



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

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

The Year of Youth has begun!

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

FACEBOOK OFFICIAL:

Yes, we are now

live on Facebook. Find us and give a [LIKE](https://www.facebook.com/StPotC/) at: www.facebook.com/StPotC/

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**.

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.**

Devotions to Honour Our Lady of

Lourdes Mass and Blessing of the Sick will be held at Our Lady of Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, on Sunday the 11 February 2018 (behind Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Earlwood), entrance via St. James Avenue, Earlwood, commencing with recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m. followed by Mass and the Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal celebrant will be Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

"Walk with me"

A guided silent retreat

given by the Verbum Dei

Missionaries: Sunday 11th February 9.30am

- 3pm. It will be held at Mt Carmel Retreat

Centre, Varroville and cost \$30. Please BYO

lunch as no food will be provided. For more

information contact Kylie 0403453620

or verbumdeisydney@gmail.com

Catholic Mindfulness Workshop

THIS ASH WEDNESDAY: Join Catholic USA psychologist, Dr Gregory Bottaro at his workshop where he will teach you new skills to help support the people in your communities. Gain more peace in your life by trusting God, letting go and becoming more present with his Mindfulness strategy.

When: Wednesday, February 14

Where: Notre Dame University, Broadway Campus

Feast day of Presentation in the Temple.

Friday 2nd February 2018 Celebrant: Father

Adam Crouch MGL. Rosary: 7:00 PM Mass:

8:00PM Reconciliation: 7:00 PM - 8:00PM

Exposition (after Mass) Prayer and Praise:

7:30 PM Prayer Ministry available after

Mass St Joseph's Catholic Church 126

Liverpool Rd Enfield Parking at rear of

church. Enter from Baker St.

Rose: 9642-2359 / 0412 115-961 E-mail:

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St Bakhita Sudanese Centre at Homebush

West is looking for volunteers to mind babies

& preschool children. The centre teaches

English to migrants at this Centre

three mornings a week. To enable the women

to attend English classes volunteers

are needed to assist with childminding. Hours

are from 9.30 to 12.30 on Wednesday,

Thursday and Friday mornings, during school

term. Further details can be

found on our website

at: www.stbakhitacentre.com



Fishers of Men

A reflection on Jonah 3:1-5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

The other day I was scrolling through my Facebook feed and found some uncharitable messages from a Catholic friend of mine. They weren't directed at me, but under the premise of sharing the faith, his approach came across as an attack on those who didn't believe in exactly what he did. In delivering the message of God, the practice of love was lost. To protect himself from attack, he had developed an attitude that undermined the very message he was trying to share.

The fear of persecution is nothing new to those who share their faith. The invitation to relationship with God is countercultural, and often brings people discomfort because of what it might mean for them. In a world where everything is at our fingertips, it is not so easy to resist the culture of putting one's self first. It is harder still to try to bring about change.

In the story of Jonah, we see that he goes to Nineveh, a city so large that it takes three days to walk across it. He walks only one day into the city and then simply says, "In 40 days, Nineveh will be overthrown." What happens? The entire city dresses in sackcloth in repentance and God relents. Equally astounding is the fact that in the Gospel we read about Jesus, a stranger, approaching Simon, Andrew, James and John. He invites them to follow Him and they do, leaving everything they have in the process. Even their families. Both of these invitations lead to something more; a relationship with God that has a real understanding of charity.

The invitation of the Lord is not so easily turned away when one truly hears it. It speaks to us and to our desire for something more. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said, "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort. You were made for greatness." In truth, it is not our own greatness that we seek, but that of God. His greatness desires to be shared and to be unified with others. This is the very calling that we are baptised into. When Jonah obeyed but did the bare minimum for Nineveh, it was all that the Ninevites needed to realise their faults and return to God. When Jesus invited the fishermen, they made a decision to become His disciples, leaving behind anything that might hold them back. They would later go on to be Apostles and foundational to the Church. Jonah and Jesus knew who they were talking to and spoke accordingly and we must do the same, however when it comes to broadcasting to everyone on social media, we must understand that society in general has learned to reject particular approaches and is already weary of religion and faith.

In the past, Christians embraced the modern technology of their time and used it to further spread the Word of God. Now so many Christians encourage us to do the opposite, an estrangement that has not helped the divide between faith and contemporary culture. Modern media can certainly have a negative influence, but let us not forget that they are tools. How can we use them for good? These are the current methods for storytelling, sharing and teaching. Christ did all this by word and by deed *in person*, but now we have the capacity to reach the other side of the globe and do the same with the phone in our hand. It can be a great tool for good or for ill and to engage in. It can involve us in ways that we don't expect, and often challenges our integrity and charity in the interactions we have with others.

The second reading calls us to live with the coming of the Kingdom in mind, imploring us to look beyond the concerns of the world, to what impacts our eternal lives. It reminds us that in the end, it is the eternal that we desire and it is the eternal that should remain our goal. This provides a guide to how we should live our lives in light of our Baptism. It prompts us to want that same goal for others, becoming the basis for our approach of charity: the desire for the good of the other. But how would this look today?

The reminder that Heaven is our goal brings us to a unique understanding of charity. It tells us that it is okay that we aren't perfect so long as we keep trying. We don't need to force our faith down people's

throats, but be a witness and stand up for it when it is attacked. The internet is a brand new frontier through which we must exemplify and share our faith. Let our online and offline interactions with others be charitable, so that our words confirm and explain our actions; describing us as people who follow God who is Love. In this way, we can better be "fishers of men" in the world today.

Novena to St. Paul

Blessed Apostle Paul, who laboured so zealously for the conversion of the Gentiles in many lands, obtain for us a perpetual zeal for the salvation of souls and especially enkindle our interest in the conversion of our separated brethren. Ever mindful of the interest that our Divine Lord, the Good Shepherd, has for the other sheep not of His fold, I now beg your intercession and obtain for me the gift of the true faith for ... (Pause here to name relatives and friends). May God grant this request so close to my heart and thus enable me to extend to another what I so richly enjoy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



With St Paul of the Cross

we pray ...

For the sick

Victoria Pacheco, 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

SAINTS of the WEEK (21– 27 Jan, 2018):

Mon, 22nd: St. Vincent, deacon, martyr

Wed, 24th: St. Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor

Thu, 25th: The Conversion of St. Paul, apostle

Fri, 26th: Australia Day

Sat, 27th: St. Angela Merici, virgin

Sts Timothy and Titus

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 27-28 Jan 2018

Acolyte:	5:30pm	Ricardo
	8am	Andre
	11:30am	Philip
Readers:	5:30pm	J. Sullivan & J. Murphy
	8am	B. Devine & C. Phillips
	10am	R. Sergi & M. Portell
Music:	5:30pm	Beauti & Choir
	8am	Sri & Choir
	10am	Beauti & Choir
Cleaning:	Joseph & Chinne Duru	
Laundry:	D. Cremona	
Environment:	Volunteer	
Counters:	Nath, Hyacinth, D. Luna	