



# 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 6 JULY 2025**

**14<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C**

### ST THERESE 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  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month 12pm West Wollongong  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of month 12pm Unanderra

**WEDDINGS:** Notice period: 6 months



### MESSAGE FROM FR DUANE

Thank you to the Parish Finance Council for organising the annual report attached to the bulletin this weekend which sums up the key financial information from 2024. I share a few explanatory notes here:

- The entirety of our parish income comes from the generosity of parishioners – we don't receive money from the Diocese (or the Vatican!) This regular income is received through the second collection, tap point device, planned giving and direct debit. Note – the first collection is not included in parish income, as it goes to a common Clergy Fund for all clergy of the Diocese
- During the past two years we have been operating at a loss in our year to year budget. This is in part due to one-off expenses associated with the upgrade of our parish centre and surrounds, but even apart from those our expenses would exceed our income if current trends continue
- For those who feel able to do so, the most helpful means of financial giving is through planned giving or direct debit, as these enable us to plan our budgets from year to year. If you feel that you are in a position to join this program, or if you would like more information about our parish finances, please contact the parish office.

Every donation helps us to ensure that we can continue to fund not only the necessary maintenance and operational costs of our parish during the coming years, but also continue the many new and exciting initiatives that have been helping our parish to grow.

Thank you also to the many other ways that parishioners contribute to this parish. Last weekend's annual "Come and See Cup of Tea" helped to showcase some of the groups and ministries in our parish, and I thank the Parish Pastoral Council for organising it, and all who attended. It was great to see many parishioners chatting with the various groups and ministries, and some taking the opportunity to get more involved in the parish in new ways. For those who were not able to attend, during the coming weeks we will have a clipboard with the various groups and ministries listed where you can express your interest if you wish. The Parish Pastoral Council will be liaising with the leaders of our parish ministries and groups to follow up with those who put their names down last week as well as those who do so in the coming weeks.

### NEW YOUTH GROUP: "REVIVE YOUTH"

I am excited to announce that during this past term, we have now officially established a parish youth group! This is a joint initiative of West Wollongong and Unanderra parishes. It began with Youth Alpha during this past term. We didn't publicise that much simply because we reached our capacity limit early on given the number of young adult leaders we had, with about 40 young people attending - far more than we expected! I take this opportunity to thank our wonderful young adult volunteers who led this initiative so generously – and for also committing themselves to continue the youth group into Term 3!

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**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Valerie Pendergast, Jo Pettit

**DECEASED FOR WHOM OUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN REQUESTED:**

**SICK:** Kerrie Maidment, Fr David Catterall, Lucila Montano, Rachael Wakely, Margaret Beamish, Daniel Hiew

**ANNIVERSARIES OF PARISHIONERS** John Hennessy Olive Cannon, Leon Edmonds, Henry Hill, Mercia Mulligan, Rita Morris, Eris Watson, Lawrence Mannix, Terese O'Neill, Henry McCarthy, Patrick Lacey, Terrence Truskett, John McQuade, Una Clarke, Yasna Hale, Veronica Elkins, Ron Weston, Eileen Cooper, David Carnegie, Sarah Carnegie, Adrian Cammerman, Frederick Welsh, Edith Ross, Lilia Garshein, Margaret Dobinson, John O'Donogh, Mabel Morris, Cecil Bartlett, Michael Williams, John Weaver, John Comerford, Irene Brown, Rita Todd, Cloyd Rudd, Edward Atkinson, Rozalia Csapo, Val Curran.

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For Term 3, feel free to spread the word, because the capacity will be greater with an increase in young adult leaders, and 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](mailto:reviveyouth25@gmail.com) for more information or a permission form.

**ST THERESE JUSTICE, ECOLOGY AND PEACE GROUP**

What can we do to help our environment? Here are four suggestions from a recent SMH article: pack reusables especially keep cups and tote bags (it's estimated over 1 billion disposable coffee cups end up in landfill in Australia each year); bring lunch to work/ school (and help minimise food waste which costs Australians more than \$36b annually); take care of your clothes so you can keep wearing them (and help keep 300,000 tonnes out of landfill) and finally shop consciously (you may like to try 'scoop and weigh' rather than buying packaged products). Changing small daily habits can help change the world.

