



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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Parish Office

Maria/Rian

Mon, Wed-Fri

9.30am - 2pm

Hall enquiries:

9558 3257

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

PARISH SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:

In response to the Royal Commission, the Church requires that all volunteers and those who work in its various services and ministries attend

Safeguarding Training. Even if you have attended this training for other positions, we ask that you

attend because the Parish needs to be able to say

that you have had the training. It is also an

opportunity for you to share your experiences

with others. When: **8th of Feb, 7pm in the**

Parish Hall. For more information, contact

Roberta on 95603815 or email r195@hotmail.com

A PROGRAM FOR THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION, 2018 is now

ready. The dates are as follows:

INFORMATION AND ENROLLMENT

THURSDAY 15 FEB, 6 PM in the Parish

Hall. CLASSES at 9 am SUNDAYS- FEB

18, 25, MARCH 04, 11 in the Parish Hall

and in the Church. Mass of your choice

Sundays 8 or 10 AM. **SECOND RITE** 13TH

MARCH- 6 PM – TUESDAY NIGHT. There

are two forms (a release form and a

registration form) at the back of the Church

that will need to be filled out and brought to

the enrolment session along with a copy of

the child's Baptism certificate and \$50.

Thanks to the Chan and Fernandes

families for organising and hosting our

morning tea for Australia Day last Sunday.

Our next morning tea is on Sunday the **11th**

of Feb. Please speak to Deacon Louis or

Fr. John if you would like to host this event.

YOUTH GROUP

The Year of Youth has begun!

Youth nights: Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14,

May 12, Jun 16, Jul 14, Aug 4, Sep 8, Oct

13, Nov 10, Dec 15.

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**

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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 \$15.95 each. If

you would like to purchase one, please

contact **Rian** on **0402 135 637**.

There will be Choir Practice in the hall on Wednesday the **7th of February from 7pm** in the Church. All choir members are encouraged to attend as well as anyone interested in joining.

The Parish is providing all parishioners free

access to *formed.org* as a new initiative for

Lent. *Formed.org* is a digital streaming service

for Catholics, similar to Netflix, providing high

quality faith formation resources including e-

books, movies, audio and study programs.

Registration is free. See **Michael** After Mass for

the code. Visit DulwichHillParish.formed.org

Ronalyne Stephenson formerly of Dixon

Ave, Dulwich Hill and member of this parish

from 1959-2000, who then moved to Cronulla,

has passed away on the 30th of January, 2018. A

funeral will be held on Tuesday 6th of February

at 11am, St. Aloysius Parish, Cronulla.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Our next meeting will be Tues, 13 February at

7pm in Presbytery.

Christmas Appeal Result: \$1,690 Great

Result!! A Big Thankyou to generous

parishioners!

Christmas Food Vouchers delivered to

12: \$2,140

Christmas Hampers (Including gifts) and

other Christmas Assistance delivered: 19

(Thankyou to St Paul of the Cross Primary

School who prepared the Christmas Hampers)

Electricity Voucher: \$ 200

9-11 February, 2018 - Retreat for Women

Theme: "IT IS WHEN I AM WEAK THAT I

AM STRONG" **Where:** Mount Schoenstatt

Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

2745**When:** 7pm 9 February – 4pm 11

February 2018 **Cost:** \$150 Shared rooms -

Deposit \$50, Saturday only \$40 (includes lunch)

Bookings: info@schoenstatt.org.au or Phone:

4773 8338 by 5 February

Devotions to Honour Our Lady of Lourdes

Mass & Blessing of the Sick at Our Lady of

Lourdes Grotto, Earlwood, Sunday 11 Feb, 2018

(behind the Church), entry via St. James Ave.

Some parking for disabled people is available in

the school grounds and general parking in the

nearby council car park. Rosary 2:30 p.m., Mass

& Blessing of the Sick at 3:00 p.m. The Principal

celebrant: Bishop Anthony Randazzo.

SAINTS of the WEEK (4 – 11 Feb, 2018):

Mon, 5th: Saint Agatha

Tue, 6th: St. Paul Miki and companions

Thu, 8th: Saint Jerome Emiliani

Saint Josephine Bakhita

Sat, 10th: Saint Scholastica

Learning Ancient Greek

A reflection on Job 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

In his piece called *The Weight of Glory*, C.S. Lewis speaks about learning Ancient Greek in order to enjoy the great works written in that language, and appreciate the beauty therein. For those who are still in the midst of learning, it is not as easy to see said beauty in comparison to one who has already learned and mastered the language. The end is a greater appreciation, but the road to it is far from that enjoyment because one is caught up in the struggle of learning. He likens this to our desire for Heaven: we know that our greatest joy and happiness is in Heaven, but because we are unable to know them now, we constantly fall victim to the temporal pleasures within the sphere of our experience.

