



## 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

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### 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

### Pentecost Sunday Morning Tea

There will be a morning tea after the 10am Mass  
next Sunday to celebrate Pentecost "the birthday  
of the Church." Weather permitting, it will be in  
front of the church. Please bring a plate or some  
drinks to share.

### PENTECOST VIGIL

*Pentecost* is one of the most important events in  
the Church's year. It celebrates the beginning of the  
Church through the power of the Holy Spirit. This  
year there will be additional readings and prayers at  
the 5:30 Vigil Mass on Saturday 22nd May which  
will highlight the importance of Pentecost in the life  
of the Church.

### PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Dear Parents,

You are invited to participate in your children's  
preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation.  
Bishop Terry Brady will celebrate a Confirmation  
Mass on Saturday June 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Depending  
on the number of children who wish to be  
confirmed, there may be an additional Mass on the  
same day

There will be four weekend preparation classes.  
Children may attend either the Saturday session at  
4:30pm or the Sunday session at 9am. All classes  
are held in the Parish Hall next to St Paul of the  
Cross church  
Class dates are:  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May or Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May  
Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May or Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> May  
Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> May or Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May  
Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June or Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> June  
Wishing you and your families God's blessings.  
Deacon Louis Azzopardi

### 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.

### Pentecost Sunday 2021: Archbishop Fisher's Pastoral Letter, "Lead us Back to Mass for the Church's Birthday!" and Parish Resources from the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has released a new  
Pastoral Letter with hard copies available in your  
parish from this weekend (15/16 May), inviting  
Catholics to return to Mass on Pentecost Sunday (23  
May) and beyond.

### Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week

(16 - 22 May 2021)

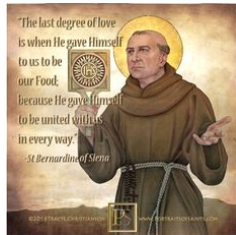
Tue	18/5	St John I, pope, martyr
Thu	20/5	St Bernardine of Siena, priest
Fri	21/5	St Christopher Magallanes, priests, and companions, martyrs
Sat	22/5	St Rita of Cascia, religious

On May 18, the Catholic  
Church honours the first  
"Pope John" in its  
history. **Saint John I** was  
a martyr for the faith,  
imprisoned and starved to  
death by a heretical  
Germanic king during the  
sixth century.



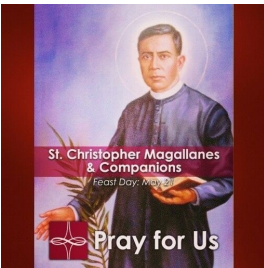
"The last degree of love is  
when He gave Himself to  
us to be our Food; because  
He gave Himself to be  
united with us in every  
way."

**-St Bernardine of  
Siena**



"I am innocent and I die  
innocent. I forgive with  
all my heart those  
responsible for my death,  
and I ask God that the  
shedding of my blood  
serves toward the peace of  
our divided Mexico."

**-St Christopher  
Magallanes and  
companions**



**St Rita of Cascia** (Born  
Margherita Lotti) was an  
Italian widow and Augustinian  
nun venerated as a saint in the  
Roman Catholic Church. She  
was known both for practicing  
mortification of the flesh and  
for the efficacy of her prayers.



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

The Ascension of the Lord / B

16 May 2021

**"Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always until the end of the world"**



In April 1961, at the height of the Cold War, Russia scored a  
major victory over the United States when it became the first  
nation to send a man into outer space. In what was intended to be  
a second propaganda victory, the astronaut, Yuri Gagarin, was  
quoted as saying, "Why do we cling to God? I flew into space and  
didn't see God." In fact, Yuri said nothing of the sort. These words  
were attributed to him in order to promote atheism among young  
people who were impressed by Yuri's achievement. Yuri himself  
was a baptised Orthodox Christian, although a secret one because  
of his role. A lifelong friend of his remembered him saying, "an  
astronaut cannot be suspended in space and not have God in his  
mind and his heart."

We all need to contend with a 'materialist' understanding of  
God and spirituality in general as we celebrate today's Feast of the  
Ascension of the Lord. Generations of artists have depicted Jesus being "*lifted up while the  
disciples looked on and a cloud took him from their sight*" in the way our painting does. Even  
**Break Open the Word**, the commentary our readers use, says "*modern readers may find  
themselves mentally dissenting from the ancient cosmology that has Jesus ascending into the  
sky.*"

The account of Jesus' ascension that we have in the Acts of the Apostles and in Mark's Gospel  
isn't however as simple and as 'physical' as it seems. For a start, mention of '*clouds*', '*angels*',  
being '*lifted up*' should make us realise that the language here is the language of the mysterious  
presence of God in both the Old and New Testaments. Remember God giving the Law to Moses  
on Mt Sinai which was shrouded in cloud and mist; Jesus at the Transfiguration when a cloud  
came and overshadowed him and his disciples.

The key therefore to understanding both the meaning and the significance of the Ascension  
for us is, as Bishop Robert Barron puts it in his article **"Why the Ascension of the Lord  
matters."**

*To recover the Jewish sense of heaven and earth... We tend to set up a sharp distinction  
between spiritual and material... between the fleeting earth, this 'valley of tears' and the  
permanent heaven... These convictions have far more to do with Plato than with the Bible.*

The Bible speaks about 'heaven' and 'earth' but these two 'worlds' interact with each other. The  
'world' or dimension of God and the angels, "*touches upon and calls out to earth, the 'world', the  
dimension of humans, plants, animals and planets... Salvation therefore is about the meeting of  
heaven and earth so that God might reign as thoroughly here as he does on high.*" This is what  
we mean when we pray, using Jesus' prayer, "thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

The Feast of the Ascension leads us to Pentecost and the beginning of the Church through the  
concluding words of Mark's Gospel, "...*after Jesus was taken up into heaven... (the disciples)...  
preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that  
accompanied it.*" The Church, Bishop Barron notes, "*is the privileged place where this coming  
together of heaven and earth happens.*"

Our own parish community and our parish church is a microcosm of this '*coming together*', the  
people and the place where, in the words of the Easter hymn, the Exsultet, "*heaven is wedded to  
earth/and man is reconciled with God.*" The church is not some all purpose 'gathering space'.  
The building and all that it contains speak of the living presence of God in our part of the world.  
God is present in the Stations of the Cross. They remind us that "*God loved the world so much  
that he gave his only Son.*" God is present in the statues of the saints, people who in their own  
lives "*proclaimed the Good News to all creation*" and who live now with God interceding for us.  
God is present in the lives of the people who come to worship there, people who are drawn 'from  
the ends of the earth' to pray and to receive Christ in the Eucharist so that, like the apostles, "*the  
Lord may work with them and confirm the word by signs that accompany it.*"

**References:** "Yuri Gagarin, first human in space, was a devout Christian" [www.beliefnet.com](http://www.beliefnet.com)  
April 2011

"Why the Ascension of the Lord matters" Bishop Robert Barron Word on Fire article 27/4/11

Deacon Louis

### PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 22 & 23 May 2021

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

### 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

Igor Tadinac

### Recently Deceased

### Death Anniversary

Darryl Churchmichael

Devito Antonia

Veronica Ciliberto

### For the Souls

Elizabeth Salazar Clarke

Rufo Legazpi

Raimondo & Raffaella Dolce

Marisa Rulli

All forgotten Souls and Holy  
Souls in Purgatory

### Special Intentions

Henry & Tina

and my family

Leah Tillam

