



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

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I would have loved to be with you all for first holy communion but I am on the other side of the world. At least I hope to be able to say more than a few words of Italian upon my return. In the meantime we can look into what these children are going to now start taking part. A banquet. A banquet is a community of table companions, gathered, perhaps, for a special occasion or in honour of a person. The Eucharist is a sacred banquet, a communion between Christ with those who join with Him at the table of the altar. At this banquet the food eaten does not become part of the people who eat it, rather they are transformed by what they eat and so become other Christs.

From ancient biblical times the sacred union of a covenant was constituted by means of a sacrifice and/or a sacred banquet (e.g. Gen 24:30; 31:54; Ex 24:1-11). Jesus used these familiar methods at the Last Supper to establish God's New and Everlasting Covenant with us. As a "memorial," the Eucharist is no mere remembrance service of Christ's death at Calvary - a commemoration of some incredibly heroic deed at what is now but a place of bones. Instead, "the Eucharist is a sacrifice because it re-presents (makes present) the Sacrifice of the Cross" (CCC, no. 1366). The difference between the Sacrifice of Calvary and the Eucharist is not in the sacrifice that is offered, but in the manner of its offering. The Church holds that "the sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice" (CCC, no. 1367). Artists throughout history have tried to illustrate this culminating Paschal work of Jesus through architecture and paint in our churches.

In Sicily there is an incredibly rich and colourful Norman Cathedral at Monreale. The stunning artwork is a testament to belief in God's creation of all things and re-creation of human beings through grace. The dean of the Cathedral (of Monreale, not Sydney) pointed out to me a scene of the last supper that has Jesus dressed in the habit of an Egyptian monk ready to be of service. What is especially telling is what follows. The institution of the Eucharist on one side of the nave and the crucifixion on the other. Don Nicolo says that this is the service that God renders to human beings. Above the high altar there is a massive pantocrator from whom the light of creation comes forth that brings about and holds all beings in existence. Every celebration of the Eucharist is a cosmic act that takes place on the altar of the world. As the priest elevates the consecrated host, having already offered the gifts of bread and wine and his sacrifices and those of all the people, his eyes move past the saints and the angels of the Roman Canon, past Jesus creator, up to God the Father in unity of the Holy Spirit surrounded by the rainbow that had been established as a sign of the first cosmic covenant with Noah after the flood.

A banquet that is a sacrifice that is a covenant. Welcome, then, to all the children taking part in this cosmic act of praise. *Laudato si'*!

+Bishop Richard

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Principal:

Ms Frances Stewart

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Family Educator:

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With St Paul of the Cross we pray ...

For the sick

Margaret Stapleton

Agnes Aguilar

Lourdes Tee

Daniella Rizzo, Andy Kazzi,

Elmano Belo, Jaye Phoenix

Guia, Teresita Lasala, Luke,

Recently Deceased

Claude Viler

Carmen Capistrano

Fr Paul Ryan, Renzo

Death Anniversary

Nello Pillon

Marisa Rulli

Mona Edith Clague

Manuel Soares

Rosa Maria Pereira

For the Souls of

Nadim, Nazira, Micheal,

Hanna, Elias, Yousif,

Fr Anthony Sara

Antonino Travia

Antonino Trovato

Globata, Pietro, Maria

Vigolo

Suigia Pretto

All forgotten Souls and Holy

Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Caroline (40th Birthday)

The Children of Hoang

Family

Vi Le

Ian Pinto

Marie Claire Calvet

Maria de Silva, Rian Galliot

Parish Office

Maria - Mondays

Cecilia -Tuesday-Friday

9.30am - 2:30pm

If unattended, contact : -

Fr. John 0404 639 925

Parish & Hall enquiries

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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 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

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

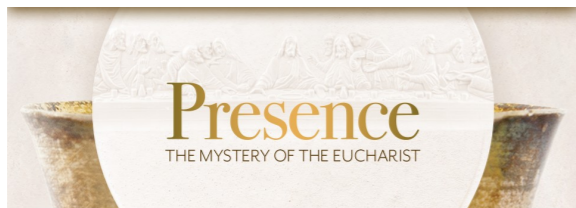
Wednesday 7pm

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Please pray for our First Holy Communion Candidates who will make their Sacrament this weekend.

Choir Practice will be on Mondays at 7pm in the Church every fortnight. Next choir practice will be on the 10th September 2018.

In case you know someone who is sick, please do not hesitate to let Fr John know.



Next Bible Study Course

Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist is a powerful 4-part series about Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. Starting on Wed 19 Sept 7:30-9:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Session 1 - God is with Us

Session 2 - The story of the Eucharist

Session 3 - Bread for the Journey

Session 4 - Biblical Foundations

T.S Eliot's MURDER IN THE CATHEDRAL:

Artes Christi presents T.S Eliot's play of St Thomas Becket directed by internationally acclaimed actor and writer Donald Macdonald. The play is being staged to coincide with the Canonisation of Archbishop Oscar Romero who was the first Archbishop since Becket to be martyred at the altar. The play is also supporting persecuted people today via *Aid to the Church in Need*. Shows: 27 Sep-14 Oct: Venue:1880 Hall, St Peter's Surry Hills, Group Tix from \$30.00, Long Weekend Discounts Tix \$25.00, BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL via www.theword.org.au or Ph ACN 1800 101 201.

Film Screening: "Forced To Marry"

The anti-slavery group at St Joseph's Enfield is showing a documentary film on forced marriages in the Parish Hall on the 22nd September at 7pm. All are welcome.

School Reunion - OLOL Primary School

Mothers of students from the 60's, 70's & 80's

Sat 13 Oct 2018 at 11.30am at the Lantern Club, 21 Roselands Ave, Roselands. Buffet lunch at \$55ph. Payment & RSVP must be received by 21 Sept. Please contact either Carole by email capearlwood@yahoo.com.au or phone Rosa on 0408 161 240

SAINTS of the WEEK (10 - 16 Sep 2018):

12th Sep The Most Holy Name of Mary
13th Sep St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor
14th Sep The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
15th Sep Our Lady of Sorrows

Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross September 14

WE ADORE YOU, O
CHRIST, AND WE
BLESS YOU,
BECAUSE BY YOUR
Holy Cross YOU
HAVE REDEEMED
THE WORLD



The Most Holy Name of Mary

September 12



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Dates to remember

9 Sep (Sun) Mass 1, 10am First Holy Communion
16 Sep (Sun) Mass 2, 10am First Holy Communion
14 Sep (Fri) 7:00pm Adoration

2019 Columban Art Calendar on Sale now \$10.00

World Youth Day Panama 2019 Subsidise (\$1,000) on Offer:

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney invites young adults to pre-register for the WYD 2019 Panama via Washington DC pilgrimage, which will be led by His Grace Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. For more information, you can contact me on abbel.gaspi@sydneycatholic.org

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER

15 - 16 September 2018

Acolyte:	5:30pm	Philip
	8:00am	Andre
	10:00am	Ricardo
Readers:	5:30pm	R Lazarus P Allport
	8:00am	J Peters N Dudley
	10am	R Rita T Lasala
Music:	5:30pm	Justine & Choir
	8:00am	Beauti & Choir
	10:00am	Sri & Choir
Cleaning:	Georgette, Janette, Trudy, Leonor	
Laundry:	Volunteer	
Environment:	Volunteer	
Counters:	Michael, Gabriel, Neil Dudley	