



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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Fourth Sunday of Easter / B (Anzac Day)

25 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

Nellie Mariano

Death Anniversary

Tirring Reyes

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

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.

How much can you forgive?

Danny Abdallah and his wife Leila lost four of their young children last year in a tragic accident involving a driver under the influence of drugs and alcohol. In a story that made headlines throughout Australia he and his wife publicly forgave the young man who had taken their children's lives. Hear his powerful story of how their faith led them to forgiveness at a **Men's Breakfast on Saturday 15th May 8am at St Joseph's Parish Hall Enfield.** Bookings essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/BQKYJ>

Please speak to Deacon Louis if you want more information

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!



CWF May Parish Appeal

The **next Charitable Works Fund (CSF) Parish Appeal** will be held on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd May. Your generous donations help those most vulnerable in Sydney - single mothers facing homelessness, those struggling with mental health, our local Aboriginal communities, and many more.

Appeal envelopes will be provided for your use, so please keep an eye out for them! You can also make a donation and find out more at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf



Volunteer Bookkeeper Position:

assisting poverty reduction (15 hours per week).

Palms Australia is a Catholic agency who recruits, prepares, sends and supports qualified and experienced Australians to assist communities in Asia, Africa and the Pacific seeking to reduce poverty. This is a great opportunity to make a difference from within their Petersham North office, where a small wonderful and hospitable Palms Australia team will make you feel very welcome.

If you know your way around accounting processes, and either looking for experience, or a meaningful retirement, Executive Director, Roger O'Halloran, would love to hear from you. roger@palms.org.au or 9560 5333 in business hours.

Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week

(25 April - 1 May 2021)

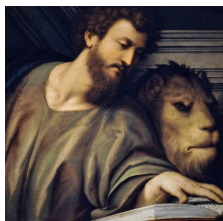
Sun	25/4	Anzac Day
Mon	26/4	St Mark, evangelist
Tue	27/4	St Louis Grignon de Montfort, priest
Wed	28/4	St Peter Chanel, priest, martyr
Thu	29/4	St Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor
Fri	30/4	St Pius V, pope
Sat	1/5	St Joseph the Worker



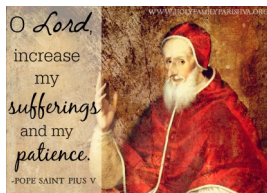
Anzac Day - *We will remember them*

St Mark wrote the second Gospel. He wrote it in Greek for the Gentile converts to Christianity.

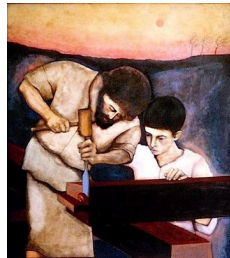
"Do not become a disciple of one who praises himself, in case you learn pride instead of humility."



Pope St Pius V, born Antonio Ghislieri, was head of the Catholic Church and ruler of the Papal States. He is chiefly notable for his role in the Council of Trent, the Counter-Reformation, and the standardization of the Roman Rite within the Latin Church.



St Joseph the humble carpenter of Nazareth, who was the support and guardian of the Divine Child and His Virgin Mother on earth, is now honoured as the personification of the dignity of the manual labourer and the provident guardian of the worker's family.



PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 1 & 2 May 2021

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

Choir Practice on Monday at 7pm in the Church every fortnight. Next choir practice will be on the 26 April 2021.



"There are other sheep I have that are not of this fold and these I have to lead as well"

When the early Christians first began to paint images of Jesus, one of the most common images they used was the image of Jesus in today's Gospel-Jesus the Good Shepherd. This painting from the catacombs of Priscilla in Rome (c250AD) is one of the earliest. Here we see Jesus, the Good Shepherd, pointing to the sheep he is looking after. The scriptural reference is obvious, not only to the Gospel image but also to images of God as the Shepherd of his people in the Old Testament. We are all familiar with the psalm "The Lord is my shepherd" as well as references in the prophets to God as Shepherd-"*He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms*" (Isa 40:11)

But this image also reflects the culture that they had come from. Jesus is a beardless young man wearing the short tunic young men wore, not the Jesus of Israel. The sheep on his shoulder echoes not only the story of the Good Shepherd but also depictions of the god Hermes carrying a sacrificial lamb. Using what was already a sacred image in Roman religion with a new and deeper meaning bridged the gap between Christian and pagan culture. When we put both the scriptural and cultural references together, it's hard not to be impressed by the depth of faith this simple painting implies.

The people who had this picture painted in the catacombs where their dead were buried trusted in Christ to guide their loved ones through death to eternal life. They also trusted in Christ to guide them in their own lives since he had said "*I know my own and my own know me.*" Christ had guided them from their pagan lives when they had no hope of eternal life and would continue to protect them from "*the wolf*" - the waves of persecution designed to destroy them. Their faith in Christ was justified when one day even their persecutors would listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd and be prepared to be led by him.

This is our certain hope as well, as we experience our own story of rejection and persecution. Like our Christian ancestors, and indeed every generation of Christians ever since then, our challenge is to constantly listen for the voice of the Good Shepherd and to be guided by him. Jesus has entrusted his 'pastoral ministry' to us as a Church, as a community brought together through Baptism. Jesus' "*sheep*" are the whole of humanity and not just "*those of this fold*". The first generation of Christians was very conscious of this. From their own experience, they knew that God had placed a desire to search for him and find a sense of meaning and peace that he alone could give in every human heart: "*He made all nations to inhabit the whole world.....so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him-though indeed he is not far from each one of us*" (Acts 17:26-28).

Like them, we reflect on Christ "*the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep*" within the context of Easter and the power of the Risen Christ to transform our lives and the life of the world he came to save. Our hope for the future of our society and the importance of our role in continuing Christ's work as the Good Shepherd, should echo the confident words of the Exsultet, the ancient hymn sung at the Easter Vigil in a darkened church lit by the light of the Easter candle:

*Christ has conquered
Glory fills you
Darkness vanishes forever*

Deacon Louis

Can you picture yourself... being foster carer?

We are looking for compassionate people who can provide security and comfort to children in need.

To learn more, register for an online information session on:

Wednesday, 28 April, 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Wednesday, 26 May, 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Wednesday, 23 June, 12:30pm - 1:30pm

Call 13 18 19 to secure your place, or email connect@familyspirit.org



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@sydnecatholic.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.

