



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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Fifth Sunday of Lent / B

21 March 2021

PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Ms Frances Stewart

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With St Paul of the Cross we pray ...

For the sick

Francesca Frezza

Eimy & Kenzo

Raul Cabrera

Angela Di Donato

Sr Julianne Murphy

Helen & Robyn

Natalina Gallace

Ruth Wilson

Raymond Hudson

Lourdes Tee

Fr Jim Duggan

Kevin Russell

Pat Allport

Cardo, Zennie, Ian, Pat

Martin Welfare

Francheska Bechara

Recently Deceased

Paul Weber

Jenny Grantham

Death Anniversary

George Kurdi

For the Souls

Edlyn Y. Kalman

Teodoro K. Yusingco

All forgotten Souls and Holy
Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Nathan Goetz

Sarah Poon

(new baby)

Leah Tillam

“We would like to see Jesus”

People often looked for some ‘sign’ from Jesus, usually a miracle of healing that would impress them and the Greeks mentioned in today’s Gospel were no different. They were probably visitors to Israel, pilgrims come to take part in the great Festival of the Passover in Jerusalem. Jesus gave them however a very strange ‘sign’ to consider in response to their request to see him.

First he says that ‘the hour’ has come when everyone would see him glorified. He then goes on to describe this ‘hour’. He could have spoken about it as being an experience of glory as when he was transfigured and spoke to Moses and Elijah. Instead he spoke of it as an experience of death using an image that he had often used in his parables, a grain of wheat. This image is ultimately about the new life that would come from that grain of wheat but for this to happen, the grain has to ‘die’ first.

John doesn’t have an account of Jesus’ agony in the garden of Gethsemane as part of his Passion story. Instead, all the pain and anguish of that moment are there in Jesus words, “*Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father save me from this hour?*” In the humanity that he shares with us, Jesus is naturally anxious and troubled by what he has to go through so that this new life will emerge.

Like us, when we are confronted by a potentially painful experience that seems to be beyond our capacity to manage, Jesus would prefer to be saved from this experience. He realises however that he cannot because his whole life has been leading up to this moment, this ‘hour’ when everyone will see who he really is. He must go through it so that God may be seen in him, that God may be “glorified” through Jesus life. This ‘glory’ is God’s love for us through Jesus because “God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son.”

In the story of St Patrick, whose feast day we celebrated last Wednesday, we have a very dramatic example of the way in which new life can emerge through the way in which we come through our own experience of suffering and loss. Patrick was born into an influential and devout Christian family but, as he put it in the summing up of his life that he himself wrote, he was a thoughtless young man “*who neglected the worship of the true God.*”

All this changed when he was captured by Irish raiders and sold as a slave in Ireland. There, far from his family and the civilised world that he knew, he lived as a slave for six years. But God spoke to Patrick through this experience and Patrick listened:

Before I had to suffer, I was like a stone lying in the deep mud. Then he who is mighty came and in his mercy he not only pulled me out but lifted me uphe inspired me with fear, reverence and patience to be the one who would if possible serve the people faithfully to whom the love of Christ brought me. (Confessions 12-13)

Patrick managed to escape but, several years later, made the painful decision to leave his family and his society and return to the people who had enslaved him. He would share with them the new life in Christ that he had himself found as a slave among them. His is a story of a conversion that would go on to convert others and it all came about through the way in which he could see God through his own setbacks and suffering. His story shares in the great story of Jesus: “*When I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all to myself.*” It is also the story of “*the grain that dies and yields a rich harvest.*” It is what Jesus challenges us to consider whenever we encounter failures, setbacks and suffering in our own lives.

Deacon Louis

Paul Weber, a lifelong parishioner, dedicated member of the St Vincent de Paul Society and well known to many of us, died on Thursday morning at the nursing home in Foster where he has been for the past 18months. He was 95. There will be a funeral Mass attended by family members in the Foster area. There will also be a memorial Mass in our parish after Easter. May he rest in peace

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 27 & 28 March 2021

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

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.

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 (22 - 28 March 2021)

Tue	23/3	St Turibius of Mogrovejo
Thu	25/3	Annunciation of the Lord
Sun	28/3	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Annunciation of the Lord

The announcement by the Archangel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary that she would conceive and become the mother of Jesus the Jewish messiah and Son of God.



PALM SUNDAY
next
Sunday
28 March 2021



To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop
We invite you to order your free copy of Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to “**take fresh courage...**” as Mary did so often. These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary’s values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

To order your exclusive copy please go to:
www.marymackilloptoday.org.au/prayer-book or call us on Ph: 02 8912 2777

MARY MAKILLOP
today

Casimir Catholic College, Marrickville
Unite and Grow in a Co-educational environment

A Reminder: Enrolment Closing Date for 2023
Monday, 22nd March 2021

casimir.enrolments@syd.catholic.edu.au
Office: 02 9558 2888

*** SAVE THE DATE ***

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).

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.

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES

PALM SUNDAY: Holy Mass with the Gospel of the Passion of Christ

Sat 27 Mar 5:30pm & Sun 28 Mar 8 & 10am

HOLY MASS: Monday 9:00am
Tuesday 9:00am
Wednesday 9:00am

HOLY THURSDAY: 1 Apr 2021
7:00pm Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Followed by a solemn procession to the Altar of Repose

GOOD FRIDAY: 2 Apr 2021
9:00am Morning Prayer - Matins and Lauds
10:00am The Stations of the Cross
3:00pm Solemn commemoration of the Lord’s Passion

HOLY SATURDAY: 3 Apr 2021
9:00am Morning Prayer - Matins and Lauds
7:30pm Easter Vigil - The Service of Light
The Liturgy of the Word
The Liturgy of Baptism
The Liturgy of the Eucharist

EASTER SUNDAY: 4 Apr 2021
8:00am & 10:00am Holy Mass

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

