



## 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

### Thursday Weekday Mass will be at 8:00am

beginning this Thursday 25th February until further  
notice.

### Stations of the Cross - Every Friday through Lent

at 7:00pm starts 19/2/21

### 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.

### Counselling and Psychotherapy

If you are needing to speak with someone, please  
reach out to see if I may be of assistance. My fees  
are negotiable.

I believe that counselling deeply respects the  
individuality of each person and the fact that one  
size does not fit all. Individuals may seek support for  
relief from:

- Emotional disturbances such as depression,  
anxiety, and stress.

- A history of failing relationships.

- Difficulty in forming new relationships.

- Trauma, grief, or life crisis.

- Fear or phobias.

- Loss of meaning.

My name is Kylie Cullen and you can call me on  
0403 453 620 or contact me by email at

[kylieccullen@gmail.com](mailto:kylieccullen@gmail.com)

### Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week

(22 - 27 February 2021)

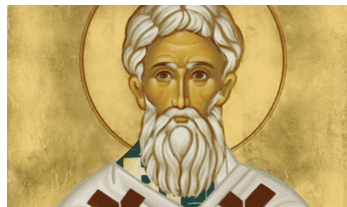
Mon 22/2 The Chair of St Peter, apostle  
Tue 23/2 St Polycarp, bishop, martyr

The **Chair of Saint Peter** also known  
as the Throne of Saint Peter, is a relic  
conserved in St Peter's Basilica in  
Vatican City, the sovereign enclave  
of the Pope inside Rome, Italy. The  
relic is a wooden throne and is  
enclosed in a sculpted gilt bronze  
casing. Pope Benedict described the  
chair as "a symbol of the special  
mission of Peter and his Successors  
to tend Christ's flock, keeping it  
united in faith and in charity."



### St Polycarp

As bishop of Smyrna,  
Polycarp, with his  
friend Saint Ignatius of  
Antioch, was link  
between the apostles  
and subsequent  
generations of  
Christians. He died as  
a martyr bound and  
burned at the stake.



### Lenten Program for Sydney- Receive the Grace to Go Make Disciples: A Lenten Companion

*Receive the Grace to Go Make Disciples: A Lenten  
Companion* is a means for parish staff and  
parishioners to meditate upon those foundations of  
spiritual renewal for individuals and communities that  
are at the heart of our Archdiocesan mission plan, *Go  
Make Disciples*, and to ask for the grace to grow  
where growth is needed.

This practical resource includes the Sunday Gospels,  
reflection questions, devotional resources such as the  
Stations of the Cross, and also a spiritual reflection on  
foundations of the Christian life as explored in the  
Sunday Gospel, with reflections by **Prof Tracey  
Rowland, Peter Holmes, Fr Chris Ryan MGL,  
Mother Hilda Scott OSB, Fr Kelvin Lovegrove, Fr  
David Braithwaite SJ, and Dr Paul Morrissey.**  
If you have any enquiries about *Receive the Grace to  
Go Make Disciples*, please contact the Parish Renewal  
Team at [parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org) or on (02)  
9390 5330.

### The 2021 Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation course, Of Life and Love, will be held on the following dates:

Saturday 27 February commencing at 10am and then  
Thursday evenings 4, 11, 18 March 2021

Saturday 14 August commencing at 10am and then  
Thursday evenings 19, 26 August & 02 Septem-  
ber 2021

To Book Online -

<https://www.trybooking.com/BMTLF>

For further information, please contact - The Life, Mar-  
riage and Family team on (02) 9307 8480 or e-mail [stc-  
ven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:stc-ven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org)

First Sunday of Lent / B

21 February 2021

## "The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness"

In his poem "Australia", the Australian poet Alec Hope describes his disappointment with what  
he considers the emptiness of Australian life "the chatter of cultured apes". At the same time, he  
hoped that, despite appearances, there are some people who

.....turn gladly home

From the lush jungle of modern thought, to find

The Arabian desert of the human mind,

Hoping, if still from the desert the prophets come. (A D Hope Collected Poems)

