



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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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

1 August 2021

**PRIMARY
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COVID-19 Update

Bishop Richard celebrates Mass at 10am in our church each Sunday. This is then livestreamed on his Facebook page under 'Bishop Umbers livestream' and on our parish Facebook site under 'Parish of the Immaculate Conception and St Paul of the Cross.'

Public masses across greater Sydney, including the whole metropolitan area, have been suspended until at least **Saturday 28th August.**

Parishes may continue live-streaming Masses at this time.

For livestreamed Masses:

www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses

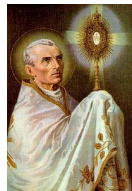
Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (2 - 7 August 2021)

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| Mon | 2/8 | St Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop St Peter Julian Eymard, priest |
| Tue | 3/8 | St Dominic, priest |
| Wed | 4/8 | St John Vianney, priest |
| Thu | 5/8 | Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major |
| Fri | 6/8 | The Transfiguration of the Lord |
| Sat | 7/8 | St Sixtus II, pope, martyr, and Companions, martyrs St Cajetan, priest |

Eusebius was born in Sardinia, in 283. After his father's martyrdom, he was taken to Rome by his mother, where he later became a lector. He became the first bishop in Vercelli (in northern Italy), and he founded a priestly community in Vercelli that resembled a monastic community.



Peter Julian Eymard was a French Catholic priest and founder of two religious institutes: the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament for men and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament for women. Eymard entered the novitiate of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in June 1829.



Dominic de Guzmán left his native Castile (Spain) to accompany his bishop to the south of France, to minister among the Albigenses. The convent he opened at Prouille became the nucleus of his order of friars known as the Friars Preachers, or Order of Preachers, also known as the Dominicans.



John Vianney known as the Curé (parish priest) of Ars. *Prayer: Almighty and merciful God, in St John Vianney You have given us a Priest who was outstanding in pastoral zeal. Through his intercession help us to win men for Christ and together with them attain eternal glory. Amen.*



The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major (In Dedicatione basilicae S. Mariae) is a feast day in the General Roman Calendar, optionally celebrated annually on 5 August with the rank of memorial.

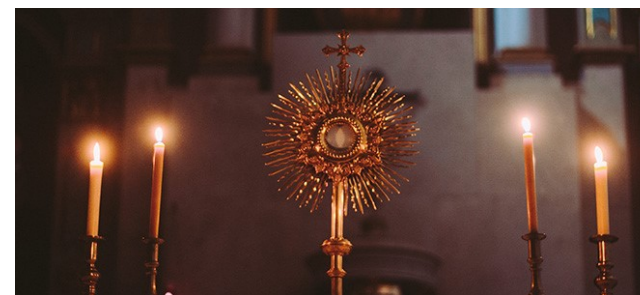


The Transfiguration

The face of the Divine Saviour became resplendent as the sun and His garments white as snow. Moses and Elijah appeared at His side and conversed with Him on the death He was to suffer at Jerusalem. A luminous cloud enveloped them and a voice was heard "This is my Beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased: hear Him."



"I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry"



Sydney in lockdown, July, August...? What a strange experience this is. It's not just our working lives and our domestic routines but also our devotional and liturgical routines that have been shaken up. If we join in a live-streamed Mass, we see presented to us the Body of Christ, which we cannot physically receive. Spiritual communion, once either merely theoretical or totally unknown to many Catholics, for now, is our reality. But what does it mean? Are we deprived of divine grace? Are we left hungry, left to our own fears and anxiety in isolation, when we need to be nourished by our experience of the Eucharist and the life of the Church?

As I reflected on these questions, I found myself asking, "Where are you, Lord?" And as I asked, I found myself returning in thought to the liturgy of the Mass itself, and finding there a response. I then began to realize that we are now being offered an invitation; an invitation to meditate on our own longing, to offer our questions and our fears to Our Lord, and to listen for his answer.

Now is a time given to us to ask ourselves if we have set conditions for Our Lord, allowing him into our lives only on our own terms and on our schedules. Perhaps he permits us to have our choices stripped from us, so that we might, like Lazarus, like the centurion's servant, recognize our own total weakness and dependence.

Our Lord Jesus Christ is really, truly, substantially present in the tabernacles of all the world. The most holy sacrifice of the Mass *is* taking place at altars all around the world. Even if we are not present at the Mass, *he* is present: upheld in the hands of his priests, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

Now is the time to put ourselves into the place of Mary and Martha at the tomb of their brother Lazarus; of the centurion who boldly asked Jesus to heal his servant. Read Matthew 8:5-13. We say the centurion's words *at every Mass*. But the words "my soul" replace the centurion's words "my servant." Reflect on that: the Church is inviting you, in the very words of the most sacred liturgy, to identify yourself at the deepest level with both the centurion and his servant. *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word, and my soul shall be healed.*

Adapted from: **"Spiritual Communion: we share now in the servant's wonder"**
Dr Holly Ordway Word on Fire blog 24th April 2024

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

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.

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

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

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

