



## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

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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

**Stations of the Cross** Fridays through Lent at  
7pm. Beginning on 16th of Feb, 2018.

**A PROGRAM FOR THE SACRAMENT OF  
RECONCILIATION**, 2018 is now ready.  
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.

**Mass for the Anointing of the sick:** will be on  
the first Saturdays of March, June, Sep, and Dec.  
It will be during the regular Saturday Morning  
Mass.

### YOUTH GROUP

The Year of Youth has begun!  
**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  
**Youth nights: Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12, Jun 16,  
Jul 14, Aug 4, Sep 16, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 15.**

**Project Compassion:** The project compassion  
boxes and envelopes are now available at the  
back of the Church for all who are interested in  
participating in this great cause.

**Help around the house:** If you have some  
handyman jobs that need doing around the house  
and find that you don't currently have the  
capacity to do them, Dave the Job Man will be  
happy to help. For more information call  
0484622288 or go to  
[www.davethejobman.weebly.com](http://www.davethejobman.weebly.com).

**Prayer Journals:** There are copies of the 'God's  
Word 2018' Prayer journals for sale. They are  
\$15.95 each. If you would like to purchase one,  
please contact **Rian** on 0402 135 637. **Hurry,  
there are only 6 left!**

### Open Day

**St Paul of the Cross Catholic Primary School:**  
16 May Street, Dulwich Hill,  
Tuesday 6 March 2018,  
**9am-11am and 3.30pm-5pm.** If you need  
further information please contact the  
School Office on Phone: 9558 5308  
or Email:  
[info@stpcdulwichhill.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stpcdulwichhill.catholic.edu.au)  
**Please join us for our Open Day.  
Everyone welcome!**



**CHOCOLATES FOR SALE** after Mass on the  
17/18th of March. P.A.T.H. (an anti slavery action  
group) will sell chocolates to support their  
campaign against human trafficking. These  
chocolates are produced fairly; with just wages for  
producers and workers and with no forced labour.  
Please support their work and learn about how  
modern slavery exists.

**SAINTS of the WEEK (25 Feb – 4 Mar, 2018):  
Fri, 1st: Autumn Ember Day—Special day  
Of prayer and penance**

### Autumn Ember day Prayer for God's Blessing on Our Labours

O Lord, graciously look down upon Thy serv-  
ants and upon the work of their hands, and do  
Thou, Who givest food to every creature, bless  
and preserve the fruits of the earth, that the  
needy may be  
filled with good  
things and that  
all may praise  
the glory of Thy  
bounty. Through  
Christ our Lord.  
Amen.





## A Life-Changing Study for the Whole Parish!

**Week Two — An Encounter with Mercy**  
Sin always damages our relationships with God and with others, and, depending on the gravity of the sin, it may even rupture these relationships. Jesus calls us to the Sacrament of Reconciliation not only to forgive us and wash away our sins, but also to heal our wounds and the root causes of our sins. We are not defined by our mistakes; we are defined by the Father's love for us!

This week, login to [formed.org](https://formed.org) and watch *A Lent to Remember*, Episode 2.

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## A Light in the Dark

A reflection on Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18, Rom 8:31-34, Mark 9: 2-10

This weekend's readings seem rather alarming; first, Abraham is asked to sacrifice his only son, then Jesus speaks of rising from the dead. To anyone without the background of faith that we do, this would seem absurd, and indeed I have been asked many times about this moment in the story of Abraham and Isaac.

In the full account of the story, the Old Testament details that Isaac goes with his father to sacrifice on the mountain, the whole while carrying the wood for the sacrifice on his back and asking where the animal for the sacrifice was, as they were not carrying one. Abraham's reply was that God would provide the sacrifice. The imagery of the Christological figure is made extremely clear so that when God says, "your son, your only son", those little bells ringing in our minds throughout the passage, begin to toll loudly.

The comparisons between Isaac and Christ are striking, but while Isaac is spared from sacrifice, Jesus is not. As Jesus is transfigured, He is seen conversing with Moses and the prophet Elijah. No small feat, for they represent both the Law and the Prophets respectively. When God's voice confirms the identity of Jesus, it makes explicit what they should have already been thinking.

God does not hold back from giving us His only Son. Christ, under the will of the Father, becomes the sacrifice for our sins. If God is willing to give us his only Son, it becomes abundantly clear how faithful He is to the covenant that He has made with us in the same act. It is a relationship wherein God has made the first move to bring us into His family, and it was not merely by verbal speech, but His word became act. His invitation encourages us to do the same and we respond in faith, hope and love in order to do so.

As we come to the end of the second week of Lent, we understand that sometimes this response will bring us to suffering. No one should desire suffering, but neither can we always avoid it. Our suffering however, is not in vain. On a very human level, it teaches us and provides a wisdom that we otherwise miss out on, while spiritually, it is an opportunity to unite ourselves with the suffering of Christ, who is able to turn it to the good. Through suffering we learn empathy and how to love those that might seem difficult to love. Our faith calls us to this vulnerability.

Think of the many faithful who continue to follow what is right by standing up for truths that are no longer popular: The 40 days for life movement, those that still defend the traditional definition of marriage. These people are so often abused, ridiculed or even ignored outright, as seen in the media's lack of coverage on this year's March for Life.

The very foundations of life: relationships, marriage, children and even religious life are under attack, but we are reminded of the person and authority of Christ who unites us with the Father. In our own personal lives, these days of lent often put us out of our comforts, push us from our preferences and pull us into challenging situations, but let us not forget that they are also the moments wherein we can come ever closer to God. They help us to realise the importance of Easter and encourage us to live life to our fullest, embracing the positives and negatives, so that we can become more and more the people that God intended us to be.

We strike a match to create a flame, and in the brightest light, objects create the darkest shadows. Let us not be swallowed by the darkness, but through our unity with Christ, become lights ourselves to dispel it.

### PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 3-4 March 2018

<b>Acolyte:</b>	5:30pm Philip 8am Andre 11:30am Philip
<b>Readers:</b>	5:30pm J. Sullivan & J. Murphy 8am J. Peters & G. Turnbull 10am R. Sergi & M. Portell
<b>Music:</b>	5:30pm Justine Sy 8am Beauti & Choir 10am Sri & Choir
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Anne, Joseph & Chinne
<b>Laundry:</b>	D. Cremona
<b>Environment:</b>	Filipino Community
<b>Counters:</b>	Shirlen N., E. George & K. Russell

## 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

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

### Death Anniversary

### For the Souls of

Domenico Sergi, Armando  
Salvagno, Pasquale, Bruno &  
Rosa Ianni, Giobata Vigolo,  
Pietro Vigolo, Maria Vigolo,  
Luigia Pretto, and all  
forgotten Souls and Holy  
Souls in Purgatory

### Special Intentions

Maria de Silva  
Rian Galliot