



## 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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Fourth Sunday of Advent / C

19 December 2021

**PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**



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

### For the sick

Allen Portell  
Leonor Delgado  
Noel Nacua  
Patricia Stack  
Jovito Redaja  
Raul Cabrera  
Angela Di Donato  
Sr Julianne Murphy  
Natalina Gallace  
Ruth Wilson  
Raymond Hudson  
Fr Jim Duggan  
Pat Allport  
Cardo, Zennie, Ian, Pat  
Francheska Bechara  
Robyn, Eimy & Helen  
Angelis Alima & Charlie  
Jan Lawson  
Genaro Villanueva  
Paula

### Recently Deceased

Michael Alam  
Fr Dario Betancourt  
Hector Gadian  
Carmelo Samson

### Death Anniversary

Norma Estrada (40 days anniv)  
Anna Thoan

### For the Souls

All forgotten Souls and Holy  
Souls in Purgatory

### Special Intentions

Noah Espiritu  
Cheryl and baby  
Ric, Chris & Joseph  
Patricio Arriaga  
Cristelle & Fabrice Mannion  
Teresa Campos  
Elvira Rojas Delgado  
Henry & Tina and my Family  
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

### Christmas Mass Times

24th December Friday Family Mass 5:30pm

Midnight Mass 12:00am

25th Dec Saturday Christmas Day 8:00am  
10:00am

26th December Sunday - The Holy 8:00am  
Family 10:00am

Reconciliation (Individual) each Saturday at 4:30pm

### Lights of Christmas 2021

St Mary's Cathedral forecourt

9-25 December

Join in Sydney's favourite free Christmas tradition,  
uniting families, locals and tourists with a display of  
digital storytelling projected onto St Mary's  
Cathedral.

Find out more: <https://lightsofchristmas.com.au/>



This Christmas, please  
consider buying a gift  
that changes lives. A  
Global Gift can provide  
life-changing essentials  
like clean water,  
nutritious food and an  
education to those doing  
it tough this year.

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of Global Gifts today.



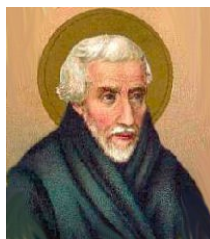
When you support a  
mother like Maria, it  
has the power to uplift  
her entire family. This  
Christmas, give a  
family like Maria's the  
gift of a brighter future.  
Visit  
[www.caritas.org.au/  
donate/christmas-appeal](http://www.caritas.org.au/donate/christmas-appeal)  
or call 1800 024 413  
toll free to support  
vulnerable families  
doing it tough this year.

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

Tue 21/12 St Peter Canisius, priest, doctor  
Thu 23/12 St John of Kanty, priest  
Sat 25/12 **The NATIVITY of the LORD  
(Christmas)**

#### St Peter Canisius

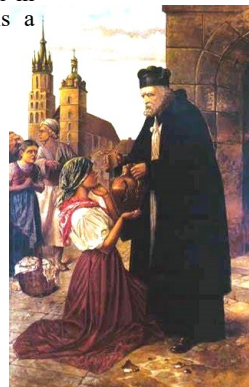
Born in Nijmegen, Holland (when it  
was part of Germany). At 22 he  
joined the Society of Jesus and  
distinguished himself in studies and  
spiritual perfection. He was assigned  
as the first superior of the German  
province of the Jesuits, and he  
restored and founded colleges,  
attracted vocations, and supported  
reforms, becoming a leading force in  
the Counter-Reformation. He is a  
Doctor of the Church.



#### St John of Kanty

After finishing his studies he  
became professor in the  
University of Cracow (Poland).  
He taught his students this  
philosophy, "Fight all error, but  
do it with good humour, patience,  
kindness, and love. Harshness  
will damage your own soul and  
spoil the best cause. As parish  
priest he became a true pastor of  
souls, severe toward himself and

indulgent to others, showing himself the father of his  
people and their friend when they were in need.



