



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

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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 with your full name and phone number** and let him know how many people you’d like to reserve (including friends and family).

Chrism Mass on Holy Thursday

You are invited to the Chrism Mass which will be held at **10:30am on Holy Thursday** (1 April), at St Mary’s Cathedral.

Join with the priests, deacons and parish representatives for the blessing of the Holy Oils for use in the sacraments over the coming year.

COVID-19 update

There will be a further easing of COVID-19 restrictions introduced on Monday 29 March.

This weekend, singing is allowed in places of worship, as long as masks are worn and a one person per four square metre rule is observed.

If no congregational singing takes place, places of worship are allowed to have one person per two-square-metres with no maximum cap.

Up to 300 people can attend funerals and weddings, providing a two 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.

More information is available online: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/>



Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week
(28 March - 4 April 2021)

Today is Palm Sunday which marks Jesus triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It is also the beginning of Holy Week.



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

Seniors Domestic Support Worker - Job Opportunity

CatholicCare has been providing safe, quality Home Care services to the people of Sydney for more than 75 years. We are looking for people with a caring nature who would be happy to go the extra mile, like sharing cheerful conversation as you deliver domestic support services to Home Care clients.

We are also growing our team of Italian and Greek speaking Domestic Support Workers, so if you speak either of these languages we would love the opportunity to meet with you.

So take the next step and give is a call
CatholicCare Home Care Liverpool reception:
8778 4222 (8:30am - 5 pm)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord / B

28 March 2021

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

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
Pat Allport
Cardo, Zennie, Ian, Pat
Martin Welfare
Francheska Bechara

Recently Deceased

Kevin Russell
Paul Weber
Jenny Grantham

Death Anniversary

Gladys Hernandez Mendoza

For the Souls

Raimondo & Raffaella Dolce
Nadim, Mikeal, Nazir,
Fr Anthony Sara, Yousef &
wife, Elias & wife, Hana & wife

All forgotten Souls and Holy
Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Henry & Tina, Anna Bella,
Michal, grandson Cosmo
Marcelina
Alvaro Afonso &
Maria Aurinda Ferreira
Leah Tillam

“...I set my face like flint, I know I shall not be shamed” (Isa 50:7)

‘Calvary’, a movie currently showing on SBS World Movies, is a modern day Way of the Cross. It is set in today’s Ireland, an Ireland that has rejected its Catholic identity. It begins with a scene in a confessional where a priest, Fr James, is hearing a man’s confession. What he hears however is not an expression of repentance but a threat. The man had been sexually abused by a priest as a child and now, angry and embittered, wants revenge. He wants to kill, not a bad priest, but him, someone he recognises as a good priest. He then gives him a grim invitation, “I’ll kill you next Sunday. Say we meet on the beach.”

The priest then goes on to his own experience of ‘Holy Week’ as he visits some of his parishioners - a man caught up in shady financial deals, a young woman in an abusive relationship with an illegal migrant, an elderly writer considering suicide as he is tired of life, even a serial killer in the prison that is part of his parish. He also has his own inner struggles - with his adult daughter (he had entered the seminary after his wife had died), who accuses him of having neglected her and with the Church, represented by his assistant priest and his Bishop who are represented as being unsympathetic and uncaring.

He has his ‘garden of Gethsemane moment’ when, wearing ordinary clothes and not the clerical clothes he usually wears, he goes to the airport to escape this ‘hour’ that has come to him. There he meets a woman whom he had helped after her husband had died and decides to return to his parish and what awaits him. Without giving too much detail about the conclusion, the movie ends with a scene of forgiveness and redemption brought about through the way in which the priest faced all the pain and evil that not only surrounded him but was also ‘within’ him.

As we enter into Holy Week this Palm Sunday, our Reading from Isaiah (from the third of his ‘servant songs’) presents us with Jesus as someone who is more than a passive victim of hostility and injustice. He did of course “make no resistance...(nor) turn away” but the overall image is of someone who “set his face like flint” and was not overcome by what he suffered. In this sentence we see the whole scope and purpose of Jesus’ life - the initiative that began his mission, “*The time is fulfilled and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe the Good News*” (Mk 1:15); the choosing of disciples to learn from him and to continue his work; his teaching, especially his parables that were designed to confront people and to change their lives; his miracles of healing that were each a confrontation and a victory over the power of evil in human life.

It is in this spirit that Jesus chose to enter Jerusalem. He would enter ‘his city’ not in triumph but in peace, in the same way that the kings of Israel had visited their cities, on a donkey, not a war horse. There he would confront all that was most opposed to him, and by extension, all that is most dysfunctional or corrupt in our world: religious leaders who no longer lead others to God but are themselves led by their personal ambitions and inclinations; political leaders concerned only for themselves and the ideologies they represent; people acting as a fickle and unthinking mob swayed by whatever seemed to be persuasive at the time.

But Jesus “would not be shamed”, even though in confronting all these he would seem to be defeated. Easter Sunday reminds us of the ultimate victory of Christ. “*Truly this man was the Son of God*”, the Roman centurion said as he stared in amazement at Jesus on the cross. It is also a victory that continues to be won with us and through us. It is won with us, because Jesus shares in our humanity, in our own daily confrontation with the evil that is around us and constantly threatens to defeat us. It is won through us, because our own small personal victories, achieved through his help, are expressions of “*the light that darkness cannot overcome*” (Jn 1:5)

Deacon Louis

Memorial Mass for Paul Weber

There will be a memorial Mass for Paul Weber at St Paul of the Cross church on Wednesday 31st March at 10:30 am celebrated by Fr Paul McDonough CP. Paul died recently in a nursing home at Foster. He and his family had been actively involved in our parish since its beginning as a parish especially through the St Vincent de Paul society. There will be a morning tea in the parish hall after Mass.

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER

Readers: Special roster for Holy Week

Kevin Russell died last week. His niece sent a message that he passed away. Kevin was one of our counters and did the collection during Mass.

May his soul rest in peace.

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.

