



# 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 30 MARCH 2025**

**4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT /C**

### MASS TIMES:

**St Therese - West Wollongong**

#### Weekend Masses

Sunday: 10am and  
5pm

#### Weekday Masses

Tuesday: 7.45am  
Wednesday: 5.30pm  
Thursday: 7.45am  
Friday: 9.30am  
Saturday: 9.00am

### MASS TIMES:

**Immaculate Conception - Unanderra**

#### Weekend Masses

Saturday 6pm  
Sunday: 8am

#### Weekday Masses

Monday: 7.00am  
Tuesday: 5.30pm  
Wednesday: 7.00am  
Thursday: 5.30pm  
Friday: 7.00am  
Saturday: 7.30am

### RECONCILIATION:

**St Therese - West Wollongong**

Saturday: 9.30am – 10.30am  
Wednesday: 4.30pm – 5.15pm

**Immaculate Conception - Unanderra**

Thursday: 6.00pm – 7.00pm  
Saturday: 11.30am-12.30pm

### 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

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** West Wollongong: Wed 4.30 - 5.30pm, Unanderra: Tue and Thu 6 - 7pm, Fri 7.30 - 8am



### MESSAGE FROM FR DUANE

The venue for the Ordination of our Seminarians Joseph Nguyen and Sinh Le as Deacons has been changed from St Francis Xavier's Cathedral to All Saints Church

Shellharbour, simply because there were too many guests – they are both more popular than anyone guessed! The general invitation to parishioners is now public and there is a request for RSVPs to assist with the planning for the day. Let us continue to pray for Joseph and Sinh during this sacred time of preparation.

Thank you to those who have facilitated the line-marking project for the carpark, and to those who have generously volunteered to help with guiding people with the new traffic flow. There is a map of the new traffic flow arrangement on the noticeboard and attached with the electronic bulletin. Note also the overflow parking through the school gates. You will note that there are now accessible parking spaces marked with a wheelchair icon. They are located near the accessible ramp on the highway side of the church, and the door will now be opened before church, and pulled closed (but not locked) after Mass begins to block out some of the highway noise. Note there is currently a small trip hazard as you enter through that door which will be fixed very soon.

Those of you who might like a little incidental exercise might be willing to park in the presbytery carpark (at the top of Powell Street and turn right) – and if you want even more exercise, you can even park on the basketball court down that hill! I am keen to hear feedback from you as you now begin using the carpark as to whether you have any ideas of how we might further improve the lines and signage.

**One general request to increase safety for all** is that after Mass, wherever possible we use the newly painted walkway, or if gathering outside the church, stay to the church-side of that walkway. This can include the space with benches under the awning where the "no parking signs" are located. It can also of course include the parish centre where you can enjoy refreshments together – in which case, please use the newly marked walkway as you move from the church to the parish centre. Please take special care that children follow these new markings for their safety.

Finally, I wish to thank Brenda Wilson for all the work that she has done in facilitating the process of consultation regarding the Columbarium, supported well by the Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Finance Council, and to everyone who has given feedback and shared expressions of interest. More information is provided by Brenda as to next steps in the main section of the bulletin.



**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Colin Bell, Valerie Farrington, Rosalie Melouney, Jean Quinn, Jan Markwort

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

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

**ANNIVERSARIES OF PARISHIONERS** William Quinn, Margaret Norris, Wilfred Easton, Arthur Fiddler, Noel Berry, Mary Cartwright, Lucy Tyrna, John Piper, Graham Trembath, Adolfo Curcio, Frank Logue, Daniel Martin, Daphne Jones, David Matthews, Lay Ha Ah Yong Moya O'Dwyer, Kenneth Denny, Giovanni Manera, Brian Shields, Mary Purss, Roy Booker, Claude Green, Noel Feegrade,

### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS FRIDAYS OF LENT**

Stations of the Cross will take place on the Fridays of Lent at **5.30pm** at both St Therese West Wollongong and at Immaculate Conception, Unanderra.



