-37)

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 Figgy Sports Club	Parish Social
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
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

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

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 18:8-11

R. The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**

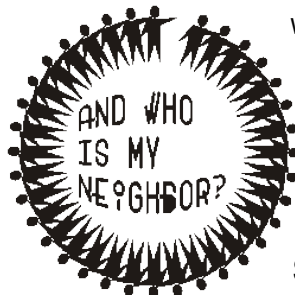
The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **R.**

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for
ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **R.**

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb. **R.**



Second Reading: Colossians 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Christ Jesus 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: cf John 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!**

Gospel : Luke 10:25-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus. 'Do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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