



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

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Mass Times

Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)

Sun: 8am & 10am

Mon: 8 am

Tue - Fri: 9:00am

Sat: 9:30am

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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>.

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.

Choir Practice will be on Mondays at **7pm in the Church every fortnight (from the 23rd of April).**

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.

Give Six Things for Six Weeks

On behalf of the Jesuit Refugee Service, a huge “thank you” to everyone who donated so generously to this appeal during Lent. I had the privilege of visiting the Arrupe Place Community Centre in Parramatta to make a delivery, as I wanted to be able to inform you of the work that is being carried out at the Centre. Apart from the Food Bank, which provides grocery items free of charge to asylum seekers who receive little or no financial assistance, the centre conducts English

classes, homework help, children's activities, computer classes, a monthly men's group and a weekly cooking circle.
It was a delight to visit such a happy welcoming place.

EVENTS of the WEEK (16 – 22 April, 2018):
Sat, 21st: St. Anselm
Bishop & Doctor

St. Anselm

O my God teach my heart where and how to seek you,
where and how to find you...

You are my God and you are my All and I have never seen you.
You have made me and remade me,
You have bestowed on me all the good things I possess,
Still I do not know you...

I have not yet done that for which I was made....

Teach me to seek you...

I cannot seek you unless
you teach me
or find you unless you
show yourself to me.
Let me seek you in my
desire, let me desire you
in my seeking.
Let me find you by lov-
ing you, let me love you
when I find you.
Amen



The Human Face of God

A reflection on Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; 1Jn 2:1-5; Lk 24:35-48

“Have you anything to eat?” Christ asks His disciples such an ordinary, every-day question. It seems a contrast to the grand call to conversion and repentance by St. Paul, or the illustration of Christ's Authority and call to faithfulness in the Gospel today. Jesus, the Man who is Christ asks his Disciples for food, straight after showing them His wounds.

Christ reveals His resurrection and places emphasis on that reality in his request of a very basic human need. He isn't some spirit who is intangible, nor some alien being who is un-relatable, but a fellow human. 100 percent Man, and 100 percent God. As Pope St. John Paul II stated, “Jesus is the human face of God and the Divine face of man.”

The study of Christ, known as Christology is a long and deep conversation concerning the relationship between His Humanity and His divinity, but in the end we admit that it remains a mystery. There are certainly things we can know about Him because He took on Humanity, however, because He is God, Christ also remains completely “other”. Yet, after re-assuring the Disciples, He chooses to ask for food, and when He saw them fishing, He called to invite them to breakfast with Him.

Being both God and Man did not diminish Jesus' humanity. In fact it required the participation of His full humanity. You see, the fall of mankind happened when we sinned against God. Now, the gravity or weight of a sin is dependent not only on the act, but on the one you have sinned against. For example, if you slap your sibling, it is bad enough, but it is not as bad as if you had slapped the queen, or the Pope. In the sin committed, mankind sinned against God, who is both infinite and eternal.

So what does this mean? It means that humanity had a debt to pay that it could not afford. No matter how many sacrifices it made, it would never have been enough, because the only being who could afford to pay it was the one who was wronged. Christ then, fulfilled this necessity. For it had to be a human, who willingly consented to make the sacrifice, while God would pay the debt.

“Why did God not just forgive the sin outright?” you may ask, but it was not God who had sinned, it was not God who had turned away from the relationship, and as with every relationship, it required the one who had committed the wrongdoing to turn around and make amends. Even here, He did more than meet us halfway.

It is so easy to lose sight of Jesus' humanity among the accounts of His deeds and teachings. It is so easy to forget about the time before His public ministry, where He worked as a carpenter and supported His mother after St. Joseph had passed away. To imagine Mary and Joseph teaching their child as He grew; as St. Luke's Gospel stated, “then he went down to Nazareth with them and was obedient to them. But his mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man.” (Luke 2:51-52)

Jesus reminds us constantly of His humanity. The fear, pain and anguish that He felt during the events of Holy week were very real. In His suffering at the hands of other human beings, God never took away their free will or forced them to act otherwise. As with Christ's ministry, it was and is very much a case of “here is the truth, it is up to you to accept it.”

That's the crux of this reflection; Christ as both God and Man, has paid for the price of our salvation. It does call for a conversion and repentance of our hearts, and it does call for our trust and faithfulness in God and Christ's authority, but in the end it is about our choice on whether or not we accept. Do we accept a relationship with this man, standing before us and inviting us to a meal?

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

Ethel Savet

Death Anniversary

Domenico Sergi, Elena Tan, Leslie Fraser

For the Souls of

Giuseppe Puggioni, Sime Maricic, all forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Maria de Silva, Rian Galliot

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