



## 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.

### 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/)

### 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.

Please also help us promote the plan more broadly  
by sharing the attached social media tiles, including  
prayer tiles on your parish Facebook and Instagram  
platforms.

The Sydney Centre for Evangelisation team will be  
readily available to support parishes including  
through upcoming online and regional launches and  
Parishes for Mission days to be conducted within  
deaneries in the first quarter of 2021.

### 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 10:00am.

For registration or more information visit us at  
[vocationcentre.org.au](http://vocationcentre.org.au) or contact us at the Vocation  
Centre on 02 9307 8424 or email  
[vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org).

Please RSVP by Friday 5th February 2021



*Companions Matter* is a community program that assists  
people in reconnecting with the community by offering  
courses, workshops and social gatherings, at St Mary's  
Catholic Parish, Erskineville. We are looking for  
volunteer companions who could commit to supporting  
attendance at a course, attend morning teas after  
workshops or seminars, make a weekly phone call, catch  
up for a coffee and/or walk. For further information, you  
are invited to attend an online Zoom information session,  
on 18<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. To register, please contact  
[peter.carroll@catholiccare.org](mailto:peter.carroll@catholiccare.org)



### Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (25 - 30 Jan 2021)

Mon	25/1	The Conversion of St Paul, apostle
Tue	26/1	Australia Day
Wed	27/1	St Angela Merici, virgin Sts Timothy and Titus
Thu	28/1	St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor

#### The Conversion of St Paul

*Saul, Saul  
why do you  
persecute  
me?*



#### HAPPY AUSTRALIA DAY

26th

Jan

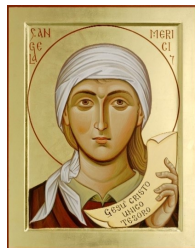
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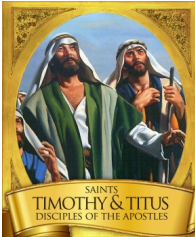
#### St Angela Merici

Italian religious educator

*"Do not lose heart, even if you should  
discover that you lack qualities  
necessary for the work to which you  
are called. He who called you will  
not desert you, but the moment you  
are in need he will stretch out his  
saving hand."*

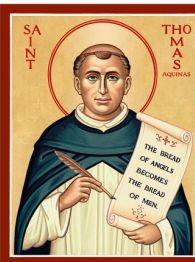


Sts Timothy and Titus were close  
companions of the apostle Paul, and  
served as bishops of the Catholic  
Church in its earliest days. The  
letters they each received from St  
Paul are included in the New  
Testament. Timothy was born to a  
Jewish mother and a non-Jewish  
father, in present-day Turkey.



St Thomas Aquinas was an  
Italian Dominican friar,  
philosopher, Catholic priest, and  
Doctor of the Church.

*"There is nothing on this earth  
more to be prized than true  
friendship."*



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](http://www.aidtochurch.org)

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

24 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

Sue Koch (5th Anniv.)

and her parents & siblings  
who have passed away.

#### For the Souls

Raimondo & Raffaella Dolce

Marisa Rulli

All forgotten Souls and Holy  
Souls in Purgatory

#### Special Intentions

Leah Tillam

Ian Pinto

Rian Galliot

### "And at once they left their nets and followed him"

Mark presents the decision of these four fishermen to follow Jesus as a very sudden one. There seems to be no context or reason for their decision, unlike last week's Gospel, where Simon Peter went to see Jesus after hearing about him from his brother Andrew. We also don't see them agonising over what must have been a difficult decision. Should they abandon a way of life that had been their family's life for many generations perhaps to follow this stranger to an unknown future?

"Follow me," Jesus says. This reminds us of the opening sentence of Mark's Gospel: *"The beginning of the good news about Jesus Christ, Son of God."* The 'good news' is a person, Jesus, not a new teaching or moral code. Jesus is described as 'Christ' God's Chosen (Greek 'Christos' translating the Hebrew messiah) and 'Son of God.' What these two descriptors of who Jesus is will be explored in Mark's Gospel not in an abstract way but through the presentation of Jesus' life.

The way in which these and the other disciples interacted with Jesus is a key part of this presentation of who Jesus is and why he is 'good news'. For them it was a story of continual conversion. We see them following him faithfully, misunderstanding him and even abandoning him at one point, as, slowly and painfully, they began to recognise their mistaken beliefs about Jesus and what he wanted them to do. This conversion began when they made their initial decision to follow Jesus, a decision I believe was linked to the unique authority Jesus embodied. We hear about this personal 'authority' Jesus possessed at several points in Mark's Gospel; "Here is a teaching that is new and with authority behind it" (Mk 1:27)

Many people have had an experience of conversion that has made Jesus very real and immediate to them. His words "Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men" seem to have been addressed to them personally. In his autobiography **Breakthrough: A Journey from Desperation to Hope**, Fr Rob Galea describes a personal experience of Jesus that was so real and compelling that it moved him from being a suicidal teenager caught up in gang life and petty crime in Malta to life as a priest devoted to youth ministry in Australia and overseas through music.

If our faith is something that we happen to be 'born into' and not the focus of our lives then Jesus can seem very distant from us. We recognise him as 'an important part' of our lives but our relationship to him isn't something personal but remote, filtered through the way we can often (mistakenly) perceive the Church: an organisation with Jesus as its founder. Perhaps this is why so many people feel uncomfortable with talk about 'following Jesus.' It seems like one more demand, an extra set of obligations in a life with many demands and obligations.

Look again at this scene in today's Gospel. Jesus speaks to these four men as they were going about what they did each day. They responded wholeheartedly to him even though they didn't know what he wanted them to do. They responded not out of a sense of obligation but out of love, trusting in the man who spoke to them. Their response echoed the prayer of trust in God that we find in our psalm: "Lord, make me know your ways; Lord, teach me your paths."

Jesus offers us what he offered these men, a way of relating to God personally through him, through the many ways he is present in our lives. Like them this is something we want now, 'at once' to use the words in the gospel, because we recognise that it is here, in our personal relationship with God that all the events and relationships of our lives find their full meaning. It is also the way in which we become 'fishers of men' as we bring our broken world to God and find in him and what his Son offers us the 'good news' our world needs.

Reference: Robert Galea **Breakthrough: A Journey from Desperation to Hope** Ave Maria Press  
Notre Dame Indiana USA 2018

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](mailto: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.

