

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

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Parish Office

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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 <u>Tea</u> - 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 giovedi alle ore 10 nella salla 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.

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COVID-19 update

The NSW Government has announced a further easing of COVID-19 restrictions on churches, which are in place this weekend.

Places of worship will be allowed to have one person per four-square-metres with no maximum cap. Churches that are greater than 400m<sup>2</sup> would be affected, eg a church that is 600m<sup>2</sup> would now be able to have 150 people (150 x  $4m^2$  =  $600m^2$ ).

Masks are still compulsory and NSW Health can impose a \$200 fine on each individual failing to abide by this rule.

Up to 300 people can attend funerals and weddings, providing a four square metre rule is observed.

The COVID Safe Plan for Places of Worship strongly encourages electronic collection of worshippers' names and contact details. Many parishes are doing this by online registration for Masses rather than a QR code and can continue doing so. Parishes may keep paper records and then transfer this data across into an electronic format. Record keeping is compulsory.

#### **Caritas Australia Contacts and Volunteers**

Caritas Australia is seeking a contact person within parishes. These volunteers would be a point of contact within the local area and would assist with parish speaking during Project Compassion in Lent and convey information about upcoming events and engagements.

If you have a social justice contact or willing volunteer within your parish, please pass on this link so Caritas can get in touch with them: www.surveymonkey.com/r/CaritasParishContact.



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



## Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (1 - 6 February 2021)

The Presentation of the Lord Tue 2/2 Wed 3/2 St Blaise, bishop, martyr St Ansgar, bishop St Agatha, virgin, martyr Fri 5/2 6/2Sat St Paul Miki and companions, martyrs

#### The Presentation of the Lord



Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you may now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all nations: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel.'

St Blaise - Patron of Throat Ailments. St Blaise was known for his kindness and healing. He was sought by believers to cure the medical conditions of loved ones and animals.

St Ansgar is named for

Scandinavia, a French

Benedictine monk who

Christianised much of

Denmark, Sweden, and

the patron saint of



northern Germany between 830 and 865 A.D.

St Agatha One of the most highly venerated virgin martyrs of Christian antiquity, Agatha was put to death during the persecution of Decius (250-253) in Catania, Sicily, for her determined profession of faith.



Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time / B 31 January 2021

#### "And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught with authority"

This year the Australia Day award for Senior Australian of the Year was given to Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr Bauman, a 73 year old Aboriginal woman from the Northern Territory, for her work in education and art and her efforts to promote reconciliation at a grass roots level. Naturally, there was a great deal of emphasis on her identity as an Aboriginal and the cultural traditions that have inspired her. Not surprisingly, given the image of our society the media choose to project, there was no mention of her Catholic faith and the way in which this has guided her life's work.

Miriam-Rose was baptised when she was 15 and went on to complete a university degree, become a teacher and eventually Principal of a Catholic primary school. As an artist she painted the Stations of the Cross at her parish church on the Daly River in the Northern Territory as well as many other religious paintings using Aboriginal imagery. After the visit of Pope St John Paul II to the Northern Territory in November 1986 she wrote a reflection that describes the way in which she has been able to integrate her Aboriginal tradition and her faith.

The complete reflection can be found on the website for the educational foundation she established www.miriamrosefoundation.org.au. A few extracts from this moving reflection gives a sense of the 'authority' behind them.

Perhaps the greatest gift we can give to our fellow Australians is what we call in our language 'dadirri'. It is inner, deep listening and quiet still awareness. 'Dadirri' recognises the deep spring that is inside us. We call on it and it calls to us. This is the gift that Australia is thirsting for. It is what you call 'contemplation.'

Our Aboriginal culture has taught us to be still and to wait. We do not try to hurry things up. We let them follow their natural course - like the seasons..... We wait on God too. His time is the right time. We wait for him to make his Word clear to us. We don't worry. We know that in time and in the spirit of dadirri his way will be clear.

There is much pain and struggle as we wait. The Holy Father (Pope John Paul II) understood this patient struggle when he said "Like that tree left standing after a fire, you have endured the flames and you still have the power to be reborn."

There are deep springs within each of us. Within this deep spring, which is the very Spirit of God, is a sound. The sound of Deep calling to Deep. The sound is the Word of God-Jesus. Today I am beginning to hear the Gospel at the very level of my identity. I am beginning to feel the great need we have of Jesus - to protect and strengthen our identity; and to make us whole and new again. "The time for rebirth is now," said the Holy Father. Jesus came to fulfil not to destrov.

Moses lived this 'deep listening' Miriam-Rose writes about. His people felt overwhelmed by the power of God and didn't dare "to look any longer on this great fire" but they accepted the authority of Moses, someone like themselves, to speak God's Word to them. God chose Moses because he was 'like himself'; he alone could speak to God "face to face as a man would speak to his friend" (Ex 33:11). This closeness to God was the source of his authority.

Jesus, as John tells us in the Prologue to his Gospel, is "the Word made flesh." The authority that he expressed through his teaching and his miracles of healing came from the life that he lived, the life that he shared with the Father. Jesus has passed on to us his authority to bring the good news of God living among us ("Immanuel") to the whole world. How often do we return to the source of this authority by our own "deep listening and quiet awareness" of God's living presence in our lives, in our world and in the life of the Church?

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 6 & 7 February 2021

Readers: 5:30pm S Draysey

> 8:00am A Di Donato N Dudley

R Lazarus

10:00am J Duru V Simms

# With St Paul of the Cross we pray ...

**REC:** Ms Jo-Anne Ross

Ms Frances Stewart

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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** 

# For the Souls

All forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory

### **Special Intentions**

Sr Julianne Murphy Ian Pinto Rian Galliott