



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

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

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



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary / B

15 August 2021

PRIMARY SCHOOL



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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

Isabelo Corpus (72nd Birthday)

Elsa Duncan (72nd Birthday)

Roberto and Velia Grimaes

Mercedes and Ignacio Morales

Filomena and Carlos Villamor Jr.

Artemio Bernardino

Maria and Manuel Cadiz

All forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Henry & Tina and family

Leah Tillam

"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord"

My mother in law used to tell the story of being at Mass in our parish church for the Feast of the Assumption, when a man signalled to the altar boy and gave him a note to give to the priest. The boy gave the note to the priest, who read it and then turned to the congregation and told them that Japan had surrendered and the war was over.

A few days before that, a Japanese doctor had been searching for his wife among the blackened ruins of his suburb on the outskirts of Nagasaki. Eventually he found her but all that remained were some whitened bones and her rosary with the beads and the cross fused together by the intense heat of the bomb blast. Midori's deep faith had transformed his life leading him gently from atheism to Christ. Now, as he looked at her remains and the rosary beads that were the signs of their faith, he felt not bitterness and anger but only a profound sadness for all that had led to this moment.

He had learned from Midori and her family about Christ, how his suffering, death and resurrection had redeemed the world. He had also learned, through their own experience of persecution, about the power of Mary's intercession. Before Takashi Nagai would himself die from the effects of radiation poisoning, he would become internationally famous for his work for peace. Drawing on his faith, as well as his own experience of violence in public life and as a doctor with the Japanese army, he wrote, *"True peace is brought about by the power of pure love, not by complicated meetings and ideologies."*

The Feast of the Assumption is a celebration of this "power of pure love". It acknowledges first, the power of God who, as John reminds us in his letters, *"is love"*. God has shown his love for us *"from age to age"*, as Mary says, finally coming to live among us in the person of Jesus. This feast also recognises the vital role Mary played in this extraordinary story, the power and the purity of Mary's love for God as we celebrate Mary *"taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven where she shares in the glory of her Son's Resurrection"* (#974 Catechism of the Catholic Church).

This feast also reminds us not to completely 'spiritualise' Mary. She was a woman like other women. Her unique role came from both God's invitation to her and her lifelong trust in God's promise that her child would be, *"the Son of the Most High (whose) kingdom would never end"* (Lk 1:35). Her response to God's invitation is both confident and joyful as she tells her cousin Elizabeth how God will act through her life, *"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord."* All that then follows is not about her and the privileged position she is in but about *"the greatness of the Lord"* who *"has looked upon his lowly handmaiden."*

Her words echo those of Hannah, the mother of the prophet Samuel who anointed David as King of Israel. This time, however, there is a strong sense of fulfilment. She realises that her life is a turning point in human history, *"from this day forward, all generations will call me blessed"*. But, as the Australian journalist Greg Sheridan points out in his recent book **Christians: the urgent case for Jesus in our world**, *"even the most magnificent faith, the deepest union with God, the most robust, deep seated genuine virtue provides no magic pathway out of the intractable messiness of life."* It is a testament to the depth and purity of Mary's love for God that it sustained her through all the high and low points of her own and Jesus's life right up to and beyond the moment when she stood at the foot of the cross.

She would be with the disciples at Pentecost when their own lives would be transformed by the Holy Spirit. From that time on, what had begun when Mary had said *"Be it done unto me according to your will"*, would go on to transform the whole world. The *"proud of heart"* would be overcome and *"princes pulled down from their thrones"* as influential leaders and thinkers and then whole societies accepted Jesus, Son of God and son of Mary as *"the Way, the Truth and the Life."*

This feast also challenges us to reflect on the purity of our own love for God. Do we recognise in our own lives times when *"the Almighty has done great things"* for us? Do our own lives reflect *"the mercy of God that reaches from age to age?"*

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

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.

Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (16 - 21 August 2021)

Mon	16/8	St Stephen of Hungary
Thu	19/8	St John Eudes, priest
Fri	20/8	St Bernard, abbot, doctor
Sat	21/8	St Pius X, pope

St Stephen, crowned King of Hungary in 1000. Stephen and his wife Gisela (a sister to the future emperor, St Henry) set their hands to the common task of Christianising their people. He established a solid peace with all neighbouring nations and rooting idolatry out of his country. He organised dioceses and founded abbeys. In war, he was always victorious, nor was he ever the aggressor. He practiced great mortification and humility.



St John Eudes, born in France in 1601. He was extolled as one of the most brilliant students ever to attend the Jesuit College of Caen. As a priest, he was full of zeal for the salvation of souls. He became known as one of the greatest missionaries of his day. He founded the Congregation of Jesus and Mary (Eudist Fathers) and the Sisters of Our Lady of Charity of the Refuge.



St Bernard of Clairvaux was a Cistercian monk and founder and abbot of the monastery of Clairvaux. A theologian and Doctor of the Church, he dominated Europe through his eloquence and his counselling of popes and rulers. In 1115 he was appointed to lead a small group of monks to establish a monastery at Clairvaux, and under the leadership of Bernard endured extreme deprivations for well over a decade before Clairvaux was self-sufficient.



St Pius X born Giuseppe Melchiorre Sarto was the 259th pope. Two of the most outstanding accomplishments of this saintly Pope were the inauguration of the liturgical renewal and the restoration of frequent communion from childhood. He also waged an unwavering war against the heresy and evils of Modernism, gave great impetus to biblical studies, and brought about the codification of Canon Law. His overriding concern was to renew all things in Christ.



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.

Topics include:

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/> or for more information contact Tania Rimac at taniamrimac@sydneycatholic.org.

Can you picture yourself being a foster carer?

To learn more about becoming a carer register for our next online information session on:
Wednesday 25 August 2021 12:30 - 1:30pm
Wednesday 22 September 2021 6:30 - 7:30pm

Family Spirit
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