



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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11th Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

13 June 2021

PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Principal:

Ms Frances Stewart

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With St Paul of the Cross we pray ...

For the sick

Jovito Redaja

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

Maria Rita James

Dalisay Bacho

Belen Olaes

Evelyn Rogers

Margaret Micaleff

Gregory David Thomas

Death Anniversary

Alexander

Elisabeth

Lourdes and Carlos Guevarra

Enrique Corpus Snr

Elsa Duncan

Gregorio Tan

For the Souls

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

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 Communion 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.

Can you picture yourself being a foster carer?

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

To learn more, join us for an information session:

7pm-8:30pm

Wednesday, 23 June 2021

St Brigid's Catholic Parish

392 Marrickville Road, Marrickville.

To register call **13 18 19** or email Family Spirit on connect@familyspirit.org



The 2021 Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation course, Of Life and Love, will be held on the following dates:

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>

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

Save Our Graves: Sign the Petition!

Send a strong message to NSW MPs to reverse the decision to remove faith-based groups from the management of cemeteries

Attachment: Save Our Graves Petition (Please see our bulletin board)

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has asked for your support in signing an e-petition on this issue to be presented to the Speaker and Members of the Legislative Assembly, since the government's decision amounts to an attack on religious freedom in NSW.

For more than 150 years in NSW, Catholic Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust has been trusted not only by Catholics, but by the Islamic and Jewish communities and other people of faith to bury the dead, maintain their graves respectfully and comfort grieving families.

The NSW Government wants to exclude faith groups from this precious ministry and replace them with a new and costly Government bureaucracy which has no understanding of religious customs around burials, including the importance of leaving graves undisturbed by future generations.

Sign the epetition here: <https://saveourgraves.com.au/> You can also write to your local State MP to voice your concern about this proposal. Please also share the attached tile on your parish social media platforms.

Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (14 - 19 June 2021)

Sat 19/6 St Romuald, abbot

St Romuald

During his youth, Romuald witnessed his father commit murder and vowed to atone for the crime by becoming a monk at the Benedictine abbey of Classe near Ravenna. After three years as abbot, Romuald resigned to lead a wandering life, establishing hermitages and monasteries, the best known of these being that of Camaldoli near Arezzo. Italy.



Retreat Day at Beverly Hills – “Come, Follow Me” (Attachment: Please see our Bulletin Board)

What does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus and how can I grow as a disciple?

Join the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia and the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation for a Discipleship Retreat Day, hosted by Regina Coeli Parish in Beverly Hills. Come and experience the love and mercy of Jesus, and enter more deeply into your own experience of being His disciple.

Date and location: 26th June at Regina Coeli Parish in Beverly Hills. The retreat will also be offered on 17th July at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish in Fairfield.

Registration essential at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/.

Cost: \$10 per person, with light lunch included. All welcome!

Choir Practice on Monday at 7pm in the Church every fortnight. Next choir practice will be on the **14 June 2021.**

Thursday Weekday Mass back to usual time at **9:00am.**

“The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever.”

What do an old man, an abandoned baby and a young shepherd boy have in common? Well, nothing really. However, it is around the stories of these three individuals that all the writings of the Old Testament revolve. The old man is Abraham who trusted in God's promise that he would be the father of a great people “*as numerous as the stars in the sky.*” The abandoned baby is Moses who, as an adult, would lead his people out of slavery and receive the covenant from God that would identify his people as God's chosen people. The young shepherd boy is of course King David, the greatest king of Israel and the distant ancestor of Joseph, Jesus' foster father.

The way in which they are connected with each other, with God's relationship with us through the Scriptures and through our own lives demonstrates the truth of Jesus' parable about the power of faith in this Sunday's Gospel. The beginnings of their stories were insignificant, like a tiny seed. Moses, the baby left floating in a basket, could easily have drowned; David was the youngest and least impressive of Jesse's sons when the prophet Samuel came to anoint the new king of Israel.

God however worked through each one of them and through Israel's long history preparing the way for Jesus. None of them would ever grasp the full story of the way that God would work through their lives. “*Night and day the seed is sprouting and growing: how, he does not know.*”

Jesus shows us, by means of this parable, the mysterious way in which God works through our lives and our history. The seed grows “*of its own accord*” (the Greek expression used is *automate* - 'automatic'). It grows into a large shrub where birds can shelter in its shade, a transformation of the seed that has occurred because of the nature of the seed itself (with our scientific knowledge we would say 'because of its DNA').

We see this mysterious process of growth and transformation throughout the Gospels in Jesus' power to transform the lives of people who encountered him. The disciples saw and heard Jesus but the “seed” planted in their lives when they decided to follow him took a long time to develop and grow. It only ‘broke through the surface’, as it were, at Pentecost but from then on it grew quickly as it experienced the light of the Holy Spirit in each of the situations the apostles found themselves in. The apostles were ordinary men whose lives had been transformed by the hidden power of God in Jesus. They would go on to transform the lives of the people they met as they followed Jesus' command to baptise all nations. These people would find a ‘shelter’, a welcoming home in the community that Jesus had begun.

This ‘seed’ continues to grow and transform lives. Best selling historian Tom Holland, in his book **Dominion: How the Christian revolution remade the world**, describes in detail how Christianity is “*the single most transformative development in Western history*”. He shows how even contemporary anti Christian movements unconsciously use fundamental Christian beliefs to attack Christianity. Tom Holland however does not believe in God and considers the Resurrection and divinity of Jesus as simply a powerful ‘myth’.

He concludes his over 500 page narrative of Western and world history with a simple story that both moves him and unsettles him. It is the story of his godmother who had died recently and to whom he had dedicated his book. She had, he says, taken the promises that she had made at his Baptism very seriously. Her life of prayer, kindness and generosity remains for him “*a model of what a committed Christian could be*”. Reflecting on her life in the context of the lives of other Christians through the centuries since the time of Jesus, he concludes

It was always in the home that children were likeliest to absorb the revolutionary teachings that, over the course of two thousand years, have come to be taken for granted as almost to seem human nature. The Christian Revolution was wrought above all at the knees of women. (p519)

Reference: Tom Holland **Dominion: How the Christian revolution remade the world** 2019 Little & Brown London UK. (In a gesture to political correctness, the most recent reprint (2020) has changed the subtitle to “The making of the Western mind”)

Deacon Louis

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 19 & 20 June 2021

Readers:	5:30pm	S Draysey R Lazarus
	8:00am	J Peters G Turnbull
	10:00am	L & J Scanlon

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.

