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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Bishop Richard Umbers DD VG
Fr. John Ssemaganda (Administrator), Deacon Rev Louis Azzopardi

Parish Office
Maria - Mondays
Cecilia -Tuesday-Friday
9.30am - 2:30pm
If unattended, contact : -
Fr. John 0404 639 925

Parish & 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 giovedi alle ore 10 nella salla 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
Any time on call

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

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.

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

If interested please visit the link: - www.sydneycatholicyouth.org.wyd

The Bishop's Blend: Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Tuesday, 22nd May 2018 at 7:00am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop's Blend, a quarterly breakfast series for young professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to https://bishopsblendfourthedition.eventbrite.com or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

Men's Breakfast, Parish Hall, **Saturday 19th May 8:00 - 9:30 am**. Speaker: Dr Michael Tan who will speak about his conversion journey from Buddhism. Details on the noticeboard or speak to Deacon Louis.

Representatives from The Culture Project, a new missionary organisation of young people who believe in restoring our society to one where every human being is treated with the love and dignity they deserve, will be speaking after all Masses on the weekend of the **26th-27th May.**
www.thecultureproject.com.au

The Passionist Family Group Movement invites you to hear Bishop Vincent Long speaking about "the New Dawn of the Church" at 'Winbourne', Edmund Rice Retreat & Conference Centre, 1315 Mulgoa Road, Mulgoa 11.00am-1.00pm Sat16/6/18. Entry by donation. Registration 10.00am. Contact: Dennis Farrar 0425209840.

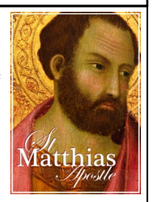
St Vincent De Paul Conference - April 2018

Anonymous Donation $200, Poor Boxes $345.05, Food Vouchers $550, Movie Vouchers $150, Furniture, 7 Home Visits.
Fortnightly meeting every other Tuesday 7:00pm

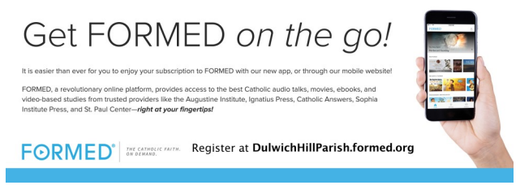
May Month of Mary home rosary visitations with Fr John: I would like to join you to pray together the holy rosary as family. An A3 sheet is available on the noticeboard to book in day and time that best suits or call me on 0404639925.
'The rosary is a school of prayer. The rosary is a school of faith.' Pope Francis

SAINTS of the WEEK (14 - 20 May, 2018):
Mon 14/5 St Matthias, apostle

Prayer to Saint Matthias



O Glorious St. Matthias, in God's design it fell upon you to take the place of the unfortunate Judas who betrayed his Master. You were selected by the twofold sign of the uprightness of your life and the call of the Holy Spirit. Obtain for us the grace to practice the same uprightness of life and to be called by that same Spirit to wholehearted service of the Church. Then after a life of zeal and good works let us be ushered into your company in heaven to sing forever the praises of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.



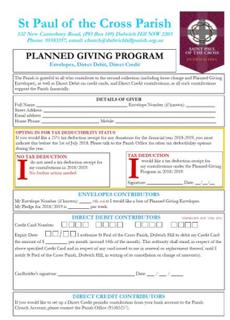
Dates to remember
19th May (Saturday) Men's fellowship
19th May (Saturday) International foods night
20th May (Sunday) Holy Spirit in music & readings
24th June (Sunday) Confirmation at St Paul's

Planned Giving Program with 25% tax deduction

Our parish has been enrolled in a 25% tax deduction that opens up another opportunity to have tax returns on offerings to the weekly envelopes in the second collection. Please consider the form and return it to the parish office.

Have you ever considered becoming a regular pledge donor? You can indicate on the form to join the envelop or direct debit program.