### **ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE OF JOSEPH NGUYEN and SINH LEE**

Following is a personal invitation from Joseph and Sinh to attend their ordination.

Dear parishioners,

We hope you are doing well.

We would like to extend our invitation to the Ordination to the Diaconate on 29 April 2025, at All Saints Catholic Church, Shellharbour. We do not have the personal contact of you all, so we extend our invitation to you via the Bulletin.

It will be wonderful for us to have you there. If you would like to attend kindly RSVP by 20 April.

In Christ,

Sinh & Joseph

**RSVP to [rsvp.dow.org.au](https://rsvp.dow.org.au) (preferred) or Ph. 02 4222 2400**

The formal invitation from Bishop Brian is displayed on the Notice Board.

### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH 6pm - 9pm**

All are invited to Eucharistic Adoration at Immaculate Conception Church, Unanderra. Come for any part of the evening, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation also available.

### **COLUMBARIUM PROJECT**

At the Pastoral Council meeting on Tuesday, it was decided that there is enough interest in the St Therese community for the project to go ahead. Therefore, next steps will be taken, including permission from Bishop Brian and work on a final design. This design will be shared with the parish community, especially with those who have expressed interest in pre-purchasing a niche. The parish will then be in touch with those purchasers to let them know when the balance needs to be paid (not yet).

If you have an interest in this project, please let the parish office know, or speak with Fr Duane or me at Mass, so that you can be included in the process. You can still fill in an Expression of Interest Form (yellow forms on resource table) and pay deposit of \$200, if you wish to pre-purchase.

Thank you to all those who have made this possible through their Expressions of Interest.

Brenda Wilson

[bwilson76@hotmail.com](mailto:bwilson76@hotmail.com)

### **INTERACTIVE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**



Engage your hearts, hands and minds.

Friday, 4 April from 3:00pm to 5:30pm

St. Therese Parish Centre

Here is an opportunity open to all. Come any time during the open hours and move through at your time!

If you've been looking for a different way to pray during lent, or a way to engage your family in Stations of the Cross our Interactive Stations of the Cross might be for you!

Rebecca Hall,

St. Therese Ministry to Families

### **PARISH FINANCES**

#### **Collections week ending 23/03/2025**

\$505 First Collection - Clergy Remuneration Fund

\$201 Second Collection - Parish Expenses

\$273 Tap Point - Parish Donations

\$335 Planned Giving Envelopes

\$673 Direct Debits (weekly average for February)

**Direct debits can be contributed weekly, fortnightly or monthly.**

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.



### **HOLY WEEK at ST THERESE 2025**

**Holy Thursday 17 April,**

7pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday, 18 April,**

10am, Stations of the Cross

3pm Commemoration of the Passion

**Easter Saturday 19 April,**

7pm, Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday, 20 April**

8am, Mass

10am, Mass



**There will be no evening Mass on Easter Sunday**

### **IDEAS FOR A GREENER LENT FROM ST. THERESE JUSTICE ECOLOGY AND PEACE GROUP.**

Stay informed about environmental issues. Google BBC Future Earth and sign up for their informative weekly newsletter. It's free and it covers a wide variety of articles related to climate. Remind yourself of the beauty of creation by listening to Dan Schutte's 'Canticle of Creation' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g8Xz4u5ipXE>

Would you like more information.  
Contact [louisepinson10@gmail.com](mailto:louisepinson10@gmail.com)

### **VINNIES NSW DISASTER APPEAL – HELP THOSE AFFECTED BY CYCLONE ALFRED**

St Vincent de Paul Society NSW has launched an appeal to support communities in Northern NSW impacted by Ex-Tropical Cyclone Alfred. Thousands are without power and have been forced to evacuate due to severe weather conditions, including destructive winds and potential flooding. Vinnies NSW is providing immediate relief such as food, clothing, and essential household items, while also supporting long-term recovery efforts. Financial donations are the most effective way to help.  
To donate Ph: 131812 OR visit [www.vinnies.org.au/nswdisasterappeal](http://www.vinnies.org.au/nswdisasterappeal) OR donate at any Vinnies NSW Shop. All donations over \$2 are tax deductible.