Lewis' thought actually echo today's readings. Our choice to follow Christ and His teachings is definitely the greater good, and as Catholics, we must believe that our faith leads us to the greatest end there is. The problem comes when we are faced with those moments of dryness and pain. Those moments where it is difficult to see the joy, happiness or love in the situation. When Job speaks of a type of servitude that seems like slavery, it is because he is suffering in that place of darkness where the thought of Heaven is so far away.

The dangerous part of this experience is how easily tempted we are. These temptations start off with good intentions: wanting happiness for one's self or others. The thing is, sin tends to begin with such seemingly innocent questions; did God really say you would die if you ate of the apple? I've come this far, surely a little more won't hurt? It's just a little white lie, it isn't hurting anyone is it? I don't agree with what they're doing, but it makes them happy so it should be okay shouldn't it?

The problem is that we place too much emphasis on finding happiness in what is around us here and now. It is a very consumer driven mentality that seeks for an immediate gratification. What happens when we lose that temporal thing that we base our happiness on? Or when we obtain that which we seek and find that we aren't all the better for it? Our true happiness lies with that for which we truly long: God. Sometimes this means we have to forego something we want so that someone else might get what they need, or that we remain vigilant with our desires so that we maintain our integrity. Like every athlete or body builder out there, we must endure the difficulties in order to reach our goal. Or learn Ancient Greek.

In the end it is a relationship that we are living. One of love and salvation that strives to show us that beauty every day, if we but watch and listen. Christ himself lived servitude to show us the kind of leaders that he wanted us to be. He journeyed to preach, teach and heal the broken. He also made sure to find time to be alone with The Father, to listen and to be strengthened in living right relationship with Him. "Let this cup pass from me" He said amidst his suffering, before humbly continuing with, "But your will, not mine be done." While we aren't faced with crucifixion, we find our own daily crosses and moments where we are confronted with challenges to what our faith teaches us; Same-sex marriage, abortion, pornography, piracy, deception, and gossip to name a few. How do we respond when confronted with these?

When learning a new language, it is tempting to find shortcuts, and sometimes we are tempted to jump into slang, but if we stick with learning the core language first, we can better understand how these are used according to the language's structure. There are rules, some can bend and some simply cannot be changed without becoming a whole different language. When we are able to form that discipline, the reality of the goal outweighs the distractions, tempting as they are. We improve ourselves in the process, finding that each step builds on the last and encouraging us for the next. Till one day we find ourselves at the end of the race, having remained faithful and perhaps having learned a new language in the process.

Saint Josephine Bakhita

St. Josephine Bakhita, you were sold into slavery as a child and endured untold hardship and suffering.

Once liberated from your physical enslavement, you found true redemption in your encounter with Christ and his Church.

O St. Bakhita, assist all those who are

trapped in a state of slavery;

Intercede with God on their behalf so

that they will be released from their

chainsof captivity.

Those whom man enslaves, let God set

free.

Provide comfort to survivors of slav-

ery and let them look to you as an ex-

ample of hope and faith.

Help all survivors find healing from their wounds.

We ask for your prayers and intercessions forthose

enslaved among us. Amen.



PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 10-11 Feb 2018

Acolyte:	5:30pm	Phillip
	8am	Andre
	11:30am	Ricardo
Readers:	5:30pm	R. Lazarus & R. Da Silva
	8am	A. Di Donato & K. Wanstall
	10am	A. Rainima & L. Beltran
Music:	5:30pm	Sri Sutjipto
	8am	Justine Sy
	10am	Beauti & Choir
Cleaning:	Genero & Lloyd Beltran	
Laundry:	D. Cremona	
Environment:	Gilda	
Counters:	A. Di Donato, G. Chew, R. Lazarus	

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

Ronalyne Stephenson, Fr. Peter Neville, Raimondo & Raffaella Dolce, Giovanni

Death Anniversary

For the Souls of
All forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Maria de Silva
Rian Gallio