



## 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

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

### Pentecost Sunday Morning Tea

There will be a morning tea after the 10am Mass  
this 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.

### Pope Francis Awards Program

At the 10am Mass this Sunday a group of Year 6  
students from St Paul's school will receive a special  
blessing from Fr Andrew as they begin their  
involvement with the Pope Francis Award program.  
This program was initiated by Sydney Catholic  
Schools to encourage older students to be more  
active in their school and parish life. Students who  
take part promise to commit themselves to a  
minimum of 20 hours of voluntary work. Please  
welcome them and their parents at our morning tea  
this Sunday.

### 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 inviting Catholics to return to Mass  
on Pentecost Sunday (23 May) and beyond.

A copy is also available online on the *Go Make  
Disciples* website: [www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au)

### 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 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

**Choir Practice** on Monday at 7pm in the Church  
every fortnight. Next choir practice will be on the  
**31 May 2021.**

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



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

(24 - 29 May 2021)

Mon	24/5	Our Lady, Help of Christians
Tue	25/5	St Bede the Venerable, priest, doctor St Gregory VII, pope St Mary Magdalene de Pazzi
Wed	26/5	St Philip Neri, priest
Thu	27/5	St Augustine of Canterbury, bishop
Sat	29/5	St Paul VI, pope

Our Lady, Help of Christians  
is **Patroness of Australia** and  
the Cathedral was dedicated in  
her honour by the Irish pioneer  
priest, Fr. John Therry who  
arrived in Sydney in 1820 and  
assumed responsibility for the  
planning and initial  
construction of the Cathedral.



**Bede** was born near St. Peter and St.  
Paul monastery at Wearmouth-Jarrow,  
England. He was sent there when he  
was three and educated by Abbots  
Benedict Biscop and Ceolfrid. He  
became a monk at the monastery, was  
ordained when thirty, and spent all of  
his life in the monastery, devoting  
himself to the study of Scripture and to  
teaching and writing.



**St Gregory VII** One of the great  
reforming popes, he is perhaps best  
known for the part he played in  
the Investiture Controversy, his  
dispute with Emperor Henry IV that  
affirmed the primacy of papal  
authority and the new canon law  
governing the election of the pope by  
the College of Cardinals. He was also  
at the forefront of developments in  
the relationship between the emperor  
and the papacy during the years  
before he became pope. He was the  
first pope in several centuries to  
rigorously enforce the Western  
Church's ancient policy  
of celibacy for the clergy and also  
attacked the practice of simony.



**Mary Magdalene de Pazzi**, was an Italian Carmelite nun  
and mystic. She has been declared a saint by the Catholic  
Church.

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*:  
ACN Australia has launched a website for the Year of  
St Joseph. Sign up to receive monthly devotional  
emails to help you become closer to St Joseph in this  
special year. When you signup you can obtain a free  
copy of Fr Donald Calloway's Consecration to St  
Joseph book! To sign up visit  
[www.yearofstjoseph.com.au](http://www.yearofstjoseph.com.au)

Pentecost Sunday / B

23 May 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

Jovito Redaja  
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

Fawzi Tabar  
Flora Damasco

### For the Souls

Elizabeth Salazar Clarke  
Rufo Legazpi  
Mariarosa Travia  
Concettina Trovato  
Venera Trovato

All forgotten Souls and Holy  
Souls in Purgatory

### Special Intentions

Leah Tillam

**"We hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God"**

The description of Pentecost in the Acts of the Apostles is dominated by a number of  
dramatic images - the "powerful wind from heaven"; the Spirit descending on each of the apostles  
"like tongues of fire"; the courage of the previously fearful apostles speaking to people from  
remote corners of the Roman world in their own languages. Equally as important however was  
the fact that each of these people not only heard and understood them but wanted to change the  
way they lived as a result. "When they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and  
the other apostles, 'Brothers, what must we do?' (Acts 1:37)

The Holy Spirit is present in the response of those who listened to the apostles as well as in  
the transformed lives of the apostles themselves. We see this response many times in the  
various 'conversion stories' we find in the Acts of the Apostles - the story of the devout Roman  
centurion Cornelius; the Ethiopian eunuch meeting the apostle Philip; Paul in Philippi, Antioch  
and Athens. In each of these stories we see the 'end result' of a long period of inner searching  
and questioning. The Holy Spirit has been present in their lives, not in a dramatic way, but,  
silently and just below the surface of their everyday lives, until the moment when they were ready  
to respond fully.

This had been Elijah's experience of God on Mt Horeb when he discerned God's presence not  
in the dramatic power of fire and earthquake but in "the sound of sheer silence" (1Kgs 19:12).  
The Holy Spirit is not some impersonal 'force', like the forces of nature, but God in our lives, God  
"who is love" leading us. The Holy Spirit leads us, as Jesus says in John's Gospel "to the  
complete truth". This "complete truth" is not something vague and abstract but Jesus himself who  
wants to share God's life with us.

In his account of his conversion, **Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus**, Nabeel Qureshi describes the  
way in which he gradually came to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit and to be guided to "the  
complete truth". Nabeel grew up in a very devout and closely knit Pakistani family living in the  
United States. He was so impressed by his parents' kindness and the depth of their faith as he  
was growing up that he resolved to be as devout a Muslim as they were. At university therefore  
he joined the student Islamic Society and delighted in challenging Christian students about their  
faith and exposing the inconsistencies and vagueness of their beliefs.

To strengthen his arguments, he studied both Islam and Christianity more closely and this  
experience turned his world upside down and caused him a great deal of anguish. He discovered  
inconsistencies in Islam that even his father, with all his learning, couldn't explain. At the same  
time, as he read and studied the Gospels and got to know a number of Christian students, he had  
a sense that Jesus was speaking to him directly through them and opening up a relationship with  
God that he had hoped to find in Islam but couldn't. His conversion was both joyful and painful.  
He experienced "the joy of knowing God himself... of walking boldly by his Spirit of grace and  
love". He also realised that his parents, whom he loved, were deeply hurt by his decision. When  
he later married no one in his family came to the wedding.

The Holy Spirit 'spoke' to Nabeel in the 'language' he was most familiar with - his family, his  
culture, the religious tradition he had been born into, his friends, his studies and his personality.  
This 'voice' invited him to journey further to "the complete truth", to an increasingly deeper  
understanding of Jesus and the life that he gives us. He came to listen to and to respond to this  
voice, even though he realised that it would also be a source of pain and sadness.

The Holy Spirit speaks to us in the same way each day through the experiences, the  
'language' of our everyday life. This is the language of conversion. It is a joyful language as we  
discover new possibilities in our life through the grace of the Holy Spirit of God. It is also a painful  
one as we realise that sharing in the life of Christ also means sharing in his cross. It is the  
language of all those who, like the apostles, are "witnesses to Christ from the beginning."

Reference: Nabeel Qureshi **Seeking Allah, Finding Jesus** Zondervan Press 2014 Michigan USA

Deacon Louis

### PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 29 & 30 May 2021

Readers:	5:30pm	J Sullivan	8:00am	J Peters	10:00am	R Rita
		M Dos Santos		G Turnbull		M Peddie

### 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.**

