



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: 8 am

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

THANK YOU to all who brought along a plate of food, helped set up, organised, and all who attended the Parish Barbeque last week. It was a wonderful event.

Parish Morning Tea: There will be a Parish morning tea on the Australia Day long weekend (28th of Jan). It is great opportunity to come together after the celebration of the Eucharist to thank God for this country that we call home. As a Parish we celebrate the fact that we are one community made up of so many cultures, unified by Christ.

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.

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 Rian know.

FACEBOOK OFFICIAL:

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live on Facebook. Find us and give a **LIKE** at:

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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

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 one, please contact **Rian** on **0402 135 637**.

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.

CatholicCare's Parenting Hub

CatholicCare's parenting hub provides useful articles with tips to help you manage the ups and downs. Simply visit catholiccare.org and look for the Parenting Hub icon. Our parenting counsellors are also available 7 days a week by calling Parent Line NSW on 1300 1300 52. For more information, contact our friendly CCareline team on **13 18 19**.

SAINTS of the WEEK (14– 20 Jan, 2018):

Wed, 17th: St. Anthony, Abbot

Sat, 20th: St. Fabian, pope, martyr

St. Sebastian, martyr

2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time: The Invitation of the Lord

A reflection on 1 Samuel 3:3-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13-15, 17-20 and John 1:35-42

So many times in the Bible, we read the word “hear”. To us, this doesn’t mean anything more than to passively have one of our senses pick up the sound(s) around us. It isn’t anything particularly extraordinary for us, but this wasn’t the case for the ancient Israelites. For them, to hear was to listen and obey. It wasn’t passive, but active.

In today’s first reading, Samuel responds with “Speak Lord, your servant is listening.” He is not only hearing, but listening. What might this mean? Might it be that this means a proactive seeking out of the word of the Master? One who doesn’t just wait to be told, but goes out of their way to live according to how their master has called them to? Maybe.

We are told that “Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him” and that “Samuel was established as a prophet of the Lord.” He goes on to be the same man who anoints kings Saul and David. He was a Prophet in the time of the first kings of Israel. Kind of a big deal. In Samuel we see the heart of one willing to listen to the Lord and how it is changed to be an instrument of His will.

Likewise in today’s Gospel, we see the disciples of John approach Jesus who asks them a rather deep question, “What do you seek?”, though it is not clear whether they realise it. Christ has asked them a question that cuts to the very core of their lives. These are men who are followers; disciples, willing to live and do as they are asked. Their response of “Where are you staying?” seems to suggest that they want access to him, perhaps so that they might follow him and learn from him.

When Jesus says, “Come and see.” It is an invitation to a way of life. They are invited to experience the personal life of Christ so that they might later share this with others as His witnesses. Once again, we are shown the link between encountering God and the task of living and sharing this experience.

The second reading encourages this; it speaks of the human person’s unity with Christ and how this calls us to live in a particular way. It reminds us of the price that Christ Jesus paid for our sins, and encourages us to follow faithfully and be an active member of His body the Church.

This unity with Christ is what gives us the strength to live out the challenge of witness. It allows us to draw on a real relationship with Him, and just like a real relationship, allows us to have a conversation. Serving Christ is never simply one sided; He serves you too, meeting you where you are and inviting you to greater depths of His love and mercy.

We have been commissioned to share the Gospel. As St. Francis of Assisi said, “Preach the Gospel at all times. When necessary, use words.” Sharing the faith isn’t only about speaking. In fact, if we spoke about the faith but lived our lives in a way that didn’t reflect it, then it is easy to see why so many people turn away. We are an imperfect people and God knows this. It is why we have the Sacraments. Imperfect as we are, we must never forget to act in charity.

The charity that we have is one that identifies us; “By this shall all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” It is a love that is contagious and transformative because God is love. The Sacraments bolster us, providing us with a real relationship with Christ and renewing the love that can so often be drained in our relationships with others.

As Christ invites us, so must we invite others. Not only with our words, but with our actions. We must, of course still use our speech, indeed how will people know the gospels and details of our faith if we didn’t. Let our words match our acts and may our acts match the faith that we proclaim. Strengthened by our relationship with Christ, let Him be the source of courage so that we may share that same relationship with a society that has turned its back on Him.

St. Fabian

Almighty God, you called Fabian to be a faithful pastor and servant of your people, and to lay down his life in witness to your Son: Grant that we, strengthened by his example and aided by his prayers, may in times of trial and persecution remain steadfast in faith and endurance, for the sake of him who laid down his life for us all, Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 20-21 Jan 2018

Acolyte:	5:30pm Philip 8am Andre 11:30am Ricardo
Readers:	5:30pm R. Lazarus & R. da Silva 8am P. Tan & M. Portell 10am L. & J. Scanlon
Music:	5:30pm Justine Sy 8am Beauti & Choir 10am Sri & Choir
Cleaning:	Georgette, Janette, Trudy, Leonor
Laundry:	D. Cremona
Environment:	Kathryn
Counters:	R. Lazarus, D. Outen, M. Portell

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

Clare Fuller, Gerald Gleeson, Fr. Kevin Muldoon

Death Anniversary

William Phelan, Camila & Enrique Corpus

For the Souls of

Lourdes & Carlos Guevarra, Victorino Guevarra, Ignacio Morales & All forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Maria de Silva

Rian Galliot