



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

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9558 3257

Mass Times

Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)

Sun: 8am & 10am

Mon: 8am

Tue - Fri: 9:00am

Sat: 9:30am

St. Paul's Primary

9558 5308

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

Sacramental Program

Congratulations to the 40 Candidates who has just celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation, may God Bless you all. Now is a great time to practice this beautiful Sacrament. Candidates who qualify for registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation, either in Year 6 or 11-12 years or older are encouraged to attend the information and enrollment evening 9th of May at 6pm. The programme runs from 13 May to 24 June. All information, forms and requirements are on our weebly site, <http://sacramentsatsaintpaul.weebly.com/> [confirmation](http://sacramentsatsaintpaul.weebly.com/confirmation).

First Holy Communion is celebrated in September with two Mass' with an information and enrollment night Wednesday 01 August, 6 pm. All details including downloadable forms and inquiries can be addressed via the Weebly site; <http://sacramentsatsaintpaul.weebly.com/first-holy-communion.html> or by emailing the sacramental coordinator, Kathryn at sacramentsspcdh@gmail.com
Thank you and God Bless.

On the Net: Don't forget that our Parish is on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/StPotC>) and has a new website (<http://www.dulwichhillparish.org.au/>) Please feel free to pay them a visit.

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.

EVENTS of the WEEK (9 – 15 April, 2018):

Mon, 9th: The Annunciation of the Lord Solemnity

Wed, 11th: St. Stanislaus, Bishop, Martyr

Fri, 13: St. Martin I, Pope, Martyr

The Annunciation of the Lord: The Angelus

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary;
R. *And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.*
Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and in the hour of our death. Amen.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:
R. *Be it done unto me according to Thy word.*

Hail Mary...

V. And the Word was made flesh:

R. *And dwelt among us.*

Hail Mary...

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. *That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.*

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord. R. Amen.



Those Who Have Not Seen

A reflection on Acts 4:32-35; 1 John 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

The meme “Pics or it didn’t happen” has been making its way around social media for the last year or so. The phenomenon of not only wanting visual proof, but becoming part of the excitement, humour, and camaraderie of the moment is not something that is exclusive to the meme generation. It is something that speaks to us on a personal basis as we strive to understand, or stake our role in the community around us. The popularity of memes has allowed a connection through the brief snippets of shared cultural themes or experiences, producing a style of humour that feeds off of the “in jokes” that a community shares via the vehicle of social media. When we know their references, we understand the humour, and feel validated in being part of a community of people that do too.

It is this popular contemporary pastime that might afford us an interesting view of St. Thomas and his role in today’s Gospel. As one of the Disciples, he must have had a deep level of trust and love for this group. The longing to believe what they had told him, to believe that he might be able to see and touch the risen Lord, might have been what compelled him to say what he did; he did not believe, but he desperately wanted to. Jesus responded to this when He said, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

Here lies the difference that is faith; the active living of one’s beliefs. It allows us to put into practice those things that we believe in, and challenge us to act, and react accordingly. It calls us to believe in the fantastic, and make certain leaps: like buying season tickets for your favourite team, even though you know they are not doing too well. In this instance, it was the leap of trusting in not only the words of his brother Disciples, but the words of Jesus, who had spoken of His resurrection.

Faith itself is not something alien to us. We practice ordinary faith every day through the trust we have in the workings of society. We have faith that the train we are getting on will stop where it is supposed to, we have faith that the meal we have ordered will be the meal that arrives, and we have faith that the business we work for has indeed put the number on our payslips into the bank, in our name. We don’t see that money, we believe it is there and we have faith that as we purchase items with our cards, the money will be there. This faith gives us piece of mind and as it is lived, it proves and strengthens the trust we have in the one it has been placed upon.

We who have not seen the works of Christ, who did not witness his life, death, resurrection or ascension are asked to have faith. Not in some ordinary, everyday thing or person, but in Christ. The same Christ who lived with the poor, downtrodden and outcast. The same Christ who healed the sick and fed the hungry. It is this Christ who calls us to not only believe in Him, but have faith in Him. This faith strengthens our bonds as a community that has been brought together by Christ Himself in the Eucharist.

When Thomas asked for proof of Christ’s resurrection, little did he know that centuries later his words would be echoed on digital media as a form of amusement and self-validation. Christ’s words to St. Thomas are no less valid in response, for He did not only speak of belief without proof, but also the fact that, there is happiness in faith. Happiness that does not require self-validation.

Christ understands our human nature, He knows that in every relationship one needs to see the other; that there is a need for presence. So even though we have not seen the Risen Christ in the form of man, we do see and receive Him in Scripture and the Eucharist. We Experience His journey through the eyes of the Apostles and then become one with Him, in order to be more like Him.

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

Youssef Azzi, Julia Azzi, Myrim Azzi, Raimondo & Rafaela Dolce, Marisa Rulli, all forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Maria de Silva, Rian Galliot

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PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 14 - 15 April, 2018

Acolyte:	5:30pm	Phillip
	8am	Andre
	10:00am	Ricardo
Readers:	5:30pm	S. Draysey & P. Allport
	8am	J. Peters & G. Turnbull
	10am	R. Sergi & M. Portell
Music:	5:30pm	Justine Sy
	8am	Beauti & Choir
	10am	Sri & Choir
Cleaning:	Georgette, Janette, Trudy, Lenor	
Laundry:	D. Cremona	
Environment:	Volunteers	
Counters:	Hyacinth, Nath, G. Chew	