



## 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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### Parish Office

Maria - Mondays  
Cecilia –Wed-Friday  
9.30am - 2:30pm

### Parish & Hall enquiries

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### 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



Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

19 September 2021

**PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**



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**With St Paul of the  
Cross we pray ...**

#### For the sick

Noel Nacua  
Patricia Stack  
Jovito Redaja  
Eimy & Kenzo  
Raul Cabrera  
Angela Di Donato  
Sr Julianne Murphy  
Helen & Robyn  
Natalina Gallace  
Ruth Wilson  
Raymond Hudson  
Fr Jim Duggan  
Pat Allport  
Cardo, Zennie, Ian, Pat  
Francheska Bechara  
Igor Tadinac

#### Recently Deceased

Lourdes Tee  
Honorio Mercene  
Francisco Magno  
Paolo Antonio Caesar

#### Death Anniversary

Tess Lasala

#### For the Souls

Albert Lavilles  
Levi Loyola  
Pricilla Aquitania  
Nelia Subierre-Gole  
Raquel Atienza  
Bing and Ludy Javier  
Ignacio and Ched Morales  
Isabelo Corpus

All forgotten Souls and Holy  
Souls in Purgatory

#### Special Intentions

Leah Tillam  
David Santos

**“Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me”**



Our Gospel for this Sunday contains an extraordinary image, one that I believe is unique to our Christian understanding of God. “*After leaving the mountain*”, where he had revealed who he was in the Transfiguration, Jesus came to Capernaum. This was where, at the beginning of Mark’s Gospel, Jesus had astounded people by his teaching and his power over evil spirits.

There, in the house where he was staying with his disciples, he taught his disciples about himself and about how they should understand themselves, if they wished to follow him, through a simple gesture, an act that was both ordinary and profound. He called his disciples over to him and “*took a little child*” (one of his disciples’ children perhaps) and “*set him in front of them and put his arms around him*”. Can you imagine any other great religious teacher speaking and acting as Jesus did?

Its immediate purpose was to teach the disciples (and us!) a lesson that they were very slow to learn. Despite all that he had said about his ultimate rejection, death and resurrection (this week and last week’s Gospel), they had remained obsessed with the thought of the powerful kingdom that he would create and their role in it. Jesus’ words, “*If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last and the servant of all*” and the simple action that followed were intended to make them think again - a parable in action rather than in words.

It is a beautiful image and one that has been depicted many times in art as well as on holy pictures. To appreciate its power however and the connection that Jesus makes with his own life and with ours, we need to put aside our own current understanding of childhood. For us, childhood is a time when we are free of adult responsibility, a time of innocence, play and discovery. It was not like that in Jesus’ day nor is it like that in many parts of the world today. Children, especially sons, were no doubt precious to their parents, “*a blessing the fruit of the womb*” (psalm 126) but, as soon as they were physically able to, they had to work to support their families. In addition, they had no rights, no social status until they became adults.

For Jesus, therefore, to “*welcome*” a child and to see in a child a status that was similar to his own, was a most extraordinary statement and action. It is not unlike the Parable of the Good Samaritan where ‘the true neighbour’ ends up being someone who should have been one’s worst enemy.

In a child’s dependency and powerlessness, Jesus saw an image of his own life and mission. He too would experience harsh treatment, even death, from those who had put themselves in authority over him. His own life however was, in every way, ‘precious’ to the Father. This life was a life that he lived in faithfulness to God and as “*a servant to all*”. In our Gospel story, Jesus literally and spiritually places himself at the child’s level when he puts his arms around him. We will not see God nor will we come close to him, he tells us through his disciples, if we look for a God who ‘towers over us’ and dominates us rather than in Jesus who “*is like us in all things except sin*”. We will not see him ‘face to face’ when we fail to welcome all those who, like the child, like Christ himself, seem to be powerless and insignificant in our world.

