



## 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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The Ascension of the Lord / C

29 May 2022

**PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**



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

### For the sick

Elmano Belo

Patrick Crowley

Sidney Luximon

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

Christina

Francheska Bechara

### Recently Deceased

Eulogio Pandolfa

Isabel Jauco

João de Sousa

Ben Rodriguez

Pedro Paraíso

Susan Rocés

### Death Anniversary

Victoria Khoury

Louis Hanno Kazzi

Millia Kazzi

### For the Souls

All forgotten Souls and Holy  
Souls in Purgatory

### Special Intentions

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

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



### **Morning tea to celebrate the Feast of Pentecost - 5th June 2022 Sunday**

Next Sunday we celebrate the birth of the Church at Pentecost. To mark this, we will have a morning tea in our parish hall after the 10:00 Mass. This will also be a great opportunity to reconnect with each other after the many restrictions over the past two years. Please bring a plate to share

### **Sacrament of Confirmation dates:**

1<sup>st</sup> session: 28<sup>th</sup> May 4:30pm/29<sup>th</sup> May 9:00am

2<sup>nd</sup> session: 4<sup>th</sup> June 4:30pm/5<sup>th</sup> June 9:00am

3<sup>rd</sup> session: 11th June 4:30pm/ 12th June 9:00am

4<sup>th</sup> session: 18<sup>th</sup> June 4:30pm/ 19<sup>th</sup> June 9:00am

Confirmation Mass: 2:00pm 26<sup>th</sup> June



### **Didaskō – Online Catholic Adult Faith Formation**

The Parish Renewal Team is offering Sydney Catholics an opportunity to grow in their faith with spiritual, intellectual, human and practical formation. With a new short course on offer each month, *Didaskō* seeks to respond to Christ's Great Commission to "teach them the commands I have given you" (Mt 28:20), by building a culture of formation in our parishes. Courses are delivered online over three evenings by some of Sydney's best Catholic formators including Rev. Dr Gregory Morgan and Prof. Tracey Rowland. Cost: \$25 per course.

**Bishop Umbers** will present the first *Didaskō* course on **Wednesdays 1 and 8 June, and Tuesday 14 June** from 7:30pm – 8:45pm, with the topic **"What Catholic Christians Believe: An Introduction to the Catechism."**

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

For more information, contact Helen Wagner at [parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org).

### **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.

### ***Feast/Solemnity/Memorial/Saint of the Week (30 May - 4 June 2022)***

|     |      |   |
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| Tue | 31/5 | The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary |
| Wed | 1/6  | St Justin, martyr                         |
| Thu | 2/6  | Sts Marcellinus and Peter, martyrs        |
| Fri | 3/6  | Charles Lwanga & companions, martyrs      |

### **The Visitation of the**

### **Blessed Virgin Mary**

After Elizabeth's five-month period of seclusion, the news that she would have a child was given to her "relative" Mary at the annunciation. Mary then visited Elizabeth and was honoured by Elizabeth's prophecy that she would be the mother of the Lord.



### **St Justin**

Born about 100 at Palestine. After lengthy study of Greek philosophies, he acknowledged Christ as the source of all truth. A lay



intellectual, Christian philosopher, and apologist. The First Apology, his most well-known text, passionately defends the morality of the Christian life, and provides various ethical and philosophical arguments to convince the Roman emperor, Antoninus, to abandon the persecution of the Church. St Justin was martyred, along with some of his students, and venerated as a saint by the Catholic Church.

### **St Joseph's Enfield Healing Mass**

### **Friday 3rd June 2022**

Celebrant: Father Stephen Onyekwere

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](mailto:rosetwymansydney@gmail.com)*

### **PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 4 & 5 June 2022**

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| <b>Readers:</b> | 5:30pm  | R Lazarus<br>M Dos Santos |
|                 | 8:00am  | J Peters<br>G Turnbull    |
|                 | 10:00am | J Duru<br>P Marshall      |

### **Choir Notice**

The next rehearsal will be on Monday 30th May 2022 at 7:00pm.

### **"You will be my witnesses ... to the ends of the earth"**

During the Easter season we have been reading from the Acts of the Apostles as part of our daily Mass readings. This part of the New Testament contains stories that just about anyone who is Christian is familiar with-the story of Pentecost and the dramatic conversion of Paul for example. But the whole of this short book-28 brief chapters in all - should be read in its entirety because of the extraordinary story it outlines. It is an unfinished story because it raises questions that we are still concerned with even though they are put in a context that may seem quite remote to us. It also reminds us that we are part of that same mission *"to preach repentance to all nations for the forgiveness of sins"*, in Christ's name.

Luke wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of his Gospel. Like the Gospel itself, Luke wrote for people who were "gentiles" ie did not come from a Jewish environment. He emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit beginning with the experience of Pentecost when the Spirit that Christ had promised them not only transformed their lives but also entered the minds and hearts of those who listened to them.

The Acts of the Apostles contain many conversion stories that outline the way in which the Spirit of God can work within a person's life producing profound changes which can change the lives of others as well. The baptism of the Roman centurion Cornelius made Peter realise that *"God has no favourites"* and was part of his own conversion to an understanding of Christ's mission as one for the whole world, not just the Jewish people. It also reveals the way the Holy Spirit works through cultural and religious traditions that may seem distant from Christ - Paul began his evangelisation of the people of Athens by referring to their tradition of honouring "the unknown God".

We also hear the stories of many ordinary people whose lives were 'taken up' by the Holy Spirit. One of these is the story of Lydia, a wealthy woman who would play a key role in Paul's missionary work. Paul went to Phillipi in Greece together with Timothy and Silas in response to a vision of a man calling out, *"Come over to help us."* Phillipi however had such a small Jewish community that Paul had no synagogue to start from. However when Lydia heard Paul speak, *"the Lord opened her heart to what Paul was saying."* As a result she and her entire household were baptised. She also invited Paul, together with Silas, Luke and Timothy to stay with them giving them all both a base for their work and a home in what would prove to be a very hostile society.

We are reminded, as we read the many stories of conversion in this book, that being a 'witness' to Christ is essentially a personal story. We *"preach repentance and the forgiveness of sins"* because that is our experience and our story. Like Paul, we know what it means to be heading in the wrong direction in our lives and to experience a change of heart that can redirect us. It may not be as dramatic an experience as Paul's, but it is an experience that can humble us and open our eyes to the situation of so many in our world who feel trapped by their failures and disillusioned with life. We can also share in the experiences of all those who, like Lydia and Cornelius, are searching for answers to the many questions our lives bring up.

Above all it is the story of the Holy Spirit working through our lives and the life of our world, a story that should fill us with confidence in God's power to work through us, despite our shortcomings. After the Ascension of Jesus, Luke describes how the disciples went back to Jerusalem *"full of joy"* even though they had a daunting mission ahead of them.

*May the world of our time, which is searching, sometimes with anguish, sometimes with hope, be enabled to receive the good news not from evangelizers who are dejected, discouraged, impatient or anxious, but from ministers of the Gospel whose lives glow with fervour, who have first received the joy of Christ. (Pope Paul VI On proclaiming the Gospel **Evangelii nuntiandi** #80)*

Deacon Louis

### **The Walk With Christ Returns: Sunday 19 June**

Sydney, get set to celebrate our faith by Walking with Christ ...the first public Catholic celebration through the heart of Sydney since 2019.

Festivities begin at Martin Place, 1.30pm, with the procession commencing at 2:30pm

Please join us with your family and friends as we gather for the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Parishes are encouraged to promote the event using the social media tile (please see the bulletin board).

### **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 [safeguarding@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguarding@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.