



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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Mon, Wed-Fri

9.30am - 2pm

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Mass Times

Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)

Sun: 8am & 10am

Mon: 8am

Tue - Fri: 9:00am

Sat: 9:30am

Family Mass with

Children's Liturgy:

3rd Sunday of the

Month 10am Mass

Filipino Mass:

1st Sun 11:30am

Il Gruppo di Rosario

Italiano: Il gruppo di

preghiera Italiano, si

raduna ogni giovedì alle

ore 10 nella sala

parrocchiale.

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

By appointment

Devotions

Every Friday Adoration

3-4pm

Rosary & Benediction

Sat 8:30-9:30am

Elsa George Rosary Group

Second Saturday of every

month at 2.30pm

9716 6676 All welcome

Novena to Our Lady of

Perpetual Help

Wednesday 7pm

Faith formation for all

Parishioners

there will be two workshops run by Sr. Moira Debono from Notre Dame University on the 10th and the 24th of January. These will be held in the hall. The sessions will open with registration at 6:30 and start at 7pm and continue on till 9/9:15pm with a break during the sessions.

Columban Art Calendars

These calendars that are decorated with religious art prints are available for purchase as of this week. They are \$10 each and are available for purchase at the back of the Church.

ST PAUL OF THE CROSS

CATHOLIC PRIMARY

SCHOOL ENROLLING NOW

FOR 2018

Enrolment packs are still available to collect from the School Office or you can download from School website – www.stpcdulwichhill.catholic.edu.au. If you have a child who will be turning 5 years old before 31 July 2018 please contact the office to set up an enrolment appointment **School Principal Ms. Frances Stewart.** School Ph: 9558 5308 Fax: 9558 4909

YOUTH GROUP

Youth nights: Dates to be decided

Ages 10-15: 4pm-5:20pm before Mass

Ages 15-18: 6:30pm-8pm after Mass

Young Adults: Select days regularly

For more information or if you are interested in becoming a leader, call **Rian** on **0402 135 637**

The Year of Youth!

The ACYF is over and the Year of Youth has begun. Please keep our youth in your prayers and keep posted for youth events to be involved with in the coming year. For any information, call **Rian** on **0402 135 637**. If you are interested in helping out in 2018, please let me know.

FACEBOOK OFFICIAL:

Yes, we are now live on Facebook. Find us and give a (like) at:

www.facebook.com/StPotC/



HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

Positions Vacant

Manager, Mission & Outreach. Permanent full-time position. Lewisham-based. For further information please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources, on [0402 210 055](tel:0402210055). Applications close 26 January 2018.

Renaissance of Marriage:

Radical Demands—Extravagant Mercy. National Catholic Leadership Conference. Featuring Dr. Gregory Bottaro (USA), Christina King (USA), Bishop Eugene Hurley, Johnathan Doyle, Robert Falzon, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Byron & Francine Pirola and many more.

Feb 16-17, 2018| Sydney (UNDA)

www.rom.org.au

Calling all University students! Are you a student (or do you know a student) studying at University? Each University has a Catholic Society that offers daily Mass, social gatherings and avenues to deepen your faith on campus. Visit: www.unicatholics.org.au to find out what is happening on your campus.

Parish Morning Tea: The Parish is looking for some volunteer to help with the monthly morning teas. **Please speak to Deacon Louis or Fr. John.**

Prayer Journals: There are copies of the 'God's Word 2018' Prayer journals for sale. This book contains the readings for every day of the year along with a short reflection and a space to write notes. They are great for those struggling with their prayer life or wanting to read some Scripture every day. They are \$15.95 each. If you would like to purchase on, please contact **Rian** on **0402 135 637**.

SAINTS of the WEEK (7– 13 Jan, 2018):

Mon, 8th: Baptism of the Lord

Sat, 13th: St. Hilary, bishop, doctor



1st Sunday of Ordinary Time - The Feast of the Epiphany:

A reflection on Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 and Matthew 2:1-12

Over the last couple of weeks we've discussed how the faith of those who come *before* had led to the birth of Christ. This weekend, as we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, we see the turning point as the world welcomes Him into creation. Jesus is born into the world; fragile and vulnerable. He relies on the family of Mary and Joseph for his needs, with little but a manger to sleep in.