### **FATHER DAVID CATTERALL'S URGENT APPEAL FOR STEM CELL DONORS ACROSS OUR DIOCESE**

Fr David Catterall will soon be undertaking a stem cell transplant. Each year, over 1,100 australians, like fr david, search for a stem cell donor to help save their life. Australia's small donor pool means only 80 patients are helped annually, leaving many struggling to find a match. A simple cheek swab, sent to your home could change someone's life, becoming a source of hope in this jubilee year. If you are 18 to 35 and generally healthy, you can join Fr David's appeal by visiting [stemcelldonors.org.au/appeal/david](http://stemcelldonors.org.au/appeal/david) or scanning the QR code.



### **PORT KEMBLA GOLF CLUB OPEN VINNIES CHARITY DAY 2025 TUESDAY 29 APRIL**

Eligibility: Open to all Golfers  
Format: 4 Person Ambrose (4 Drives per player)  
Registration: Now Open Bookings on MIClub or Phone Entry Proshop 4274 1159  
Cost: \$55 per player (\$10 directly to Vinnies)  
Price includes BBQ lunch and Team entry into Raffle

### **WEEKLY MASS AT UOW**

UOW Catholic Society is inviting all UOW students, staff, and friends to join us for Mass on Campus 12.30pm every Thursday during semester (Clubs Room, Bldg 11). For details, see @uowcathsoc on social media or email [uowcatholicsociety19@gmail.com](mailto:uowcatholicsociety19@gmail.com)

### **A VOCATION VIEW**

God welcomes us home with extravagant love. Let the call to holiness draw you home into a deeper relationship with God. (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32) 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)

### **PENROSE PARK: JUBILEE YOUTH PILGRIMAGE, Saturday 26 April 2025, Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy Penrose Park, 10am – 3pm**

Join us for a special Youth Pilgrimage—a day of prayer, reflection, and encounter as we journey in faith through: Mass, Reconciliation, Rosary Walk, International Chapels, Fellowship & Lunch, and Creative Prayer Stations  
**Bring your passports** to get stamped along the way!  
Come as **Pilgrims of Hope**, embracing the grace of this Jubilee Year!

To register: [dow.org.au/events/penrose-park-jubilee-youth-pilgrimage/](http://dow.org.au/events/penrose-park-jubilee-youth-pilgrimage/)



<https://www.facebook.com/StThereseWestGong>



### **UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS**

Tuesday, 17 June	Registration for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion
Thursday, 19 June 7pm, Parish Centre	
Wednesdays, 7pm Parish Centre	Alpha continues
Mondays, 5pm Parish Centre	Christian Meditation Group Monica Ph: 0418 172072
Last Tues of month Parish Centre, 6.30pm	Parish Pastoral Council <a href="mailto:ppc@sttherese.com.au">ppc@sttherese.com.au</a>
1st and 3rd Thu of month, 7.30pm Parish Centre	West Wollongong Vinnies Conference <a href="mailto:louise.pinson@vinnies.org.au">louise.pinson@vinnies.org.au</a>
Fridays, 5.30pm St Therese Church	Stations of the Cross <i>During Lent</i>
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**

Thursdays, 7pm      Lenten Group  
St Therese Parish Centre  
This Lent, we encourage all young adults (18+) to join us as we enter into this season through the diocesan Lenten Program *Metanoia*. Follow "STIC Young Adults" on Instagram and Facebook.



## First Reading: Joshua 5:9-12

A reading from the book of Joshua



The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-7

**R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

## Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

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

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on this reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Acclamation: Luke 15:18

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:**

**Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.**

**Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### Gospel : Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man,' they said,

'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about, "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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