*The Nativity of the Lord - Sat 25/12*

### Parish Secretary – St Joan of Arc Parish, Haberfield, NSW

Applications sought for the position of Parish Secretary at St Joan of Arc Parish, Haberfield. Position is  
permanent part time, hours negotiable – minimum 18 hours per week. Responsible to the Parish Priest and  
working also with the Pastoral Associate.

Please see our website where the advertisement is posted - [www.stjoanofarc.org.au](http://www.stjoanofarc.org.au)

For a confidential discussion about this rewarding position please contact Fr Phil Zadro on 9798 6657.

Send your application to Fr Phillip Zadro at [admin@stjoanofarc.org.au](mailto:admin@stjoanofarc.org.au).

Applications close 22 December 2021

### 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.

## **"Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled"**

These two paintings both portray the same event - Mary's visit to her cousin  
Elizabeth described in this Sunday's Gospel. As far as cultural background is  
concerned, they could not be further apart. Taken together however they are an  
illustration of the mystery that is at the heart of our Christian faith - that God, who  
is beyond all human understanding, has come into our world to share our human life  
with us.



The first painting is by a French priest, Jean Jouvenet (1644-1717) and is part of a series of paintings on  
the life of Mary that he presented to the cathedral of  
Notre Dame in Paris. It can best be understood, I  
believe, as a kind of collage of the ways in which "*the  
promises made by the Lord would be fulfilled.*" At the  
centre is Mary with her cousin Elizabeth who is bowed  
in reverence before Jesus who is present in Mary's  
womb. Mary herself is proclaiming her song of joy  
and praise, the Magnificat.

Joseph is to the right of Mary, looking up at her and  
with his donkey and travelling stick. He too believes  
in the Lord's promises and is ready to do what God  
will ask of him. To the left is the priest Zechariah, the  
father of John the Baptist. Unlike Joseph he hesitated and doubted the angel  
Gabriel's words that his wife Elizabeth would bear a son.

All these are present together in the one setting to show the way in which God "*can  
do great things*" through the lives of all who believe in him and act on his promises.  
Mary is standing straight and looking upwards, a movement that is echoed  
elsewhere in the painting. Her experience of God working through her life has made  
her strong and confident. This experience however is not about her but about the  
transforming power of God in her life and in the life of the world.



The second painting, with its African village  
setting and its focus on the two women  
joyfully greeting each other, would seem to  
deal with simpler themes. It is the work of  
an unknown artist from the Mafa tribe, a  
mostly Catholic group of people living in a  
part of Northern Nigeria that is  
predominantly Moslem. Painted in the  
1970's, it is part of a series of artworks  
that recreates New Testament scenes in an  
African setting.

The joy that Mary and Elizabeth so  
obviously show in meeting each other  
highlights aspects of their meeting that we

can easily overlook in a society such as ours that no longer understands the nature  
of village life. Nazareth was a little place, a small community of simple houses  
clustered around a central area where all the work of the village was done and with  
very little privacy. Who could Mary speak to about her extraordinary meeting with  
Gabriel and all that it involved? Joseph? Her parents?

Mary decided to see Elizabeth not just 'to help her' but to confide in her and be  
supported by her. Her visit was ultimately a triumph of faith over fear, fear above all  
of being stoned to death by villagers who would not believe her story. Her faith in  
God gave her the courage to undertake the journey into the hill country of Judah  
through the hostile territory of the Samaritans. She knew however that Elizabeth  
was, against all the odds, expecting her first child. Hence the joy of their meeting.  
Both knew and recognised in each other something that no one else could grasp as  
profoundly and as personally as they did: "*Nothing will be impossible with God.*"

Deacon Louis

Reference: **Blessed: Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections** 2021 Wollongong  
diocese

### Choir Notice

The choir will be taking a holiday after  
Christmas. The next rehearsal will be on  
Monday 31st January 2022.

"Break Open the Word" (the book for  
readers) now available at the Sacristy.