Truly these are not the expected beginnings of a king, but there is definitely a hint of who He is. As Jesus lies there, cradled by Mary, there is a curious procession that appears to give him homage. Lowly as His birth is, they come into His presence: apart from Mary and Joseph, the animals of the stable witness the birth of God into the world. After them come the shepherds and then the Magi who travelled from distant lands.

This presentation of a hierarchy of creation from the lowly farm animals to the great Magi reveal the notion that all of creation worships this young boy. The sign of His greatness amidst His humble beginnings. The moment seems to scream, "GOD IS WITH US!" or "EMMANUEL!"

It doesn't stop there, the very gifts brought by the Magi highlight that Jesus is the Christ: The Gold representing His Kingship, the Frankincense that he is High Priest, and then the Myrrh that He is to be the Sacrificial Lamb for all our sins.

Yet, even with such a gathering and celebration, we see that there is danger. Already there is the element of worldly power threatening the end of the Christ. He has just been born and His very life already threatens Herod. This fear of the Lord led to the massacre of the Holy Innocents.

Christ, in all of this, remains trusting in the arms of Mary and the protection of Joseph. He sleeps in peace.

This very pattern of His birth is repeated for the Church: throughout the Gospels, we witness so many proclaim His divinity, many of whom were foreigners who saw Him for who He was, whilst the Israelites were often slow to do so. As Jesus prepared the way for His Church, He showed us that the life of faith is an active one that stands firm in its convictions, whilst being charitable in His relationship with others. He tells us to do no less, than to share this faith, and as Mary said, "Do whatever He tells you."

We are that Church, the same one that has weathered persecution and continues to be His witness upon this Earth. Through Baptism we share in Christ's resurrection, but we also share in his mission. They are inseparable. It is His Kingship, Priesthood and Sacrifice that we participate in.

The Second reading illustrates the inclusive nature of the Church. The Magi were gentiles that had come from a distant country, and through Christ, even *we* are invited to a share in His promises. This however, comes with the responsibility to proclaim the Word of God: the task of sharing in His mission to pray for the world and invite it to a relationship with Him.

This call to evangelisation is a frightening one in our current society. To simply say that one believes in God can bring with it persecution, let alone when one chooses to actively live the faith. It is here that we must follow the example of our Lord, who humbled Himself and became one of us and lay there vulnerable in the manger.

His love is for all people and we, His Church are tasked with being that Love in the world today. This love calls us to sometimes make a stand when it is difficult, to be merciful when we don't want to be, and to be charitable when we feel like we have nothing left. It is not easy to love, but it is what can change the world.

The Baptism of the Lord:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who

sanctified and blessed the water of baptism for all Christians through his own baptism by John, continue your work of cleansing the penitent from sin by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we who honour Jesus as your beloved Son might live in the holiness of perfect love, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.



PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 6-7 Jan 2018

Acolyte:	5:30pm Ricardo	
	8am Andre	
	11:30am Philip	
Readers:	5:30pm I. & P. Pinto	
	8am N. Dudley & C. Phillips	
	10am R. Rita & T. Lasala	
Music:	5:30pm Sri Sutjpto	
	8am Justine Sy	
	10am Beauti & Choir	
Cleaning:	Genero & Lloyd Beltran	
Laundry:	D. Cremona	
Environment:	Gilda	
Counters:	C. Corpus, P. Tan & I. Pinto	

With St Paul of the Cross

we pray ...

For the sick

Cathy Consentino, Anne Keogh, Grace, Owen Gallagher, Josieann, Eileen Joyce, Lucia Nicotina, Anna Pezzuto, Anne Keogh, Alfonso Costantini, Sonia, Rodolfo Estrada, Domenic Capello, Marlowe, Jacutin, Sonny Martinez, Annette Rodriguez, Onofrio Ferraro, Salvatore Ferraro, Lolita A Japtan, Felisa C Hao, Nolene Conn, Anna Pezzuto, Lucia Ferraro, Frank Di Napoli

Recently Deceased

Claire Fuller, Gerald Gleeson

Death Anniversary

For the souls of Fouad & Wadat JaaJaa and their parents, Raimondo & Rafaela Dolce

For the Souls of

All forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Maria de Silva
Rian Galliot