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Clearing the Way for Jesus

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Church of the Week

"**Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish**, at 48 Princes Hwy, Unanderra, and **St Therese Catholic Parish**, at 2 Powell Street, West Wollongong, work closely together in many ways. The Parish Priest for both parishes is Fr Duane Fernandez, assisted at Unanderra by Sr Kerry Gardiner and Fr Jerzy Slowinski (the Polish Chaplain). Sunday Masses are celebrated at Unanderra at 6:00 p.m. Saturday evenings and 8:00 a.m. Sundays, and at West Wollongong at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Sundays. Fr Jerzy Slowinski, the Polish Chaplain, celebrates Mass in Polish at Unanderra at 10:00 a.m. on Sundays. One of the joint initiatives of the two parishes is Alpha, held twice a year at St Therese Parish Centre, with about 50 people attending each Alpha course." ...Fr Duane

Also, pray for Fr Duane as he is kept extremely busy trying to run two parishes and a Wollongong Diocese [Young Adults ministry](#).

Church of the Week (next week)

Village Church meets at Bulli PCYC at 4pm every Sunday. We are a new Church plant led by Tim Canosa, affiliated with the Fellowship of Independent Evangelical Churches (FIEC) and Reach Australia. You can find out more about us at www.myvillagechurch.net.

Prayer points:

- That we would reach many people in our community with upcoming Gingerbread House Making and Carols on the Court events.
- That unbelievers currently checking out Jesus at Village would trust in Jesus.
- For finances to support the growing work - particularly for a part-time Associate Pastor.

Church News

1. **Andrew Stevenson** emailed, "There is another SRE job for a school at **Keira HS** to add to that list on your email for next time, <https://su.org.au/job-details/query/sre-teacher-wollongong-combined-churches-education-board/in/australia/9150992/>."
2. **Rev. Mark Beaton, former Supply Minister to Wollongong Uniting Church**, is starting a support group called "The Men's Well" for men who are separated, widowed, or divorced. For further information download [The Men's Well flyer](#).
3. **Rev. Steve Carlisle**, senior minister of **Helensburgh Anglican Church**, has been appointed the Year 13 Director of Anglican YouthWorks. Helensburgh Anglican Church held a farewell for the Carlisle's last Friday.
4. **River of Life Church** has temporarily relocated its Services to the Dapto Ribbonwood Centre while a new roof is being put on the Koonawarra Centre (should be finished by March 2024).

Sicm News

This year's final issue of the **Clearing the Way for Jesus** newsletter will be sent on **Tuesday 12th December**. Email me your church news for sharing with Christians of the Illawarra. Please let me know of any church events that are open to the community and to be held in December and January. To subscribe to this newsletter, please [email](#) or message me on Facebook with your email address.

God bless,
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Ecumenical Activities in the Illawarra

Illawarra Seniors Band rehearsals are once a month on a Tuesday morning at 10.30am (these vary, [contact ISB](#)) at the Port Kembla Senior Citizens Community Hall.

Illawarra Christian Choir Rehearsals

Details: 4:00 p.m. Saturdays at 3/10 George St, Warilla. *Contact:* [Jessica](#)

Wednesday Lunch Time Bible Talk - 29th November

Speaker: [Bishop Reg Piper](#) on King & Kingdom, Mt 8:23-9:8. [Download flyer](#)

Details: 12:45 to 1:15pm sharp, St Michael's Church Hall Cnr Church & Market Sts

Saturday 2nd Dec, Illawarra Seniors Band at Jamberoo Carols

Details: 7:00 p.m. Jamberoo rotunda, main street Christmas Tree Lights

Sunday 3rd Dec, First Sunday in Advent, [Carols & Markets - Bulli Anglican Church](#)

Details: open 4pm, Carols from 6:30pm, BYO rug/chair, at 66 Park Rd, Bulli

Saturday 9th December

[Figtree Community Carols](#)

Details: 5:30pm - 9:30pm at Figtree High School Oval

Cost: free entry, \$8 per ride or \$40 for 6 rides, food vendors, donations for RFS.

Combined Churches Carols in the Burgh

Details: 6pm-9pm, Carols start 7:30pm Helensburgh Park, cnr of Park Ave & Blackwell St

Sunday 10th December

Carols and outdoor cinema, Fairy Meadow Anglican Church 4:30-10:30pm

Carols in the Street – Corrimal Community Church 4:40-7:30pm Augusta St

Carols by the Sea – Austinmer & Thirroul Anglican Church 7pm Old Princes Hwy Aust'r.

Tuesday 12th Dec, Illawarra Seniors Band Concert

Details: 10:30 a.m. HammondCare, Shone Avenue, Horsley.

Wednesday 13th Dec, Carols in Ss Peter & Paul Catholic Church Kiama 6:30pm

Sunday 17th December

Illawarra Christian Choir at Albion Park Anglican Church Carols, 4-8pm

Albion Park Uniting Church Carols on the lawn, 5-7pm

Shellharbour City Anglican Church Carols on the lawn 7pm

St Michael's Anglican Cathedral, Wollongong Carols on the lawn 6pm

Port Kembla Baptist Church Christmas Carols, 5:30-8:30pm

Lighthouse Church Yallah Woolshed Carols, 4:30-8:00pm

Carols on the Court, Village Church, Bulli PCYC, 4-7pm

West Wollongong Carols, City on a Hill Church Lindsay Park PS 5-830pm

See the [Sicm Events page](#) for more details, events and the **Regular Events** list.