**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](mailto:helen.bennett@dow.org.au)

**VINNIES NEWS**

Last Saturday a district Spirituality Day was held at our Parish Centre. Building on the theme of the Jubilee Year, Leonie Duck took us through reflections on Hope. Did you know that the SVDP Society's motto is 'Serviens in Spe' - Service in Hope. The Australian articles from our Handbook state: '... in serving the poor we give them Hope, ... a new future, a Hopeful life and the possibility of hopefully encountering Christ's Love through our Vincentian action and witnessing.' Contact [louise.pinson@vinnies.org.au](mailto:louise.pinson@vinnies.org.au) if you would like to be a messenger of hope through Vinnies service.



**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.**



**LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR THE 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. To be part of the diocesan group or would like more details, please email Arnie Hurdoyal [arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au](mailto:arnie.hurdoyal@dow.org.au) or [www.dow.org.au/events/the-light-ignite-conference-2025/](http://www.dow.org.au/events/the-light-ignite-conference-2025/)

**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](http://catholiccare.dow.org.au) or call 42271122.

## **NATSICC SUNDAY**

This Sunday throughout Australia the Church celebrates National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. This is supported by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council, and connects with NAIDOC week throughout Australia. This is our opportunity to celebrate the rich gifts of the oldest living culture in the world here in our own land. We remember the teachings of Pope St John Paul II who showed a deep affection for the First Nations People of Australia, and in 1986 said to a gathering in Alice Springs: "Your culture, which shows the lasting genius and dignity of your race, must not be allowed to disappear. Do not think that your gifts are worth so little that you should no longer bother to maintain them. Share them with each other and teach them to your children. Your songs, your stories, your paintings, your dances, your languages, must never be lost..." More information about the wonderful work of NATSICC can be found here at their website at [natsicc.org.au](http://natsicc.org.au) and we wish the First Nations peoples in our community and beyond a wonderful week of celebrations!

## **MODIFIED WEEKDAY TIMETABLE**

Fr Duane is away for conferences and annual leave from Friday July 4<sup>th</sup> returning for Saturday Vigil Mass on Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> July) – Unanderra**

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

### **Wednesdays (commencing 16<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> July) – Unanderra**

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

### **Friday mornings (commencing 11<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup> July until Saturday August 9<sup>th</sup> inclusive

## **LECTIO DIVINA IN THE BENEDICTINE TRADITION**

Jamberoo Abbey 3:30pm Friday 18 – 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@jamberoobbey.org.au](mailto:cottageretreats@jamberoobbey.org.au)

## **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**

"The harvest is rich but the workers are few; therefore ask the harvest-master to send workers to his harvest." Pray for vocations. Depend on God's providence. (Luke 10:1-9) If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at [vocations@dow.org.au](mailto:vocations@dow.org.au)



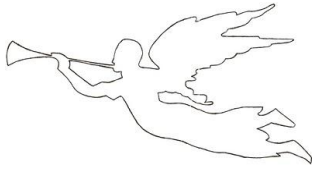
## **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

Friday 8 August 6pm Figgy Sports Club	Parish Social
Friday, 4 July, 5.30pm Parish Grounds	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 <a href="mailto:ppc@sttherese.com.au">ppc@sttherese.com.au</a>
1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed of month, 7.30pm Parish Centre	West Wollongong Vinnies Conference <a href="mailto:louise.pinson@vinnies.org.au">louise.pinson@vinnies.org.au</a>
Saturdays, 8.30am St Therese Church	The Rosary
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat of month 10.00am Parish Centre	Ladies' cuppa and chat contact Elaine 0410692973
<b><u>STIC Young Adults (18-35yrs)</u></b> 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: Isaiah 66:10-14

A reading from the prophet Isaiah



Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her!

Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts.

For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you.

And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.

At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass.

To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! **R**

'Before you all the earth shall bow:

shall sing to you, sing to your name!

Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod.

Let our joy then be in him;

he rules for ever by his might. **R**

Come and hear, all who fear God.

I will tell what he did for my soul.

Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. **R.**



### Second Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation: Colossians 3:15. 16

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.**

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel : Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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



Christ Sending Out the Seventy Disciples Two by Two by James Tissot

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