



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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Parish Office

Maria - Mondays
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9.30am - 2:30pm

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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.

Men's Breakfast

Our next men's breakfast will be next Saturday the 13th February at 8am in the parish hall. This is sponsored by the Catholic Men's Fellowship and follows on from the talk given by former State member Kevin Moss in November last year. The topic is Leadership and explores how Christian leadership may be expressed in everyday life. The speaker is Norm Revell who will draw on his experience of leadership in the professional and business world

Entry by donation. For catering purposes please write your name on the list at the front door of the church if you wish to attend.

Deacon Louis

Morning tea

Next Sunday the 14th February there will be a morning tea after the 10am Mass. This will be our first for this year and an opportunity to catch up with people we haven't spoken to for a long time because of the restrictions imposed by the pandemic. All are welcome. Please bring a plate to share.

Parish Sacramental Program 2021

This year the dates for our preparation program for children wishing to make their First Reconciliation and to receive First Holy Communion are:

First Reconciliation: Enrolment and first lesson:

Saturday 20th Feb 4pm/ Sunday 21st Feb 9am

Second lesson: Saturday 27th Feb 4pm/Sunday 28th Feb 9am

Third lesson: Saturday 6th March 4pm/Sunday 7th March 9am

Fourth lesson: Saturday 13th March 4pm/Sunday 14th March 9am

Two alternate dates are available for children to make their First Reconciliation: Tuesday 16th March and Wednesday 17th March. Both are at 6:30 pm in the church. All lessons are in the parish hall.

First Holy Communion: Enrolment and first lesson:

Saturday 14th August 4pm/Sunday 15th August 9am

Second lesson: Saturday 21st August 4pm/Sunday 22nd August 9am

Third lesson: Saturday 28th August 4pm/Sunday 29th August 9am

Fourth lesson: Saturday 4th September 4pm/Sunday 5th September 9am

Three alternate Mass times are available for children to receive First Holy Communion: Friday 10th September 6:30pm/ Saturday 11th September 11:00am/ Saturday 18th September 11:00am. All lessons will be in the parish hall

Dates for **Confirmation** are not finalised yet.



Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (8 - 13 February 2021)

Mon	8/2	St Jerome Emiliani
		St Josephine Bakhita, virgin
Wed	10/2	St Scholastica, virgin
Thu	11/2	Our Lady of Lourdes

St Jerome

(Gerolamo Emiliani) was an Italian humanist, founder of the Somaschi Fathers. He is the patron saint of orphans.

"Good, better, best. Never let it rest. 'Til your good is better and your better is best."

Josephine Margaret Bakhita was a Sudanese-Italian Canossian religious sister who lived in Italy for 45 years, after having been a slave in Sudan. In 2000 she was declared a saint by the Catholic Church.

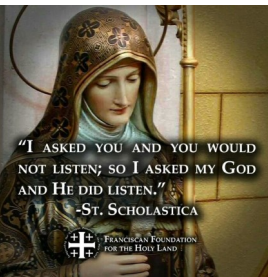
*"Be good, love the Lord,
pray for those who do not know Him.
What a grace it is to know God!"*

St Scholastica

is a saint of the Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Churches and the Anglican Communion. Born in Italy. She was the twin sister of Benedict of Nursia. Scholastica is traditionally regarded as the foundress of the Benedictine nuns.

Prayer to Our Lady

May we be assisted, we beseech Thee, O Lord, by the worshipful intercession of Thy glorious Mother, the ever-Virgin Mary; that we who have been enriched by her perpetual blessings, may be delivered from all dangers, and through her loving kindness made to be of one heart and mind; who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.



Our Lady of Lourdes

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 13 & 14 February 2021

Readers:	5:30pm	M Dos Santos J Sullivan
	8:00am	J Peters G Turnbull
	10:00am	B Yammine C Alam

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

7 February 2021

PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Principal:

Ms Frances Stewart

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With St Paul of the Cross we pray ...

