



## 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

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### Hall enquiries:

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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

**The Parish Morning Tea** is on again after  
the 10am Mass this weekend. All are  
welcome

### 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: Apr 14, May 12, Jun 16,  
Jul 14, Aug 4, Sep 16, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec  
15.**

**Project Compassion:** envelopes are at the  
back of the Church for all who are interested  
in participating in this great cause.

### Adoration with Bishop Richard Umbers:

Monthly adoration with Bishop Richard. On  
the following Fridays at 7pm: April 6th, May  
11th, June 8th, July 13th, August 10th,  
September 14th, October 26th and November  
16th. All are welcome.

**Choir Practice** will be on Mondays at **7pm  
in the Church.**

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

**The Good Friday Holy Land Collection**  
envelopes will be out on Good Friday. This  
collection goes toward supporting Christians  
in the Holy Land.



**The new parish website** is up and running.  
Feel free to pay us a visit at  
<http://www.dulwichhillparish.org.au/>

**There will be a second rite of Reconciliation**  
on Wednesday the 28th of March (this coming  
week) at 7pm. Inserted into the bulletin is a  
guide to confession and an examination of  
conscience. Please have a read through in  
preparation for your next confession.

### EVENTS of the WEEK (26 – 31 Mar, 2018):

**Thur, 29th:** Holy Thursday

**Fri, 30th:** Good Friday

**Sat, 31st:** Holy Saturday

## Good Friday

O Jesus, Who by reason of Thy burning love for us  
hast willed to be crucified  
and to shed Thy Most Precious Blood  
for the redemption and salvation of our souls,  
look down upon us here gathered together  
in remembrance of Thy most sorrowful Passion and  
Death,  
fully trusting in Thy mercy;  
cleanse us from sin by Thy grace,  
sanctify our toil,  
give unto us and unto all those who are dear to us our  
daily bread,  
sweeten our sufferings,  
bless our families,  
and to the nations so sorely  
afflicted,  
grant Thy peace,  
which is the only true  
peace,  
so that by obeying Thy  
commandments  
we may come at last to  
the glory of heaven.

Amen.



## By This Shall All Know

A reflection on Mk 11:1-10, Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

Doesn't it seem so strange that on Palm Sunday, the day that we celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, we read about his Crucifixion? The link and juxtaposition of the two events illustrate the unity of praise and sacrifice in the Kingship of Christ.

This week is the last week of Lent and we participate in the last days of Christ's life prior to his passion, death, resurrection, and ascension. In this week, His words and actions exemplify the kind of King that He is. The theme of humility then, which pervades the readings of the week are a notable component of His Kingship. Christ, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity is humble before His subjects.

It is in this week that we witness such powerful examples of God's humility in the Lord's time on earth. He rides triumphantly into Jerusalem not on a horse, but on a donkey. He does not multiply the bread, but transubstantiates it into Himself. He celebrates the meal that His church is to remember through all eternity, but not before he gets on His knees to wash the feet of His followers. He submits Himself to death on the Cross for all, but still reveals His capacity to love the individual as he promises St. Dismas that they will be in Heaven together. Here is a God who loved His creation so much that he joined them so that they might better understand Him and come to a better relationship with Him.

The unity of God and Man in Christ is a topic that has raised countless arguments and discussions over the course of history, especially when it comes to the events of this week. The complete otherness of God is completely entwined with the humanity of Jesus in a way that remains a mystery. He to whom all glory, praise and honour truly belongs, is also a human who loves, cares and suffers for us.

We have a God that is truly active in His love for us. He cannot act any other way because He IS love. It is this love that nourishes and encourages us, but it is also this love that allows us to make mistakes, to choose against Him. It is this love that gives us free will.

It is the use of that free will that led to the praise of Christ on Palm Sunday, and the abuse of that same free will that resulted in the crucifixion. Over the period of Lent, we have endeavoured to become more like Christ, growing in unity with Him as we joined our sacrifice to His. As we step into Holy week, we come into the apex of the Lenten season. We know the celebration and joy that is to come and the role that our current suffering plays in it.

We know this already. We are aware of the humility and sacrifice of Christ. At the very least, we are quite aware of the sacrifice(s) that we have undergone through Lent. Let us not then forget that this week is an invitation for us to reflect and re-examine our lives. Amidst the noise and distraction of our cell phones, computers, television shows, parties, and social events, do we find the time to really unpack the knowledge of God's coming into the world?

Christ's humanity surrendered itself to the Will of God, freely accepting what was to come. In this Holy Week let us hear that invitation and respond to it, reflecting the great humility of Christ to those around us so that we might also reflect the love of God to all who we encounter.

He doesn't expect us to perform miracles. No, but we can prepare ourselves and open ourselves to Him in such a way that He might perform miracles through us in the acts of charity that we perform for one another. Let us use our free will to show the world we are His followers in the love we bear for each other and those around us.

### PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 31 Mar- 1 April, 2018

<b>Acolyte:</b>	5:30pm	Phillip
	8am	Andre
	10:00am	Ricardo
<b>Readers:</b>	5:30pm	Special Roster
	8am	Joe & Kerin
	10am	Sr. Julianne
<b>Music:</b>	5:30pm	Volunteer
	8am	Volunteer
	10am	Volunteer
<b>Cleaning:</b>	Volunteer	
<b>Laundry:</b>	D. Cremona	
<b>Environment:</b>	Kathryn and volunteers	
<b>Counters:</b>	All counters for Easter	

## With St Paul of the Cross we pray ...

### For the sick

Jaye Phoenix Guia, Teresita  
Lasala, Luke, 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

Frances, Narelle Ravallion

### Death Anniversary

### For the Souls of

William, Mary and Gerard  
Allport, Luigina Fabro, Firori  
Fabro, Giovanni Fabro, Buna  
Rigona, and all forgotten  
Souls and Holy Souls in  
Purgatory

### Special Intentions

Children of Hoang family,  
especially for Vi; for their  
conversion and return to  
God,  
Maria de Silva, Rian Galliot

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