



## 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**



Second Sunday of Easter / B (Divine Mercy Sunday)

11 April 2021

**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

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**

Franco Bortolin

**Death Anniversary**

Antonio Dos Santos

Jose & Genoveva

**For the Souls**

Maria da Silva

Luis da Silva

Richard Paquim

All forgotten Souls and Holy  
Souls in Purgatory

**Special Intentions**

Del Michaels

Leah Tillam

### 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

**Monday Weekday Mass, 12th April 2021** (for  
this day only) will be at **8:00am**.

**Thursday Weekday Mass, starting 15th April  
2021** will be at **8:00am** until further notice.

### Sunday, 11th April, 2021

AFOTP are organising a simple and humble  
celebration which includes mass, catered food,  
drinks as well as a few little surprises.

**Sunday 11th April is Father John Iacono's  
birthday.** 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.  
For bookings please text Steven on 0451951881  
with your full name and phone number.

### COVID-19 UPDATE

Churches are allowed unlimited numbers of  
worshippers, providing a two square metre rule 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.

More information is available online: [https://  
www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/](https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/).

### 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 Com-  
munion 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 (11 - 17 April 2021)

Sun 11/4 **Feast of Divine Mercy**  
Tue 13/4 St Martin I, pope, martyr

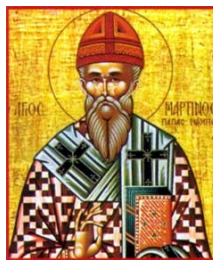


The **Feast of Divine Mercy** was recorded in the diary  
of St. Faustina granting the biggest promise of Grace  
from the Devotion of Divine Mercy.

**“Speak to the world about My mercy; let all  
humankind recognise My unfathomable mercy.”**

**“My heart rejoices in this title of Mercy.  
Proclaim that mercy is the greatest attribute of  
God. All the works of My hands are crowned in  
with Mercy.”**

**St Martin** was imprisoned,  
publicly flogged, maltreated,  
condemned for treason, and  
exiled from Constantinople  
to the Crimean Peninsula  
on the Black Sea. And  
there the Pope died—  
forgotten and alone—far from  
Rome, in the year 655, a  
victim of bad theology (he  
condemned the leaders of the  
heresy of the Monothelites)  
and the last pope, so far,  
venerated as a martyr.



### PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 17 & 18 April 2021

Readers:	5:30pm	M Dos Santos J Sullivan
	8:00am	J Peters G Turnbull
	10:00am	B Yammine C Alam

Flowers (Divine Mercy Sunday): Gilda

### “Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe”

Thomas is present in each of the Gospels as one of the Twelve chosen by Jesus to be his closest  
disciples. Therefore, when Jesus was arrested and crucified, Thomas was so devastated by the collapse of  
his expectations about Jesus and his own failure to support him that he left the group and was not with them  
on Easter Sunday. Even when told by his fellow disciples that they have seen Jesus alive, he could not bring  
himself to believe. The sign that would confirm Jesus' identity is not his face or appearance (it might be a  
ghost) but his wounds.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus reappears again and this time summons Thomas to touch his wounds.  
Thomas responds with one of the most splendid professions of faith in the New Testament: *“My Lord and my  
God!”* St Augustine comments on this episode: Thomas *“saw and touched the man, and acknowledged the  
God whom he neither saw nor touched; but by means of what he saw and touched, he now put far away  
from him every doubt and believed the other.”*

Then Jesus utters a blessing that goes beyond the personal experience of Thomas. Jesus speaks of  
those who believe in him on account of the witness of Thomas and his fellow disciples: *“You believe  
because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.”*

Pope Benedict XVI, in his teaching on the Apostles of the early Church, points out that the story of  
Thomas is important to us for at least three reasons: first, because it comforts us in our insecurity; second,  
because it shows us that every doubt can lead to an outcome brighter than any uncertainty; and lastly,  
because the words that Jesus addressed to Thomas remind us of the true meaning of mature faith and  
encourage us to persevere, despite the difficulty, in our journey to be one with Jesus in his mission.

from *The case of Thomas the Twin* Fr Gil Alisangan SSP **The Saving Word** 12<sup>th</sup> April 2015

Dear Brothers and Sisters, a good, happy and peaceful Easter!

Today, throughout the world, the Church's proclamation resounds: “Jesus, who was crucified, has risen as  
he said. Alleluia!”

The Easter message does not offer us a mirage or reveal a magic formula. It does not point to an escape  
from the difficult situation we are experiencing. The pandemic is still spreading, while the social and  
economic crisis remains severe, especially for the poor. Nonetheless – and this is scandalous – armed  
conflicts have not ended and military arsenals are being strengthened. That is today's scandal.

In the face of, or better, in the midst of this complex reality, the Easter message speaks concisely of the  
event that gives us the hope that does not disappoint: “Jesus who was crucified has risen”. It speaks to us  
not about angels or ghosts, but about a man, a man of flesh and bone, with a face and a name: Jesus. The  
Gospel testifies that this Jesus, crucified under Pontius Pilate for claiming he was the Christ, the Son of God,  
rose on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, just as he had foretold to his disciples.

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The witnesses report an important detail: the risen Jesus bears the marks of the wounds in his hands, feet  
and side. These wounds are the everlasting seal of his love for us. All those who experience a painful trial in  
body or spirit can find refuge in these wounds and, through them, receive the grace of the hope that does  
not disappoint.  
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Amid the many hardships we are enduring, let us never forget that we have been healed by the wounds of  
Christ (cf. *1 Pet* 2:24). In the light of the Risen Lord, our sufferings are now transfigured. Where there was  
death, now there is life. Where there was mourning, now there is consolation. In embracing the cross, Jesus  
bestowed meaning on our sufferings and now we pray that the benefits of that healing will spread throughout  
the world. A good, happy and serene Easter to all of you!

from **Pope Francis' Easter Message 'Urbi et orbi'** (to the City of Rome and to the World) April 4<sup>th</sup> 2021



Aid to the  
Church in Need

ACN AUSTRALIA

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: In many places  
religious sisters are the custodians of the faith, but often these communities  
struggle just to live. Across the course of a year ACN supports more than  
18,000 religious sisters in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America.  
Could you help support a religious sister? Visit [www.aidtochurch.org/sisters](http://www.aidtochurch.org/sisters)

### 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](mailto: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.**

