



CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

Catholic Parish of Dulwich Hill, Archdiocese of Sydney, Established in 1907

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Bishop Richard Umbers DD VG (Bishop in Residence)

Fr. Andrew James (Parish Priest), (Deacon) Rev Louis Azzopardi

Parish Office

Maria - Mondays
Cecilia –Wed-Friday
9.30am - 2.30pm

Parish & Hall enquiries

9558 3257

Mass Times

Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)

Sun: 8am & 10am

Mon to Fri: 9:00am

Sat: 9:30am

Family Mass with

Children's Liturgy

3rd Sunday of the
Month 10am Mass

Family Rosary & Morning

Tea - 2nd Sunday of the
Month after 10am Mass in
the Church Hall

Filipino Mass

1st Sun 11:30am

Il Gruppo di Rosario

Italiano Il gruppo di
preghiera Italiano, si
raduna ogni giovedì alle
ore 10 nella sala
parrocchiale.

Sacraments

Confession

Sat 8:30-9:20am, 4:45pm

or any time by

appointment

Baptism

Every 2nd, 3rd and 4th
Sunday 11.15am

Marriage

At least 6 months notice
required

Anointing of the Sick

Any time on call

Devotions

Holy Hour & Rosary

Sunday - Friday

before morning mass

Rosary & Benediction

Sat 8:30-9:30am

Elsa George Rosary

Group

Second Saturday
of the month at 2.30pm

9716 6676 All welcome

Novena to Our Lady of

Perpetual Help

Wednesday 7pm

St Paul of the Cross Church Dulwich Hill Healing Mass Thursday 11th Feb 2021

Celebrant: Father John Iacono

6:00pm Holy Hour and Confession

7:00pm Healing Mass with anointing of the sick.

COVID-19 update

In keeping with NSW Health directives, anyone
attending a church now must wear a face mask.
Children under the age of 12 are exempt from this
rule, but are encouraged to wear face masks where
practicable.

NSW Health can impose a \$200 fine on each
individual failing to abide by this rule.
Up to 100 people can attend Masses as well as other
ceremonies including funerals, baptisms and
weddings, providing a four square metre rule is
observed.

QR codes are now compulsory for churches to
ensure there is a record kept for all attendees.
However in cases where you have parishioners
unable to use a QR code, in these cases, the parish
must keep an electronic record of that person's name
and contact details.

Livestreamed Masses across the Archdiocese of Sydney

As COVID-19 restrictions are making it challenging
for many parishioners to attend Mass in person each
week, the Archdiocese is continuing to publish
details online of parishes which are offering
livestreamed Masses on this webpage: [https://
www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/](https://www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses/)

Thinking About Priesthood?

A Seminary Open Day will be held at on Sunday 14
February 2021 at the Good Shepherd Seminary, 52-
58 Abbotsford Road, Homebush starting with
Morning Prayer at 9am and a public Mass at 10:00
AM. The day will include prayer, conversations
with seminarians and priests, talks with information
about the studies required of men training for the
priesthood and a guided tour around the Seminary.
Brunch will be provided.

For registration or more information visit us at
vocationcentre.org.au or contact us at the Vocation
Centre on 02 9307 8424 or email
vocations@sydneycatholic.org.

Please RSVP by Friday 5th February 2021

Go Make Disciples

The plan has come after over five years of
consultation with clergy and laity through the 'Parish
2020' process, focused on how best to ensure our parishes
are true centres of the new evangelisation so they can
nurture the faith of future generations of Catholics.

Visit the Go Make Disciples website ([http://
www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au)) where you'll find a
downloadable copy of the full plan and a summary
version.



Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (18 - 23 Jan 2021)

Wed	20/1	St Fabian, pope, martyr St Sebastian, martyr
Thu	21/1	St Agnes, virgin, martyr
Fri	22/1	St Vincent, deacon, martyr

St Fabian & St Sebastian

Fabian was a pope, and
Sebastian was believed to
be a soldier. Both were
faithful to Christ until death.
The traditional story told
about Saint Sebastian is that
he was an army officer who
was condemned to death for
his belief in Jesus. His
fellow soldiers shot him
with arrows. Surviving this,
he was clubbed to death.



St Agnes

A Roman maiden, aged
twelve or thirteen, Agnes
was martyred for refusing
to marry the governor's
non-Christian son. Her
symbol is the lamb.



St Vincent of Saragossa,
the Protomartyr of Spain,
was a deacon of the Church
of Saragossa. He is the
patron saint of Lisbon and
Valencia. His feast day is 22
January.



Aid to the
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need
Australia*: As we begin a new year please
remember the suffering Church. Your donation
helps keep the faith alive during these difficult
times. Visit www.aidtochurch.org

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

17 January 2021

PRIMARY SCHOOL



Ph: 9558 5308

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Principal:

Ms Frances Stewart

REC: Ms Jo-Anne Ross

With St Paul of the Cross we pray ...

