



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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9.30am - 2pm

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Mass Times

Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)

Sun: 8am & 10am

Mon: 8am

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

Today is the World Day of Vocations.

Pope Francis tells us: *"We will never discover the special, personal calling that God has in mind for us if we remain enclosed in ourselves, in our usual way of doing things... We could lose the chance to dream big and to play our part in the unique and original story that God wants to write with us."*

God calls young people from our local communities to serve as priests and consecrated religious. We all have a role to play in helping young people to 'dream big' and hear this call. What can I do to foster vocations from this community?

Sacramental Program

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 enrolment 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>.

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

Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Appeal 5th-6th May 2018

The next CWF appeal will take place on the weekend of the 5th –6th May 2018 our parish will be asking for your support for this appeal. The CWF provides social, training and advocacy programs throughout the Sydney Archdiocese communities. Your generous donation would be of great benefit and much appreciated. Thank you in advance. These donations are 100% tax deductible from CWF.

Join Pope Francis in Panama for the 34th World Youth Day in January 2019

If interested please visit the link: -

www.sydneycatholicyouth.org.wy

Novena & Fiesta

you are all invited to join in the **novena on 27 Apr (Fri) - 5 May (Sat)** every night at **7pm** in the lead to **fiesta on 6 May (Sun) 11:30am**



EVENTS of the WEEK (23—29 April, 2018):

Mon 23/4 St George & St Adalbert

Wed 25/4 Anzac Day

Thu 26/4 St Mark, Evangelist

Fri 27/4 St Louis de Montfort

Sat 28/4 St Peter Chanel

NOVENA PRAYER TO ST MARK THE EVANGELIST

O glorious St Mark, through the grace of God our Father, you became a great Evangelist, preaching the Good News of Christ. Obtain for me I pray you, lively faith, firm hope and burning love; patience in adversity, humility in prosperity, recollection in prayer, purity of heart, a right Intention in all my works, diligence in fulfilling the duties of my state of life, constancy in my resolutions, resignation to the will of God and perseverance in the grace of God even unto death, and, by your intercession and your glorious merits I entrust to you this special favour I now ask (mention your request). I ask this through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with God the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.



PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 28 –29 April, 2018

Acolyte:	5:30pm	Philip
	8am	Ricardo
	10:00am	Andre
Readers:	5:30pm	J. Sullivan, J. Murphy
	8am	P. Tan, N. Dudley
	10am	R. Rita, T. Lasala
Music:	5:30pm	Volunteers
	8am	Volunteers
	10am	Volunteers
Cleaning:	Volunteers	
Laundry:	D. Cremona	
Environment:	Margaret	
Counters:	C.Corporus, J. Luximon	

FR JOHN'S VOCATION STORY 2018

In 2013, to mark my third priestly ordination anniversary, I set off for pilgrimage walk from the French Pyrenees to Santiago de Compostela, Spain (approximately 860 km), where St James the apostle's body rests. I had thoughts of satisfaction in my ministry and desired that the Lord would take me from this world as I recollected Jesus' ministry lasting three years and accomplished when He was 33 years of age. I was 33 and served 3 years, so I was ready to die. But as the Lord permitted in His Holy Will, two months shy eight years, I still live and serve as a priest. The pilgrimage was a moment of gratitude, prayer, praise and reflection on the mystery of the priesthood. People of all ages asked why I became a priest. It is the recurrent question I get when I encounter new people. What is my vocation story? What motivated and continues to motivate me? What sacrifices and challenges are there to endure? Any regrets?

The words of John 15:16, "you did not choose me, no, I chose you and commissioned you to go out and bear fruit that will last", resonate with my vocation story. As the only boy in a family of four, with three sisters, our culture expected that I had a duty to carry on the family name. With Mathematics and Science as my best subjects in school, my parents and teachers constantly affirmed how well I would do as a doctor or an engineer. Given these factors, my future seemed clear – a doctor or engineer married to a beautiful wife and a father to six beautiful children. Yes, I was confident a gal would be blessed to mother our children but less did I know that God had different plans for me.

At the age of ten, when I heard my first holy communion, my faith responses were different from before. I felt I was more in love with the Lord and desired to know more. I loved Jesus and wanted to receive Him all the days of my life. I recollected that there would be no greater assurance to receive Him than if I could be able to celebrate holy mass. It is then, at ten, that I told my parents that I wanted to be a priest. A shock my parents weren't prepared to receive. Mum, choosing to take no risk on her only son, greatly objected whereas dad reluctantly listened. He was convinced I would grow out of the thought as a teenager. I could not join the junior seminary because of mum. However, God's plans always work out in His time. Three years later, mum came back home early with the intention of sending me to see the parish priest as the seminary interviews were the following day. As a matter of fact, at 13yrs, I was no longer interested in priesthood. Dad's theory was valid. For the first time I saw and appreciated the beauty of the girls around me. This raised a conflict in my heart between the love of God's service and a life I could have. I chose to say yes to the priesthood. It is then that dad truly realised the risk and greatly opposed the process. The parish priest, however, reminded my parents that their duty was to support me to encounter God in the most fulfilling way I could possibly take. They consented and let me join the minor seminary, a journey that lasted 15 years.

My journey as a priest over the past 7yrs 10mths has been a grace-filled one with no regrets. What motivated me at the start of my journey still drives me today: **that the people of God may see and taste the beauty of God as He has blessed me to encounter.** I have encountered people from all walks of life in different situations. In their highs and lows, joys and sorrows, births and bereavements, achievements and crises with only one desire of mediating the beauty, light, love and mercy of God. Yet as human, we fail and can hurt some along the way. St Paul reminds us that we hold this treasure in earthenware jars to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us (2Cor 4:7). On behalf of my brother priests and deacons, we thank you for your constant spiritual support in prayer, emotional support in words of encouragement, and any material support. So please, I ask of you to continue praying for me. Pray for the priests that we may be holy and effective ministers of God's mysteries and graces. Amen

+JMJ+ Fr John Ssemaganda

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

Antonio de Santana

Salvatore, Franco, Antonina, Stella Romeo

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

Special Intentions

Maria de Silva, Rian Galliot

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