Jesus went out into the desert, the wilderness of Judea, at a crucial stage in his life - after his  
baptism by John and before his public ministry. Mark says that the Spirit drove him there - the  
same Spirit that he had experienced when he heard the voice from heaven "You are my Son, the  
Beloved. My favour rests on you" (Mk 1:11)

What did Jesus experience there in the desert? Mark says that he was tempted by Satan, but,  
unlike Matthew and Luke, gives us no details about this time of testing. Instead,

*"He brings into relief the parallels between Adam and Jesus. Jesus "was with the wild beasts  
and the angels looked after him (ministered to him)". The desert - the opposite image of the  
Garden of Eden -becomes the place of reconciliation and healing."* (Jesus of Nazareth p27)

This 'reconciliation and healing' is the "Good News" that Jesus then went on to proclaim  
through his life, his teachings and his work of healing. Unlike Adam, he did not give in to Satan's  
temptation "to be like a god" (Gen 3:5) but instead, "emptied himself....even to accepting death,  
death on a cross" (Phil 2:6-8). What Jesus experienced there in the wilderness was God's  
closeness to him, represented by the angels who looked after him and the wild animals that he  
lived in harmony with. This was what Adam and Eve had lost through the Fall and their alienation  
from God. Jesus' life was to be the Good News of God's closeness to us through the way we  
listen to and follow Jesus.

As we begin Lent, it is essential that we keep the perspective of the Good News of Jesus, of  
God's closeness to us, uppermost in our minds. Lent is our time in the desert and the three  
traditional practices of Lent - fasting, almsgiving and prayer are not ends in themselves but ways  
in which we learn to listen to God and to draw closer to him. We do all these things as best we  
can not only for ourselves, but so that God can speak more clearly through our lives reminding  
others around us that for them too "The time has come and the kingdom of God is close at  
hand."

*"Today, especially in affluent societies, St. Augustine's warning is more timely than ever: 'Enter  
again into yourself.' Yes, we must enter again into ourselves, if we want to find ourselves. Not only  
our spiritual life is at stake, but indeed, our personal, family, and social equilibrium itself. One of the  
meanings of penitential fasting is to help us recover an interior life. Moderation, recollection, and  
prayer go hand in hand."* Pope John Paul II

Reference: Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI) **Jesus of Nazareth** Bloomsbury London 2007

Deacon Louis

### Weekly Online Lenten Group - Receive the Grace to Go Make Disciples: A Lenten Companion

Join Fr Noel Custodio, host of *The Furnace* podcast, as he leads an online Lenten Group which will use  
*Receive the Grace to Go Make Disciples: A Lenten Companion*.

Dates: Wednesdays of Lent.

Time: 7:30pm – 8:15pm

Register: [www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au)

For more information: contact the Parish Renewal Team at [parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org) or on (02)  
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Casimir Catholic College  
Marrickville  
*Unite and Grow in a Co-educational environment*

OPEN DAY  
Friday 26 February 2021  
3:00pm to 7:00pm  
All Welcome

Applications are available on:  
[Casimir.enrolments@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Casimir.enrolments@syd.catholic.edu.au)  
Or contact the office on: 02 9558 2888



### PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 27 & 28 February 2021

Readers:	5:30pm	M Dos Santos J Sullivan
	8:00am	A Di Donato P Tan
	10:00am	R Rita M Peddie

## PRIMARY SCHOOL



Ph: 9558 5308

Fax: 9558 4909

**Principal:**

Ms Frances Stewart

**REC:** Ms Jo-Anne Ross

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

### For the sick

Angela Di Donato  
Sr Julianne Murphy  
Helen & Robyn  
Natalina Gallace  
Ruth Wilson  
Raymond Hudson  
Lourdes Tee  
Fr Jim Duggan  
Paul Weber  
Kevin Russell  
Pat Allport

Cardo, Zennie, Ian, Pat  
Martin Welfare  
Francheska Bechara

### Recently Deceased

Albert

### Death Anniversary

Foula Moobarak  
Rena Boutros  
Salima Kazzi  
Nadim Sara  
Naim & Wadih Eleter  
Andres Paraiso

### For the Souls

All forgotten Souls and Holy  
Souls in Purgatory

### Special Intentions

Henry & Tina and family  
Leah Tillam