For the sick

Eduardo Perdias

Helen & Robyn

Natalina Gallace

Ruth Wilson

Raymond Hudson

Lourdes Tee & Albert

Fr Jim Duggan

Paul Weber

Kevin Russell

Pat Allport

Cardo, Zennie, Ian, Pat

Martin Welfare

Francheska Bechara

Recently Deceased

Death Anniversary

Josephine Roig

Venesio Paraiso

For the Souls

John Mavis & Roy Nash

Harry & Elsie

Jocelyn Lim

Macaria Loyola

Roberto Grimaes

Isabelo &

Enrique Corpus, Snr

Camila Corpus

Carmela Stillittano

Colin MacDonald

All forgotten Souls and Holy
Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Ian Pinto

Rian Galliot

'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

In **Left to Tell: Discovering God amidst the Rwandan holocaust**, Immaculee Ilibagiza describes
what 'listening to God' has meant for her life. At 24 she lost most of her family when in 1994 over a
million men, women and children were brutally murdered by the dominant ethnic group in Rwanda. She
survived by hiding in a tiny bathroom together with seven other women for nearly three months.

The killers came many times to the house where she and the other women were hiding. She could hear
their voices calling out her name, boasting about what they had done to her friends and family. Many of
them were voices that she recognised as being those of former friends and neighbours. She could hear
them from the other side of the bathroom wall but she could also hear other voices within her. First of all,
there were voices of hatred and revenge for what she, her family and her people were experiencing.

But, as she silently prayed, using the rosary beads that her father had given her before her before he
had told her to leave their home and hide, she began to hear another voice. This voice grew stronger and
clearer the more she prayed, *Don't you have as much hatred in your heart as the killers do? In fact, you
wish that you could kill them yourself! You prayed that God would make them suffer and then burn in hell.*
She wrestled with these conflicting thoughts and feelings over many sleepless nights until finally, she says,
"as I held on to my father's rosary and asked God for help, I again heard His voice, 'Forgive them for they
know not what they do.'"

The rest of the book, and a subsequent book about her later life, deals with the consequences for her
and the people of Rwanda of her hard won decision to forgive her enemies. My focus here is on the source
of the voices that she heard, voices that in different ways we all hear even though our life circumstances
are very different. How do we discern which voices are, in the end, life giving for ourselves and the people
around us and which voices are ultimately destructive?

In our First Reading, we are introduced to the prophet Samuel as a young boy living with the priest Eli
and his family. At first, Samuel doesn't recognise the voice that he hears in the sanctuary but, through the
guidance of the elderly Eli, he recognises it as the voice of the Lord. This 'voice' would continue to speak
to him as he grew up. It would enable him to guide Israel through its experience of defeat by the Philistines
and it would help him choose the first Kings of Israel, Saul and David.

Both here and in our Gospel story of the calling of Andrew and his brother Simon Peter to follow
Jesus, we have stories of a response to a 'voice', a call that would lead them to take a new and completely
unexpected direction in their life. Samuel, Andrew and Simon Peter responded to that call because they
trusted completely in what they recognised as its source, God Himself. Samuel expressed this trust by
speaking of himself as God's 'servant', someone, that is, who is very close to God and ready to be
attentive to him. Andrew and Simon Peter recognised Jesus as "the Messiah", someone chosen by God to
fulfil his promise.

Their responses should find an echo in our own lives. God speaks to us as he did to Samuel, guiding us
through the events and opportunities of our lives to a vocation, a way of life that is unique to us and that
has a purpose that in the end is known only to God. God speaks to us through the 'opening up' of the gift
of Baptism calling us to follow him through Jesus even though, like the apostles themselves, we may have
only a vague idea of what 'following Jesus' involves.

But still we listen to this voice of God in our lives because we recognise it as a voice we can trust. It
brings us both confidence and peace just as it did for Immaculee in that cramped bathroom fearing for her
life.

"Here I am Lord; I come to do your will."

Reference: Immaculee Ilibagiza (with Steve Erwin) **Left to Tell: Discovering God amidst the Rwandan
Holocaust** 2006 New York Hay Books

Deacon Louis

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

**Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate
people to deal with crimes are the police. If you,
or anyone you know, have been abused, please
contact the police. Alternatively, you can
contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial
Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or
safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.
You may also want to speak to your Parish
Priest who will be able to provide support and
guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation
to report crimes to the police.**

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 23 & 24 January 2021

Readers:	5:30pm	S Draysey R Lazarus
	8:00am	A Di Donato N Dudley
	10:00am	R Rita M Peddie

Knitting Group will have their knitting session
every Saturday at the Church Hall from 3:00-
4:30pm starting on 16/1/21. Anyone is welcome
(even males)