



CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

25 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

Elias Santos

For the Souls

Michael Braun

Camila, Enrique Senior,

Isabelo Corpus

Tomasa 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://](https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/)

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

(26 - 31 July 2021)

Mon 26/7 Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of

Blessed Virgin Mary

Thu 29/7 St Martha

Fri 30/7 St Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor

Sat 31/7 St Ignatius of Loyola, priest

Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of

Blessed Virgin Mary

Prayer: *Lord, God of our fathers,*

through Sts Joachim and Anne You gave

us the Mother of Your Incarnate Son.

May their prayers help us to attain the

salvation You promised to Your people.

Amen.



St Martha a close friend and

follower of Jesus; the sister of Mary

and Lazarus. She invites Jesus into

her home and she is described as

"distracted by her many tasks," while

her sister Mary sits at Jesus' feet and

listen to his teaching. Martha asks

Jesus to tell Mary to help her, but

Jesus replies that Mary has chosen the

better part which will not be taken

from her. In the raising of Lazarus, she

receives teaching concerning the

resurrection, acknowledges Jesus as

Lord "the Christ, the son of God."



St Peter Chrysologus was

Bishop of Ravenna from about

433 until his death. He is known

as the "Doctor of Homilies" for

the concise but theologically rich

reflections he delivered during his

time as the Bishop of Ravenna.



Saint Ignatius of Loyola, was a

Spanish Basque Catholic priest

and theologian, who together

with Peter Faber and Francis

Xavier founded the religious

order called the Society of Jesus

(Jesuits) and became its first

Superior General at Paris in 1541.



Ignatius was noted as an inspired spiritual director. He

recorded his method in a celebrated treatise called

the Spiritual Exercises, a simple set of meditations, prayers,

and other mental exercises, first published in 1548. It is

known as "Ignatian spirituality".

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

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"... but what is that between so many?"

In his book **Jesus: A Pilgrimage**, Fr James Martin describes how he 'opened up' our Gospel reading of the feeding of the five thousand through guided meditation. This is a way of reflecting on scripture and applying it to our lives first developed by St Ignatius Loyola. Its method and purpose are quite simple: to imagine yourself in a particular scene from scripture and then to trust that God will speak to you through your imagining.

First the passage was then aloud and then a few questions were asked based on the five senses as a way of sparking people's imaginations. What does the crowd look like? What does Jesus look like? Is the crowd grumbling about being hungry? What are people saying? How does it feel to sit on the grass when the disciples ask you to? What do the bread and the fish taste like? What can you smell as you sit there by the Sea of Galilee?

After a period of silence, members of the group were then invited to share what they had experienced in their time of prayer and reflection. One man said that he noticed that this miracle was a communal event and linked that to the experience of faith as a communal as well as an individual experience. Another said, "I've been a Catholic all my life and have heard this passage dozens of times but I never noticed that there was a small boy there!"

The story of the miraculous feeding of the five thousand is to be found in each one of the gospels and is linked in different ways with the Last Supper and the Eucharist. John's account makes this clear when he says that Jesus "took the loaves and gave thanks (eucharistias in the Greek original)." John also says that this miracle occurred "shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover," linking it with the Last Supper which was also a Passover meal.

What Jesus did that day was a 'sign' of who he was. In our continuation and 'opening up' of the meaning of this miracle in next Sunday's Gospel, we see Jesus continuing God's work of looking after his people, "the hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs." God had saved Israel from starvation in the desert and through Christ in the Eucharist would save us from a different kind of starvation.

The appearance of the small boy with his five barley loaves and two fish is the turning point of this extraordinary story. Only John mentions the detail of the kind of bread this boy had. Barley, because it could grow in poorer soil and could be harvested twice a year, was cheaper than wheat as a source of flour. Had he been sent by his parents, probably themselves poor, to 'help the Master' in this situation? Were they like the poor widow in Mark's Gospel who "gave all she had" to support the Temple?

What this small boy had was nothing at all really, considering the number of people there, but without what this child had to give then Jesus would not have been able to feed the people in the way that he did. Jesus went on to multiply this boy's gift and not only managed to feed all the people there but also to have twelve baskets left over. Like an earlier 'sign', the miracle of the wine at the wedding feast of Cana, Jesus shows us the generosity of God who cares for us more than we could ever imagine. The little this boy had to offer made it possible for Jesus to perform this extraordinary miracle that John presents as not only a 'sign' of who Jesus is but also of his continuing presence in the Eucharist "answering all our needs."

At times, Fr Martin comments, "we may feel that our efforts are inadequate. We try to help our friends and family but nothing seems to work." We could think, in our own context, of the disconnection so many Catholics experience from the life of the Church especially its sacramental life, a disconnection that has been amplified by the pandemic. But, he says, *Jesus accepts what we give, blesses it, breaks it open and magnifies it. Often he does this in ways that we don't see and cannot see or will not see in this lifetime...God can take any small offering we make - a kind word, a brief visit to a hospital, a quick apology, a friendly email or a smile - and multiply it.*

Reference: James Martin SJ **Jesus: A Pilgrimage** 2016 Harper Collins New York

Deacon Louis

Planned Giving Program Form

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**. This form will also enable us to update your details such as address, email and phone number.

Email: church@dulwichhillparish.org.au

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER

31 July - 1 Aug 2021

Readers:	5:30pm	R Lazarus S Draysey
	8:00am	A Di Donato N Dudley
	10:00am	J Duru V Simms

