



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



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

18 July 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

Patricia Stack
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

Death Anniversary

Gerard Allport

For the Souls

Michael Braun
Camila, Enrique Senior,
Isabelo Corpus
Tomas Querubin
Lourdes and Carlos Guevarra

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

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

Novena to Our Lady of

Perpetual Help

Wednesday 7pm



COVID-19 Update

Public masses across greater Sydney,
including the whole metropolitan area, the
Central Coast and the Blue Mountains have
been suspended until at least **Friday 30 July**.

Parishes may continue live-streaming Masses
at this time.

For livestreamed Masses:

www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses

Go Make Disciples Online Lay Leadership Series- "Christ-centered Leadership"

*What is Christian Leadership and how can I grow as
a leader?*

On Tuesday evenings in August, the Parish Renewal
Team is offering an **online leadership formation
series** for all serving in parishes and those seeking to
serve. Led by the Asia Coordinator at The Pope's
Worldwide Prayer Network, Fr David Braithwaite
SJ, the series will focus upon basics in Christian
leadership and how we can grow as people who lead
others to Christ. Bishop Richard Umbers will attend
the first evening to introduce Fr Braithwaite and
pray with those attending the series. **Topics include:**
3 August: *The Wounded Servant: The Foundations
of Christian leadership*
10 August: *Leadership for Mission: Responding to
Christ's Sacred Heart*
17 August: *The Recollected Leader: The Spiritual
Practice of Making Better Decisions*
24 August: *Love that Risks: Creating Communities
of Growth and Innovation*

If you are currently serving in your parish, please
join us as a way to grow in your leadership and
better serve Christ's Mission and His Church. Please
also extend an invitation to others you think could
benefit or might be interested in learning more about
Christian leadership. To register go to [https://
www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/](https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/) or for
more information contact Tania Rimac
at tania.rimac@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

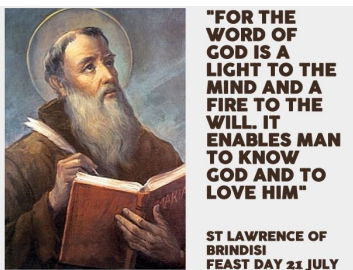
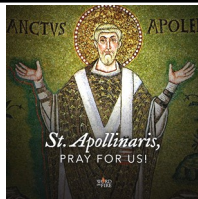
Fourth lesson: Saturday 4th September 4pm/Sunday
5th September 9am

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.

Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (19 - 24 July 2021)

Tue	20/7	St Apollinaris, bishop, martyr
Wed	21/7	St Lawrence of Brindisi, priest, doctor
Thu	22/7	St Mary Magdalene (<i>Feast</i>)
Fri	23/7	St Bridget, religious
Sat	24/7	St Sharbel Makhluf, priest

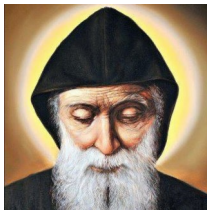
St Apollinaris was born in Antioch,
Turkey, and became the first bishop of
Ravenna in Italy. He suffered exile
because of preaching and converts.
Apollinaris was beaten by mob and
reputedly died soon after from his
wounds. He was credited with many
miracles.



*"The source
of justice is
not vengeance
but charity.
To write well
and speak well
is mere vanity
if one does not
live well."
- St Bridget
of Sweden*



*"Tell us Mary, what
did you see on the
way? I saw the glory
of the risen Christ. I
saw his empty tomb."
- St Mary Magdalene*



*"Persevere in
prayer without
ceasing ... to
understand and
live according to
his will, not to
change it."
- St Sharbel
Makhluf*

Can you picture yourself being a foster carer?

To learn more about becoming
a carer register for our next
online information session on:
Wednesday 28 July 2021 6:30-
7:30pm.
**Family Spirit
13 18 19**

Receipts for Planned Giving Envelope

FY 2020-2021 receipts now available. The
receipts are on the small table at the back of the
church.