We are indebted to your generous support towards the parish. Your dedication helps to keep the church running, paying the bills and wages, and meeting the demands of ministry. May the good Lord of all creation and God of bounty supply for all your needs in reward for your sacrifices.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PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM
Envelopes, Direct Debit, Direct Credit
The Parish is grateful to all who contribute to the second collection (including loose change and Planned Giving Envelopes), as well as Direct Debit via credit cards, and Direct Credit transferences, to all such contributions support the Parish financially.
DETAILS OF GIVER
Full Name: _____ Envelope Number (if known): _____
Address: _____
Email address: _____
Home Phone: _____ Mobile: _____
OPTING IN FOR TAX DEDUCTIBILITY STATUS
If you would like to opt in for tax deductibility of your donations for the financial year 2018-2019, you must indicate this before the 1st of July 2018. Please talk to the Parish Office for other tax deductible options during the year.
I do not need a tax deduction, except for my contributions in 2018-2019. No further action needed.
I would like a tax deduction, except for my contributions in 2018-2019. The Planned Giving Program in 2018-2019 is:
Signature: _____ Date: __/__/__
ENVELOPES CONTRIBUTORS
My Envelope Number (if known) _____ (If not I would like a box of Planned Giving Envelopes.
My Pledge for 2018/2019 is _____ per week.
DIRECT DEBIT CONTRIBUTORS
Credit Card Number: _____ (American Express not accepted)
Expiry Date: __/__/__ I authorise St Paul of the Cross Parish, Dulwich Hill to debit my Credit Card for the amount of $_____ per month /annual /4th of the month). This authority shall stand, in respect of the above specified Credit Card and in respect of any card issued to me as renewal, in replacement thereof, until I notify St Paul of the Cross Parish, Dulwich Hill, in writing of its cancellation or change of amount(s).
Cardholder's signature: _____ Date: __/__/____
DIRECT CREDIT CONTRIBUTORS
If you would like to set up a Direct Credit periodic contribution from your bank account to the Parish Church Account, please contact the Parish Office (9558 3257).
Please return this form to the parish office in person, post or email

"**A mother helps her children to grow and wants them to grow well**; for this she educates them not to fall into laziness – which derives from a certain well-being – not to settle into a comfortable life that contents itself only with having things. The mother cares for the children so that they grow more, they grow strong, able to take responsibility, to commit themselves in life, to pursue grand ideals. In the Gospel St. Luke tells us that, in the family of Nazareth, Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him" (Luke 2:40). Our Lady does the same thing in us, she helps us to grow as human beings and in the faith, to be strong and not to give in to the temptation to be human and Christian in a superficial way, but to live with responsibility, to aim ever higher.

A mother also thinks of her children's health when she educates them to face the problem of life. She does not educate them, she does not care for their health by allowing them to avoid problems, as life were a highway without obstacles. The mother helps her children to look upon life's problems with realism and to not get lost in them, but to face them with courage, not to be weak, and to know how to overcome them with a sane balance that a mother "senses" between areas of safety and those of risk. And a mother knows how to do this! She does not always let her child take the easy, safe way because in this way the child cannot grow, but neither does she leave the child on the road of risk since it is dangerous. A mother knows how to balance things. A life without challenges does not exist, and a boy or girl who does not know how to deal with them is a boy or girl without a spine! Let us recall the parable of the good Samaritan. Jesus does not recommend the conduct of the priest or the Levite, who avoid helping the man who ran into robbers. He points to the Samaritan, who saw the man's situation and deals with it in a concrete way and takes risks. Mary experienced many difficult moments in her life, from the birth of Jesus when there was "no room for them in the inn" (Luke 2:7), to Calvary (cf. 19:25). And like a good mother she is close to us so that we never lose courage in facing the adversity of life, in facing our weakness, our sins: she gives us strength, she indicates the path of her Son. From the cross Jesus says to Mary, referring to John: "Woman behold your son!" (Cf. John 19:26-27). That disciple represents all of us: the Lord entrusts us to the Mother's hands, full of love and tenderness, so that we feel her support in dealing with and overcoming the problems along our human and Christian journey. Do not be afraid of difficulties, face them with the help of the mother.