For the sick

Sr Julianne Murphy

Leah Tillam

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

Joseph Thai

Eduardo Perdices

Death Anniversary

Dorothea, 1st Anniv.

Elisabeth, 10th Anniv

(Sister & Mum of Trudy Georgescu)

Vincenzo Cavallaro, 6th Anniversary

For the Souls

Carmela Stillittano

Carmelo Zerbi

Antonio Zerbi

Natuzza Evoli

All forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Ian Pinto

Rian Galliot

"The Lord heals the broken hearted"

This Sunday is celebrated throughout Australia as "Sunday of the Word of God" a day to honour the power Scripture has to change our lives. In his apostolic letter ('motu proprio') recommending this celebration, Pope Francis spoke about "the sweetness and bitterness" of Sacred Scripture as the key to the way in which it can transform our lives:

The sweetness of God's word leads us to share it with all those whom we encounter in this life and to proclaim the sure hope that it contains (cf. 1 Pet 3:15-16). Its bitterness, in turn, often comes from our realization of how difficult it is to live that word consistently, or our personal experience of seeing it rejected as meaningless for life. We should never take God's word for granted, but instead let ourselves be nourished by it, in order to acknowledge and live fully our relationship with him and with our brothers and sisters. (Aperuit Illis #12)

Because our Lectionary does not usually provide the context for our readings, we can often miss what they are saying to us and fail to engage with them. This is particularly so with our First Reading this week from the Old Testament Book of Job - a poetic book dealing with the universal issue of human suffering and the goodness of God. This is explored not in an abstract way but through the story of Job.

Job is presented as a good man who had everything - wealth, a loving family, strength and a respected role in society - but lost it all through a series of tragedies and misfortunes. His immediate response is to be full of self pity and to question the goodness of God in the experience of so much suffering. His friends come to him, one by one, to console him with advice intended to help him come to terms with his suffering. He rejects their words of consolation angrily as empty and meaningless and this is what is quoted in our reading: *"Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service; his time no better than hired drudgery?"*

Finally, in two dramatic speeches, God speaks directly to Job. He doesn't give Job a neat 'answer' to the questions about God and suffering that he had expressed with such passion. Instead, he challenges Job to consider his own relationship with God and his limitations as a human being:

Then, from the heart of the tempest, the Lord gave Job his answer: "Who is this obscuring my intentions with his ignorant words?... Where were you when I laid the earth's foundations? Tell me since you are so well informed?" (Job 38:1-3)

Job then responds in a way that highlights both 'the sweetness and the bitterness' of the Word of God for us. Even though the experience of them was hard and painful, his sufferings proved to be an unexpected source of healing. He had become aware of his own limitations and therefore his own inclination to be overwhelmed with anger against God and with self pity. His concluding words sum up his new and deeper understanding of himself, of his sufferings and of God: *"Before, I knew you only by hearsay, but now, having seen you with my own eyes, I retract what I have said and repent in dust and ashes". (Job 42:5-6)*

When we read the Word of God we engage with it and not just read over it, or read things into it, which is just as mistaken. To engage with scripture is to allow the words before us to speak to us wherever we are in our life. These words can bring 'sweetness' in the way they can encourage and reassure us. They can also bring 'bitterness' in the way they challenge us personally and challenge the way we have chosen to live. As Pope Francis points out in his apostolic letter:

To listen to sacred Scripture and then to practise mercy: this is the great challenge before us in life. God's word has the power to open our eyes and to enable us to renounce a stifling and barren individualism and instead to embark on a new path of sharing and solidarity. (Aperuit illis #13)

Deacon Louis

Vinnies is proud to announce the 2021 edition of the Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) for students in Years 4 – 6, who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>

This is the link to the Vinnies Metropolitan Schools January 2021 Newsletter: https://youthnsw.vinnies.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/School-Newsletter_Metro_Term-1-2021.pdf

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.