

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

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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 <u>Tea</u> - 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 giovedi alle ore 10 nella salla

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 & Rosarv

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

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).

COVID-19 update

This Easter, churches are allowed unlimited numbers of worshippers, providing a two square metre rule singing is followed.

Congregational singing is now allowed.

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.

Parish Sacramental Program 2021

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

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

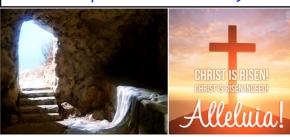
Three alternate Mass times are available for children to receive First Holy Communion: Friday 10th September 6:30pm/ Saturday 11th September 11:00am/ Saturday 18th September 11:00am. All lessons will be in the parish hall

Date for **Confirmation** 12th June 2021



Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (4 - 10 April 2021)

4th April - Easter Sunday





St Joseph's Enfield Healing Mass Friday 9th April 2021.

Celebrant: Bishop Terry Brady D.D Rosary: 7:00pm Reconciliation: 7:00-8:00pm Prayer and Praise: 7:30pm Mass: 8:00pm Exposition (after Mass) & Prayer Ministry St Joseph's Catholic Church 126 Liverpool Rd., Enfield Parking at rear of church. Enter from Baker St. E-mail: rosetwymansydney@gmail,com

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)

Easter Sunday / B

"When Christ is revealed - and he is your life - you too will be revealed in all your glory with him" (Col 3:4)

This painting by the great Florentine artist Fra Angelico (1395-1455) depicts an episode in the Gospel of John (20:11-18) when Mary Magdalene goes to Jesus' tomb and, finding it empty, assumes that someone has taken away Jesus' body. She sees a man standing near her who she thinks is the gardener and asks him what has happened to Jesus' body. It is only when he calls her by her name that she realizes who he is.

Through a series of visual images, Fra Angelico invites us to reflect on the meaning of this



meeting. On the left is the tomb, with its open door leading into the darkness. At the centre is Mary Magdalene, kneeling in adoration, but also with her arms open to welcome Jesus. The halo indicates that she is a saint but the pale red dress and cloak she is wearing hints at her life before she met Jesus and became his disciple ("though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow" Isa 1:18). She herself seems to 'take in' and to reflect the light of the risen Christ before her, with the colour of her clothing getting darker the further they are from Jesus.

Because she was the first to meet and to acknowledge the risen Jesus, Mary Magdalene has been called "an apostle to the apostles". We know very little about her other than that she must have been very well off because she was able to support Jesus and his disciples. Jesus had also "healed her from evil spirits and infirmities" (Lk 8:2). From that time, she had followed Jesus faithfully right up to the time of his crucifixion when nearly all the disciples that Jesus himself had chosen had either abandoned or betrayed him.

The 'life' that Jesus had given her, is expressed in the painting through the details of the plants, flowers and trees in the garden where Mary Magdalene encounters Jesus. This is Jesus as the ''new Adam" (1Cor 15:22) and he and Mary Magdalene meet in the new Garden of Eden. St Paul reminds us that Christ is "our life". Our relationship with Christ throughout our lives reveals who we really are in God's eyes, just as Mary recognised the risen Christ only when he called her by her name.

The source of this life that Christ alone can give us cannot be separated from his resurrection from the dead. "If Christ has not been raised then our preaching has been in vain and your faith has been in vain" (1Cor 15:14). Our faith is about more than 'following Gospel values', important as these are in establishing a moral compass in our lives. Mary Magdalene was set free from the limitations of her life through her faithfulness to Jesus. His life, who he is as God living among us, brought light into the dark corners of her life and set her free to be the "image of God" that God had always intended her to be. Christ has worked in the same way in countless lives over the

This is only possible for us when, like Mary Magdalene, we realize and acknowledge who it is that 'knows' who we really are:

"The Christian faith stands or falls with the truth of the testimony that Christ is risen from the dead... (without it)... Jesus would be a failed religious leader... he would then be purely human and his authority would extend only in so far as his message is of interest to us... In other words, we would be alone." (p242 Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI) Jesus Of Nazareth: Holy Week Ignatius Press San Francisco 2011)

Deacon Louis

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 10 & 11 April 2021

Readers: 5:30pm S Draysey R Lazarus 8:00am A Di Donato N Dudley 10:00am J Duru

V Simms

Easter Flowers: Liz Scanlon

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 9390 safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. 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

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 Francheska Bechara

Recently Deceased

Martin Welfare Kevin Russell Paul Weber Jenny Grantham

Death Anniversary

Antonio Dos Santos

For the Souls

Maria da Silva Luis da Silva Richard Paquim

All forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Leah Tillam

