



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

Parish & Hall enquiries

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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

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Sunday, 11th April, 2021

Our much revered "senior toilet cleaner" turns 80 this year and we'd love everyone to be part of celebrating his milestone. AFOTP are in the midst of organising a simple and humble celebration which includes mass, catered food, drinks as well as a few little surprises. More deets to come.

In the meantime, if it's convenient, can you please keep Sunday 11th April free (Father John's actual birthday is 7th April)? Father will be hosting a Mass at 12:30pm at

St Paul of the Cross
532 New Canterbury Road, Dulwich Hill.

Followed by festivities at the adjacent parish hall. Unfortunately, there's limited capacity and, as such, we really need an indication of numbers. Can you please, as soon as possible, private text Steven on 0451951881 and let him know how many people you'd like to reserve (including friends and family).

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:

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.

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

For more information: contact the Parish Renewal Team at parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org or on (02) 9390 5330.



Thursday Weekday Mass will be at **8:00am** until further notice.

Stations of the Cross - Every Friday through Lent at 7:00pm.

Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (15 - 20 March 2021)

Wed	17/3	St Patrick, bishop
Thu	18/3	St Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop, doctor
Fri	19/3	St Joseph. Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary



Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

from the breastplate of
St Patrick

St Joseph

Patron of Fathers,
Families, and the
Universal Church

"We are born to love,
we live to love, and
we will die to love
still more."

Saint Joseph

"God sets a father in
honour over his
children ..."

(Sirach 3.2)



Fourth Sunday of Lent / B

14 March 2021

"We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus, to live the good life as from the beginning he has meant us to live it."



Michelangelo is considered to be one of the greatest artists and sculptors of all time. He was commissioned to do so many works that he was unable to complete them before he died. One of these is this sculpture of St Matthew. It is unfinished but, even so, you can see that this is the work of a truly great artist as the expressive face and figure of St Matthew emerges from the block of marble that Michelangelo used.

In our reading from the letter to the Ephesians, Paul uses the image of our being "*God's work of art*". We were once "dead to our sins", incapable of experiencing the life that God wants us to have. This life was the one God gave us at our creation when we were created "in the image of God" (Gen 1:26-27) but have since failed to fully represent in our own

lives. We are like that lifeless and shapeless stone block that Michelangelo saw before he began his work.

But God can see something else in us, just as Michelangelo could 'see' St Matthew in the block of marble. As St Paul says, "he brought us to life with Christ". Christ 'shapes' our lives in a way that we cannot do ourselves. What God can achieve in our lives is, in the end, "*a gift from God*".

Unlike a block of stone however we are not an inert, passive object. We can co-operate with or resist Christ's work in our lives. It's said of some people who are either difficult to get along with or have obvious flaws that 'they're a work in progress'. This is how Nicodemus is presented in John's Gospel. He admired Jesus but was so anxious about what others would think about this that he came to see Jesus secretly at night.

Jesus 'worked on' Nicodemus in the same way that he works on our own lives. He started where Nicodemus was at that stage of his life. Since he preferred to come "by night", Jesus spoke to him about the "dark and light" moments of human life, how the Christ is "*the light that has come into the world*" and the consequences of preferring the darkness to the light. Eventually Nicodemus would experience the Spirit that Jesus had spoken to him about and found the courage to become a disciple of Christ

God sees in us something that we cannot see in ourselves-the potential to be his "*work of art*" through a life lived in his image. Christ is the human image of God. When we co-operate with him through all the ways that he can work on our lives, especially through prayer, the sacraments and the many opportunities we have each day to be an image of God's love for all that he has created, we become what God has always meant us to be. In this way, "*it may be plainly seen that what we do is done in God*".

Deacon Louis

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 20 & 21 March 2021

Readers:	5:30pm	S Draysey R Lazarus
	8:00am	B Devine C Phillips
	10:00am	P Marshall J Duru

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: Across the world tens of millions of Christian families are in exile following persecution because of their faith. Could you help stand in solidarity with our brothers and sisters and help ease their heavy burdens? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/refugees

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.

PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Principal:

Ms Frances Stewart

REC: Ms Jo-Anne Ross

With St Paul of the Cross we pray ...

For the sick

Francesca Frezza

Eimy & Kenzo

Jenny Grantham

Raul Cabrera

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

Jose (Dodong) R Gullas

Eddie Antigua

Stevenson Dajalos

Death Anniversary

Abel Frank Caccavari

For the Souls

All forgotten Souls and Holy
Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Nathan Goetz

Sarah Poon

(new baby)

Freddy Rahme

Robert Rahme

Leah Tillam