The Christ that we must welcome includes all those who, like Jesus himself “*annoy us and oppose our way of life*” (Wisdom 2:12-First Reading) by, for example, their uncompromising defence of human life at every stage. It also includes all those who, like the child that Jesus welcomed, are totally dependent on others and are easily ignored - people with severe physical and mental disabilities who are unable to care for themselves, asylum seekers and refugees suffering silently in their communities, the elderly and the homeless who are alone and become invisible.....*Anyone who welcomes one of these, welcomes me.*”

Painting: **Jesus with the children** Carl Bloch (1834-1890)

Deacon Louis

#### 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](mailto: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.**

#### Volunteer in Australia and Overseas - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will recommence sending volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. Applications close October 30th. Send us an inquiry - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au)

### Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (20 - 25 September 2021)

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| Mon | 20/9 | Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, priest, martyr<br>Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & companions,<br>martyrs |
| Tue | 21/9 | St Matthew, apostle   |
| Thu | 23/9 | St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest  |

#### Sts Andrew Kim Taegŏn & Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and companions

Christianity came to Korea in 1592. Evangelisation was difficult because Korea refused all contacts with the outside world. During the 17th century



a strong and vital Christian community flourished through a group of lay persons. Between 1839 and 1867 during persecution, the Christian community had 108 martyrs. Outstanding among these were the first Korean priest, Andrew Kim Taegon and the lay apostle Paul Chong Ha-sang. Among the other martyrs were a few bishops and priests but for the most part lay people. All suffered greatly for the Faith.

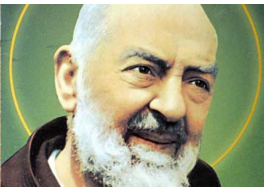
#### St Matthew

Matthew the Apostle, also known possibly as Levi, one of the twelve apostles of Jesus. Patron saint of tax collectors and accountants. Matthew’s Gospel contains all the elements important to the early Church and he gave his unique perspective to the tale of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection.



#### Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

Born Francesco Forgione. He was an Italian Franciscan friar, priest, stigmatist and mystic. He is famous for his stigmata; he bore the wounds of Christ in his hands, feet, and side. He is the Patron Saint of Pain, Suffering and Healing.



“Pray, hope, and don’t worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayer.”

“Prayer is the best weapon we have, it is the key to God’s heart. You must speak to Jesus not only with your lips, but with your heart, In fact on certain occasions you should only speak to Him with your heart.”

#### Can you picture yourself being a foster carer?

To learn more about becoming a carer register for our next online information session on:

Wednesday 22 September 2021 6:30 - 7:30pm

**Family Spirit  
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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.’

### Online Holy Hour for the needs of Sydney Catholics: Thursday 30 September

The Parish Renewal Team in the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation is inviting Sydney Catholics to an online Holy Hour on Thursday 30 September, the eve of the first Friday in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Feast Day of St Therese, patron saint of missionaries. St Therese knew that her daily union with Christ in prayer was the most effective help she could offer for the Church’s proclamation of the Gospel.

As we await the end of lockdown, let us unite ourselves with Christ and pray that many hearts will be open to his love and granted the grace to encounter Him in this time of challenge and to live ever more deeply as his disciples. [Registrations essential.](#)

#### Online Holy Hour

Date: Thursday 30 September

Time: 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Venue: Online at [www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events)

### From Archbishop Anthony

Pope Francis has often reminded us of the importance of being a community that welcomes and protects refugees from danger. That message is especially important today as thousands of refugees flee the Taliban takeover of Afghanistan. It was wonderful to see Sydney Catholic Schools team up with the Justice and Peace Office in the Archdiocese of Sydney last Friday to host a special online event, "Raising Hands for Afghanistan" to help raise awareness of the horrific conditions many people are facing in that country and raise funds for the Archbishop's Afghan Refugee Appeal. I encourage you to donate if you can: <https://www.ourfaithhourworks.org/ara/>. The appeal will raise desperately needed funds and commit Archdiocesan agencies and partners to providing pastoral, educational, health and welfare assistance to Afghan families and individuals fleeing their homeland. It’s often said that the true test of any society is how it treats the most vulnerable. Well here we have a chance to make a difference by reaching out a helping hand to those fleeing horrors, often ones who have helped the Australian forces in the past.

God bless.