

**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 Lent / C

27 March 2022

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Allen Portell

Leonor Delgado

Patricia Stack

Raul Cabrera

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

Christina

Ben Rodriguez

Recently Deceased

Anthony R, Cabasal

Reny Sarmiento

Death Anniversary

Paul Weber

Franco Bortolin

Jennifer Grantham

Martin Welfare

For the Souls

Raimondo & Raffaella Dolce

Nestor Belen

All forgotten Souls and Holy

Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Henry & Tina and my Family

Leah Tillam

"While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity."

Here is the story of someone who chooses his own path of destruction. Who knows if he really understands what he is doing? Who knows whether he is in touch with his real motives? Who knows what has brought him to take the step of self-imposed exile? I would venture to suggest that every one of us at some stage of our lives has made something of a similar choice, and perhaps have been, and are, as 'clueless' as the son of whom Jesus speaks.

Out of all that could be said of this story, let me share just a little with you. Perhaps you will find yourself somewhere in here. Don't bother looking for someone else in here. It is you God is seeking. It is you God came to save.

The father in this story paid a great price for his son's decision - handing him his inheritance. The son showed gross disrespect - treating his father as though he was already dead. He compounded the insult by squandering the money as though it didn't matter. In Jesus' time, any lad who did this was cut off from the village and disowned.

How many of us, though, have done the same thing, one way or another? Maybe we even refused to have them at the Christmas table? How many of us have treated people as though they were already dead? How many of us have paid a huge price for the ingratitude of those we love?

The story gets worse because it was equally incomprehensible that any decent, self-respecting, upright father, committed to the Law of God, would ever agree to such a request. This made the father an object of ridicule. He, too, has lost the respect of family and friends. He is as much an outcast as his younger son. How people must have sniggered and scoffed each day as they caught sight of the deluded father crying and scanning the horizon for his 'lost' son.

There we have an accurate picture of God. Like Jesus, the Father is prepared to be an outcast for you. He is prepared to be laughed at for loving someone from whom he can gain absolutely nothing except the joy of being able to love you. That's all God wants from you.

This is the mistake of the older-good living-son. He thinks he has earned his father's love. He thinks his father owes him, and so many of us think the same thing. We are disappointed in God when we things don't go the way we figure they should, given that we prayed and tried so hard. We think love is an equation and, as long as we have the components right, the answer will be right as well. God will bring about our peace and happiness according to our own estimation. We have not learned that love is far bigger than what makes sense to our limited understanding.

Mother Hilda Scott OSB 'Spiritual Direction' in **Remember: Lenten program 2022** Catholic Diocese of Wollongong

Marriage Preparation Course: Engaged Encounter

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life.

We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. For further information visit our website: www.engagedencounter.org.au

Choose any of the coming Weekends: **Apr 30 - May 01, Aug 06-07, Nov 12-13**

If COVID-19 restrictions prevent a face-to-face seminar, the CEE weekend will be held via Zoom.

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

Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (28 Mar - 2 Apr 2022)

Sat 2/4 St Francis of Paola, hermit

St Francis of Paola

Born 1416, at Paola in Calabria (Italy), St Francis lived as a hermit. Many disciples followed him, and their community at Paola eventually became the new order of Minim Friars (a severely ascetic Roman Catholic order that does charitable work and refrains from eating meat).



At the direction of Pope Sixtus IV, St Francis travelled to France to assist the dying King Louis XI, whose entire conversion he effected before the latter's death. St Francis now established his Order in France. He died at Tours in France in 1507.

He is considered to be a patron saint of boatmen, mariners, and naval officers because many of the miracles attributed to him were related to the sea.

St Joseph's Enfield Healing Mass Friday 1st April 2022

Celebrant: Father Hugh Thomas CsxR
 Rosary: 7:00pm Reconciliation: 7:00-8:00pm
 Prayer and Praise: 7:30pm Mass: 8:00pm
 Exposition (after Mass) & Prayer Ministry
 St Joseph's Catholic Church
 126 Liverpool Rd., Enfield
 Parking at rear of church. Enter from Baker St.
 E-mail: rosetwymansydney@gmail.com

Flexible Care Options are available

Family Spirit seeks all types of carers, from long term or short-term to part-time/ weekend respite carers. Becoming a Family Spirit foster carer can make a significant and positive difference in a child's life. Our March online information sessions will be held on the following date:
 • **Tuesday, 29 March** 12:30pm - 1:30pm
Family Spirit 13 18 19 familyspirit.org

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 2nd & 3rd April 2022

Readers:	5:30pm	R Lazarus P Allport
	8:00am	A Di Donato M Portell
	10:00am	J Duru P Marshall

Choir Notice

The next fortnightly rehearsal will be on **Monday 28 March 2022 at 7:00pm.**

Stations of the Cross - Fridays through Lent at 7:00pm.**HOLY WEK MASS TIMES**

PALM SUNDAY: Holy Mass with the Gospel of the Passion of Christ
 Sat 9 Apr 5:30pm & Sun 10 Apr 8 & 10am

HOLY MASS: Monday 9:00am
 Tuesday 9:00am
 Wednesday 9:00am

HOLY THURSDAY: 14 Apr 2022
 7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper
 Followed by a solemn procession to the Altar of Repose

GOOD FRIDAY: 15 Apr 2022
 9:00am Morning Prayer - Matins and Lauds
 10:00am The Stations of the Cross
 3:00pm Solemn commemoration of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY: 16 April 2022
 9:00am Morning Prayer - Matins and Lauds
 7:30pm Easter Vigil - The Service of Light
 - The Liturgy of the Word
 - The Liturgy of Baptism
 - The Liturgy of the Eucharist

EASTER SUNDAY: 17 April 2022
 8:00am & 10:00am Holy Mass

Support Caritas Ukraine Appeal

As millions of people are likely to be displaced due to Russia's invasion, your support is more important than ever for the people of Ukraine. Donate generously to the Caritas Ukraine Appeal:
<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/ukraine-appeal/>
 Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

**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
 From August Baptisms only on 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month.

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