Also, please return urgently the **Form** for the
Planned Giving Envelope and tick/sign whether you
are opting for **30% Tax Deduction** or **No Tax
Deduction**.

"He took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd."

As we go into another extended period of lockdown, people are becoming more vocal about the many
consequences of this policy, even though they may grudgingly accept that it is necessary. What will happen
to our society if we are isolated from each other for extended periods and are left to fend for ourselves? This
is a concern for people whose lives are isolated at the best of times, for those who are poor, disabled,
elderly or homeless. It is an issue that is of vital importance to us as Christians, as members of Christ's
Body, the Church. Our life comes from our personal link with each other through Christ present in the life of
the Church and in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist.

But does it really? If close to 80% of the Catholic population in Australia, even pre-lockdown, rarely or
never went to Mass, if many of the remaining 20% seem to be quite happy with virtual participation only via
online Mass, what is it saying about our life as a community? What is really shaping and guiding our lives if
so few of us are connected to each other in any meaningful way?

I'm of course not denying the value and necessity in these times of online participation either at Mass or in
prayer groups. There have been many creative attempts online to create that 'full, conscious and active
participation' which is the goal of all liturgy. Over the past few weeks, for example, I have taken part in an
online celebration of Vespers (Evening Prayer of the Church) with a group of men in the Catholic Men's
Fellowship. This has included vocal prayer (the psalms), prayers of intercession for the needs of our world,
shared reflections on the life of 'the saint of the day' and even time for silent reflection on the scripture
reading.

Someone however had to initiate and organise this. Others have had to recognise its value and 'own it' for
themselves. This brings me to my point: this pandemic is a real test of leadership and commitment. Put
negatively, it is what the prophet Jeremiah in our first reading was concerned about. His prophecy, the
uncompromising words of the Lord that he felt compelled to speak, was of *'Doom for the shepherd who
allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed or scattered.'*

It applied particularly to the kings of Judah, the 'shepherds of the people', who had compromised the faith
of Israel by combining it with the worship of other gods. This was a failure of leadership that left their people
confused, ultimately encouraging them to abandon the covenant they had made with God through Moses.
Applied to ourselves, this experience should make us reflect on the kind of leadership we aim to provide in
whatever context we are in - our family, our parish, our work place, our friendship group. Leadership in each
of these contexts comes out of the way we focus our lives so that they are consistent with Christ. *"Let your
light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in Heaven"* (Mt
5:16)

Put more positively, leadership in the way that Christ expresses it in this week's Gospel, involves both
understanding and compassion. When the apostles came back from the mission that Jesus had sent them
out on, *"they told him about all that they had done and taught"* - as if the success of their teaching and
healing was all due to their efforts. Jesus however was moved with compassion for the many people who
had come to him, people who were lost in their own sorrows and troubles. His compassionate understanding
of them was what made him 'the good shepherd' to all these *"sheep without a shepherd"*.

In the middle of these two contrasting styles of leadership - one self centred and the other focusing on the
needs of others - we have Jesus urging the apostles to go with him *"to a lonely place where they could be by
themselves"*. Maybe for us too this pandemic is "the lonely place" we need in order to refocus our lives and
to remind us who we are and why Jesus has called us *"the light of the world"*. From there we could go on to
understand and to speak to the experience of the many people who are *"like sheep without a shepherd"* and,
with the help of Christ who is always with us, *"guide them along the right path"*.

Deacon Louis



**"THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL FILLS THE HEARTS AND LIVES OF ALL WHO
ENCOUNTER JESUS. THOSE WHO ACCEPT HIS OFFER OF SALVATION
ARE SET FREE FROM SIN, SORROW, INNER EMPTINESS AND
LONELINESS.
WITH CHRIST JOY IS CONSTANTLY BORN ANEW."**

**- Pope Francis
Evangelii Gaudium**

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 24 & 25 July 2021

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

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.