



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
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

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

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/).

NOVENA

23 April (Fri) - 1 May (Sat)
7:00 pm

FIESTA

2 May, Sunday
11:30 Filipino Mass
followed by (and ends) with
procession around the church.
All welcome!



The 2021 Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation course, Of Life and Love

Saturday 14 August commencing at 10 am and then
Thursday evenings 19, 26 August & 02 September 2021

To Book Online - [https://www.trybooking.com/
BMTLF](https://www.trybooking.com/BMTLF)

For further information, please contact - The Life,
Marriage and Family team on (02) 9307 8480 or e-
mail steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org.

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



Third Sunday of Easter / B

18 April 2021

“Alleluia”

“Hallelujah” (or “Alleluia”, to use the Latin version of the word that is more familiar to us), means ‘Praise God!’ in Hebrew. It is especially associated with the Easter season and is not said at all during Lent. At other times of the year, it begins and concludes the prayer (Gospel acclamation) sung or said before the reading of the Gospel.

Why do we praise God? The answer is there in the first verse of our psalm for this Sunday:

When I call, answer me O God of justice,

From anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me

The psalms contain many similar expressions, all expressing praise of God for his faithfulness to individuals, to his people especially during times of difficulty, pain or distress. One group of psalms in particular, psalms 113-118, are called ‘Hallel’ (Praise God) psalms and are sung or recited by devout Jews during Passover. In reciting them, they praise and thank God not only for delivering their ancestors from slavery in Egypt but also for delivering them from suffering throughout their history.

This background should help us to understand why ‘Praise God’ (Hallelujah/Alleluia) is the key to our understanding of Easter. God has come to live among us in the person of Christ. His life, death and resurrection has set all of humanity free, not just a chosen people. We have all been “released from anguish”. This was Jesus’ message of peace (Shalom)-“*Peace I give to you, my peace I leave with you, as I give, not as the world gives*”- to his troubled and disillusioned disciples when he appeared to them after his resurrection. When he “*opened their minds to understand the scriptures*”, he revealed to them how, through his life among them, God showed how close he wanted to be to the people he had created “*in his own image*”.

Peter did the same when he addressed the crowd of people after Pentecost. He started by outlining their complicity in the death of Jesus but his message to them wasn’t one of accusation and blame. Even their own failures, he said, had been foretold by the prophets and he echoed Jesus’ own words of forgiveness on the cross by telling them that “*neither they nor their leaders had any idea what they were really doing*”. Instead, he asked them to “repent”, that is, to turn to God with a deeper understanding of the love that God continued to show them, just as he had shown them throughout their history. They would then have even more reason to praise God.

Even when it is used outside of a strictly religious or liturgical context, the singing of Hallelujah/ Alleluia has the power to raise one’s spirits, to bring hope when there seems to be none. A few years ago, Sydney Opera singer, Jonathan Welch, formed a choir (the Choir of Hard Knocks) made up exclusively of men and women who had been homeless with the purpose of raising their self-esteem. Their ‘signature song’ was ‘Hallelujah’, a song composed by Leonard Cohen containing a number of biblical references. It was very moving to see the joy and hope their faces expressed, even though those same faces also showed the wounds of years of pain, addiction and poverty.

However, beautiful as this moment was for them, it was only a moment and they still had to contend with the root cause of their suffering, just as we all need to do in our own unique lives. “Alleluia” is more than a word, more even than an uplifting experience. It is a way of life, of recognising how God has entered our lives, transforming our pain into praise for his constant love and faithfulness to us. Our wounds then become the wounds of Christ, transformed by his resurrection.

“Alleluia is not a sound found on earth, it is a hymn of paradise. To sing it, one needs to be stripped of one’s old self and clothed with the new self, who is Jesus Christ” (St Paul of the Cross **Letters** 21st April 1726)

Deacon Louis

Foster Carers Needed

Family Spirit needs your help to find part-time, short-term or long-term carers for children and young people of all ages. We invite you to place this ad in your bulletin (please see the bulletin board also) and consider asking families or individuals in your parish to consider opening their hearts and homes to children in need. Some people have never thought about it – but would be open to it. A personal invitation and encouraging word is the best way to inspire them to think about it.

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.

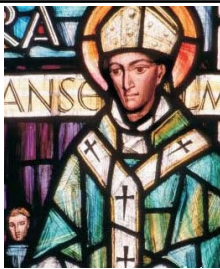
Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week

(19 - 24 April 2021)

Wed	21/4	St Anselm, bishop, doctor
Fri	23/4	St George, martyr St Adalbert, bishop, martyr
Sat	24/4	St Fidelis of Sigmaringen, priest, martyr

Saint Anselm of Canterbury was an Italian Benedictine monk, abbot, philosopher and theologian of the Catholic Church, who held the office of Archbishop of Canterbury from 1093 to 1109.

“Spare me through your mercy, do not punish me through your justice.”



St George was a Roman of-
ficer of Greek descent
from Cappadocia who was
martyred in one of the pre-
Constantinian persecutions.



Adalbert of Prague a Bohemian missionary. He was the Bishop of Prague and a missionary to the Hungarians, Poles, and Prussians, who was martyred in his efforts to convert the Baltic Prussians to Christianity. Adalbert was later declared the **patron saint of the Czech Republic, Poland and the Duchy of Prussia**. He is also the patron saint of the Archdiocese of Esztergom in Hungary.



Franciscan Capuchin monk, taking the name of **Fidelis**. A missionary to Grisons, Switzerland, Fidelis was so successful that local Protestants claimed that he was a spy for the Austrian Emperor. Fidelis was stabbed to death in a church at Seewis. He was canonized by Pope Benedict XIV.



PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER

24 & 25 April 2021

Readers:	5:30pm	S Draysey R Lazarus
	8:00am	P Tan M Portell
	10:00am	L & J Scanlon

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

Death Anniversary

Florentino Viegas

Elena Tan

For the Souls

Nadim, Mike, Nazira Sara

Fr Anthony Sara

Hanna & Wife, Elias & Wife.

Yousef & Wife

Amira Srash

All forgotten Souls and Holy
Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Leah Tillam

