



## Not from the Pulpit: Fr Andrew Bullen SJ



Remembrance Day, again, this weekend. We are a year away from the centenary of the end of World War One; on 11/11/1918 at 11.00am the guns fell silent, and the War to End All Wars was over.

This weekend we recall 1917: the year the US, provoked by the German High Command's decision to conduct unrestricted submarine warfare, entered the War and with the great strength this brought to the Allies did so much to determine its end.

1917: the year the Russian revolution took Russia out of the war and into a future worse than anybody guessed. On the Western Front the British launched in the northern autumn the Third Battle of Ypres, also

known as the Battle of Passchendaele, with all five Australian infantry divisions involved; the death toll was appalling. On October 31 the famous cavalry charge by Australian troops at Beersheba opened the way to Damascus and the defeat of the Ottoman Empire.

1917: Another terrible year for humanity, caught for another year in the Vale of Tears, in the place of Passion. We remember.

## Parish Notices



### Spring wine offer

The Jesuit Refugee Service will benefit through a pre-Christmas wine offer from the Sevenhill Cellars in the Clare Valley. The offer provides the perfect opportunity to enjoy a considerable saving on wines for the festive season while supporting the valuable work of the Jesuit Refugee Service. For every six-pack sold, Sevenhill will donate \$10 to the Parish's fundraising for the Jesuit Refugee Service.

The five wines available during November in the North Sydney Parish are:

- 2017 Inigo Riesling
- 2017 St Francis Xavier Single-Vineyard Riesling
- 2015 Inigo Shiraz
- 2014 St Ignatius (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Malbec and Cabernet Franc)
- 2012 Brother John May Reserve Release Shiraz

Order forms are available at the back of all churches and wine will be delivered to your nominated address with free freight. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy premium wines from Sevenhill and support the Jesuit Refugee Service through the North Sydney Parish.



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### Emerton/ JSS Christmas Appeal

This Christmas we are looking to support Jesuit Social Services in the Emerton and Wilmott area through a toy appeal. We welcome gifts of unwrapped toys for children of various ages (as below) which can be left in the sacristies or under the steps in the Ron Dyer Centre. Toys should be new and gifts of food non-perishable.

- Toys & games - Babies through to 17 yrs
- Christmas party food: Cakes, sweets and biscuits
- Cash donation will also be most welcome. For cash donations please use the appeal envelopes located at the back of all churches. All Donations are 100% tax deductible. Please include your name and address. Thank you from the JSS team.



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### Ethica Accessories - Invitation to High tea "Women at the heart"

Thurs 23 Nov @ 11.00am, Isabel Menton Theatre, North Sydney

Guest Speaker: Liz Davenport OAM. Topic: The power of women and creating meaningful change.

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/312048>

## Christmas Breakfast @ RDC

Sat 25 Nov, after 8am Mass, St Mary's – All Welcome



### St Aloysius' College Community Mass

Sun 26 Nov @ 6.00pm, St Mary's



### LAST OMG FOR 2017! - FOR YEARS 5 & 6 ONLY

Friday 24 Nov @ 6pm-8pm, Ron Dyer Centre

Join us for fun outdoor games and pizza dinner.

Hosted by students from St Aloysius, Loreto and Inigo Youth.

Bring \$5 and a water bottle. Book your spot here: <https://www.trybooking.com/SYQW>



### Charity Concert for Mary's House

On Saturday 28th October at the North Sydney Demonstration School Hall, some of St Mary's Primary School P & F Choir had the pleasure of joining forces with Unaccompanied Baggage (a local acapella choir), a musical trio and a second acapella choir to provide an evening of mixed musical entertainment. These four talented groups came together to raise funds for Mary's House, a charity supported by St Mary's Parish. A very generous audience enjoyed an evening of singing and music and accompanied by a raffle and continuous supper, raised an amount of \$2,000 for Mary's House.

### 2018 CLC National Gathering

18 – 21 Jan, Adelaide, SA - Registrations close 30 Nov

Register at: [http://www.clcaustralia.org.au/downloads/CLC\\_Gathering\\_2018](http://www.clcaustralia.org.au/downloads/CLC_Gathering_2018)

### A Story of Pilgrimage & Friendship

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Dec @ 7.30pm, St Michael's Lane Cove (Dorritt Street Hall)

Authors Ailsa Piper and Fr Tony Doherty will be in conversation about their two recently published books: *Sinning Across Spain* and *The Attachment*. The correspondence was triggered by Ailsa's epic journey, but touches on many contemporary issues: belief, personal story, family history, loss, faith – and quite powerfully, on the nature of their unusual friendship.

### Host families wanted for Youth attending ACYF from inter-state.

Wed 6 Dec – Sat 9 Dec

Please contact Michael at [michaelp@northsydney Catholics.com](mailto:michaelp@northsydney Catholics.com)



### Tidings of Comfort and Joy

Wed 13 Dec @ 8.00pm, St Mary's North Sydney

Join the Parish for Reflections on Advent, accompanied by Chamber Choir and Orchestra. This is a not-to-be missed event. No bookings required.



### St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Cards and the Columban Calendar

On sale from this weekend at all parish weekend Masses. Pack of 10 cards \$6.00, Calendar \$10.00.

### Catechists needed to teach children from Kinder – Year 10

Are you able to give 30 to 40 minutes a week? No teaching experience is necessary full training will be provided. For each year level the lessons are provided within the Curriculum. If you can help please contact the parish office: 8918 4101.

#### Sunday's Readings

##### First Reading

Mal 1:14 – 2:2, 8-10

[One God created us all, is Father to us all.](#)

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 130](#)

##### Second Reading

[1 Thes 2:7-9, 13](#)

Paul thanks God that their preaching was well received.

##### Gospel Acclamation

[Mt 23:9, 10](#)

##### Gospel

[Mt 23:1-12](#)

Those who humble themselves shall be exalted. David Jenkins, Francis Victor Quarrell

#### In Our Prayers

##### Baptisms

Lucas Sheehy, Zoe Sheehy, Reuben Bennett, Jayden Neville, Cameron Neville, Clara Neville, Dylan Neville

##### Weddings

Shawn Francis & Bianca Rodrigues

##### Sick

Ron Whitmore, Sr Natalina Todeschini, Brian McClosky,

Craig Chase, Rosa Maria Santos, Vedran Simunovic, Rosa Pessaro, Bruce Horsfield,

Veronica Johnson, Tony Breslin, Gavin O'Connor, Barry Collis, Fr Tony Smith SJ, Joseph Meagher

John Fitzgerald, Margaret Mary Collis, Sandra Tsui, Neave Mackey (17 yrs), Mee-Na Cheok

##### Recently Deceased

Werner Kenner, Dr Gavine Cooper, Joe Magno

##### Anniversaries

++ Your prayers for Rosa Passaro provided much comfort. After 18 months hospitalisation Rosa, a quadruple amputee, is now living a relatively independent life. Thank you so much.++