A final aspect: a good mother does not only accompany her children as they grow, not avoiding the problems, the challenges of life; a good mother also helps us to make definitive decisions freely. This is not easy but a mother knows how to do it. But what is freedom? It is certainly not doing whatever you want, letting yourself be dominated by your passions, passing from one experience to the next without discernment, following the fashions of the time; freedom does not mean, so to speak, throwing everything you do not like out the window. No, that is not freedom! Freedom is given to us so that we know how to make good choices in life! Mary, like a good mother, teaches us to be, like her, capable of making definitive decisions, definitive decisions in this moment in which their reigns, so to say, the philosophy of the provisional. It is so difficult to commit oneself definitively in life. And she helps us to make definitive decisions with that complete freedom with which she answered "yes" to God's plan for her life (cf. Luke 1:38).

Dear brothers and sisters, how hard it is in our time to make definitive decisions. The provisional seduces us. We are the victims of a tendency that drives us toward the temporary… as if we wished to remain adolescents. It is rather fashionable now to remain an adolescent, and to stay this way all one's life! Let us not be afraid of definitive commitments, of commitments that involve and interest our whole life! In this way life will be fruitful! And this is freedom: to have the courage to make these decisions with greatness.
Mary's entire existence is a hymn to life, a hymn of love to life: she gave birth to Jesus in the flesh and was there at the birth of the Church on Calvary and in the upper room. The "Salus Populi Romani" is the mother who gives us health as we grow, she gives us the health to face and overcome problems, she gives us the health that makes us free for definitive decisions; the mother who teaches us to be fruitful, to be open to life and always to be fruitful in the good, fruitful in joy, fruitful in hope, never to lose hope, to give life to others, physical and spiritual life."

Pope Francis at the Basilica of St Mary Major

Pentecost 2018 at St Paul's
International foods night 19th May 6:30pm
Let us celebrate our diversity in culture and food. Please make a dish from your cultural background and bring it along to celebrate togetherness as a parish.

Celebration of the Holy Spirit in Music & Readings
In addition to the Parish Masses on Pentecost Sunday (20 May) in our church , at 7 pm there will be a service of sacred music and readings as a Celebration of the Holy Spirit. Bp Richard invites all parishioners to enrich their experience of Pentecost by taking part in this celebration. Refreshments will be available in the Hall after the service.

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 19 - 20 May 2018

Acolyte:	5:30pm	Philip
	8am	Andre
	10:00am	Ricardo
Readers:	5:30pm	J Sullivan, J Murphy
	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, Leonor
Laundry: D Cremona
Environment: Gilda
Counters: Hyacinth, Nath, Diane Luna

PRIMARY SCHOOL

Ph: 9558 5308
Fax: 9558 4909
Principal:
Ms Frances Stewart
REC: Ms Jo-Anne Ross
Family Educator:
Mrs Claudia Maroun

With St Paul of the Cross we pray …

For the sick
Jaye Phoenix Guia, Teresita Lasala, Luke, Victoria Pacheco, Cathy Consentino, Anne Keogh, Owen Gallagher, Josieann, Eileen Joyce, Lucia Nicotina, Anna Pezzuto, 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, Lucia Ferraro, Frank Di Napoli

Recently Deceased
Edward Joseph Unwin
Fr Jose Maria Enedaguila SJ
Ethel Savet
Grace Russo

Death Anniversary
Johanna Phelan
Antonina & Vincenzo Cavallaro
Alejandro (Alex) Javer

For the Souls of
Nadim Sara
Naim & Nadia El-Etar, Foula Moubarak, Rena Boutros, Salima Kazzy Giuseppe, Pino, Frezza Raimondo & Raffaela Dolce
All forgotten Souls and Holy Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions
Henry & Tina
Joseph Nguyen
Maria de Silva, Rian Galliott