



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

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In a tomb inscription that dates back to the end of the second century, the author, recounting his life, alludes to participation in the Eucharist in figurative terms that are accessible only to Christians:

"Faith guided me everywhere. Everywhere it procured for me as food a freshwater fish, very large, very pure, and caught by an immaculate virgin. Time and again she would give it to her friends to eat; she has a delicious wine which she offers with the bread" (Enchiridion fontium his. eccl. antiquae, C. Kirch, p. 93)

The Greek for fish is ikhthys - and was used by early Christians as an acronym for Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour. Following Our Lord's command to "Do this in memory of me" at the Last Supper, the first Christians would commemorate the mystery of Christ's saving death and resurrection in the Eucharist. St Justin Martyr provides us with a second century witness to this practice:

"And on the day known as Sunday all of us, from the town and the country, gather together in one place to form an assembly at which the accounts of the apostles and writings of the prophets are read out in the time available; then, when the reader has ended, the presider gives a sermon, making recommendations to us and urging us to imitate these good things. Then we all rise and pray together. As we have already said, when our prayer is over, bread, wine and water are brought; the presider... raises prayers and thanksgiving and the people applaud by saying the 'Amen'. This is followed by the breaking and the distribution to each person of the bread and wine for which thanks have been given; and it is taken by the deacons to those who are not present" (Apologia I, 67, 3-5); PG 6, 439).

The celebration of the Eucharist involves the whole body of Christ, head and members. In challenging the *aquarii* who deviated from tradition by only using water instead of wine, St Cyprian spoke about our participation with Christ the true vine:

"In the consecration of the cup of the Lord plain water cannot be offered, just as wine alone cannot be offered", for "when water is mixed with the wine in the cup, the people gather round Christ, and the crowd of believers are combined and united with all who believe; if only wine is offered, the blood of Christ begins to be without us; then, if there is only water, the people begin to be without Christ" (Ep 63, 13; CSEL 3, II, 711).

Who do we say Christ is? He is much more than a prophet. He is the Son of the living God. He is God the Son. He is sacramentally present in the Eucharist in His body, blood, soul and divinity. And we enter into communion with Him through reception of this tremendous mystery at the sacrifice of the Mass.

+Bishop Richard

PRIMARY SCHOOL

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With St Paul of the Cross we pray ...

For the sick

Agnes Aguilar

Lourdes Tee

Daniella Rizzo, Andy Kazzi,

Elmano Belo, Jaye Phoenix

Guia, Teresita Lasala, Luke,

Recently Deceased

Juliette Azzopardi

Margaret Stapleton

Thomas Phelan

Maurice Simon

Linda Sawan

Graham

Death Anniversary

Antonia Devito

Veronica Ciliberto

For the Souls of

Vincenzo & Giovani

Stillittano

Domenica Puliese

Gaetano & Francesco

Bernardi

All forgotten Souls and Holy

Souls in Purgatory

Special Intentions

Sara Grace Rita 1st Birthday

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

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 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

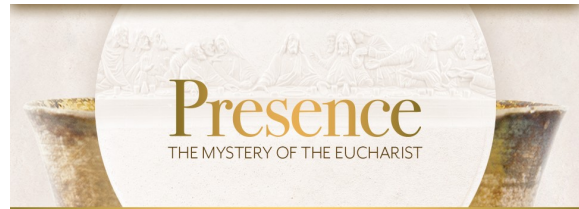
Perpetual Help

Wednesday 7pm

Choir Practice

will be on Mondays at 7pm in the Church every fortnight. Next choir practice will be on the 24th 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

St Paul of the Cross Parish Feast Day

Family Day Parish Barbecue on 14th October

Sunday after the 10:00am Mass

We need volunteers to help with the set up and the running of the day. We would also like to invite parishioners to provide for barbecue grill, sausages, sauce, drinks, and jumping castle for the children.



Those who are willing to help, please contact the Parish Office 9558 3257.

Sydney Archdiocese Parish 2020

Music Masterclass How To Run A Great Catholic

Youth Mass Sunday 7 October 2018 1:30PM to

6:00PM Parish of Our Lady of the Way, North

Sydney

Calling all youth, musicians, parishioners and priests.

Register Online parish2020.com/register

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 (17 - 23 Sep 2018):

17th Sep St Robert Bellarmine, bishop, doctor

19th Sep St Januarius, bishop, martyr

20th Sep Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs

21st Sep St Matthew, apostle, evangelist

Saint Matthew

A tax collector at Capernaum, Matthew left his post to follow our Lord. Tradition holds Matthew as the author of the first Gospel.



Prayer

We thank you, Saint Matthew, apostle and evangelist, for your witness to the Gospel of our Saviour, Jesus Christ, and we pray that, after your example, we may with ready wills and hearts obey the calling of our Lord to follow him.

Lord hear us, Lord graciously hear us.

Vocations Camp for Men 19-21 October 2018

Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale

Mass - Prayer - Talks - Good Food - Bush Walks -

Archery - Sports

Cost: \$75 RSVP: Fri 28 September 2018

Info & Registration: vocationcentre.org.au

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The Funeral of **Margaret Stapleton** will be on Thursday 20th September at Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel Rookwood at 11:00am. Margaret was a Minister of Communion and active in the life of our parish for many years.

Juliette Azzopardi, mother of Deacon Louis, died peacefully on Thursday this week at the age of 92. Her funeral will be at Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Vine Street, Fairfield on Wednesday 19th September at 11:00am.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER

22 - 23 September 2018

Acolyte:	5:30pm	Ricardo
	8:00am	Andre
	10:00am	Philip
Readers:	5:30pm	S Draysey P Allport
	8:00am	A Di Donato K Wanstall
	10am	A Rainima L Beltran
Music:	5:30pm	Beauti & Choir
	8:00am	Sri & Choir
	10:00am	Beauti & Choir
Cleaning:	Joseph & Chinne Duru	
Laundry:	Volunteer	
Environment:	Volunteer	
Counters:	Cris Corpus, P Tan	