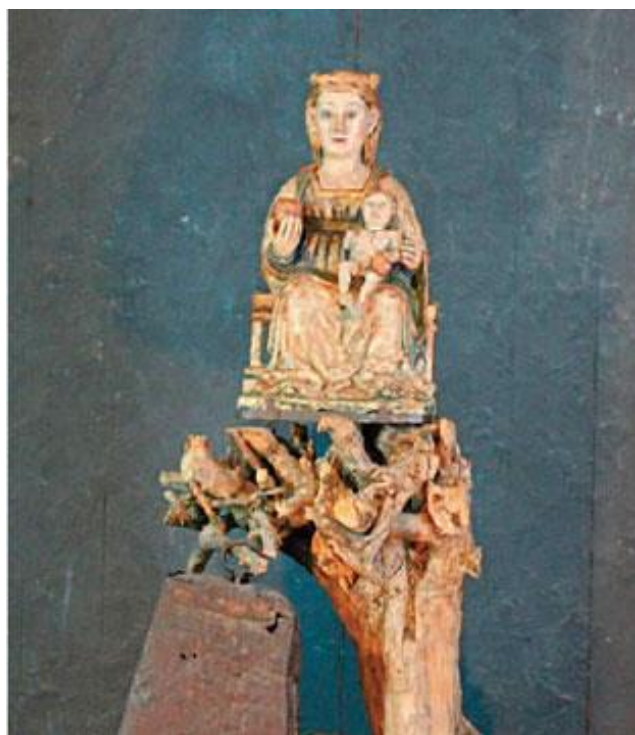




Not from the Pulpit: Fr Andrew Bullen SJ

Although Ignatius-tide lies over two months away, maybe we can step towards it on Mother's Day with a quick visit to the shrine of Our Lady at Aránzazu, close to Loyola and visited by Ignatius as he was setting out on his pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The shrine and its simple statue of Our Lady of the Thorn Bush are still there. Anyway, here is a version of what Ignatius might have said to her.



ARÁNZAZU

Lady of the thorn bush
keep me safe from myself.

The sky is your colour:
shelter me.

For you and your child
I will travel the world.

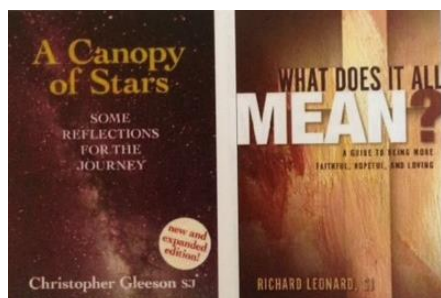
Your presence
will be my pilgrim's staff.

Mother and nurse to me,
be my lady
of the way
from sweet Aránzazu

to wherever I find
Jerusalem.

Andrew Bullen SJ

Parish Notices



Book Launch

Tues 16 May @ 6.00pm for 6.30pm start, Ron Dyer Centre

You are warmly invited to attend the launch of two new books by Chris Gleeson SJ and Richard Leonard SJ. The books will be launched by Fr Tony Doherty, former Dean of St Mary's Cathedral, Parish Priest of Rose bay, and author with Ailsa Piper of the recent book "The Attachment".

RSVP to Judy Tusino 8918 4147 | judyt@northsydney Catholics.com

Flores De Mayo (Flowers of May)

Sun 21 May @ 11.00am Mass, St Mary's Church, North Sydney



Next Sunday at the 11am Mass, the Filipino community of Our Lady of the Way and the Lower North Shore, will gather once again to celebrate Flores de Mayo this is celebrated throughout the Philippines and is in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary Help of Christians whose Feast Day is 24 May.

Parishioners are invited to participate in this celebration. Please bring flowers from your garden to offer to the statue of Mary. The main celebrant is, The Papal Nuncio, Adolfo Tito Yllana. The Filipino Choir will be singing at the Mass. Following the Mass, all are welcome to share some Filipino cuisine at the Ron Dyer Centre.

More Details: chonawalden@gmail.com

Jesuit Mission Annual Parish Appeal



Daw Yin New lives in Thingangyun slum in Yangon, Myanmar. Over 200,000 people live here, crowded into small, run-down thatched huts lining insanitary, muddy lanes. Footpaths and waterways are strewn with waste, and the area is vulnerable to flooding. Many families here face discrimination due to their tribal or ethnic background. Without ID papers many can't secure jobs, or send their children to school.

Myanmar's Jesuit Mission is the only major organisation supporting the most marginalised families in this slum area. With support from our Australian community, the Jesuits support the poorest families with new shelters and microloans for starting small businesses.

Daw Yin New has a new wooden house, with an iron roof: the rain no longer comes in.

Though Daw Yin New can't afford to send her children to school, doing so is her deepest desire. Education, she believes, is the way out of poverty. She is learning about the microloan program, hoping to purchase a boat and net. With these, she hopes to increase her income by retrieving more objects from the waterways to clean and sell. The Jesuits have also established an evening study centre in the slum providing a safe and well-lit place for students to study and complete homework, and they also run an English language program, building skills and infusing confidence in Thingangyun's youth. With the accompaniment of the Jesuits in Myanmar, Daw Yin New believes that her children will have a better future.



Please support Jesuit Mission's Parish Appeal, and help families, in Myanmar and over 10 other countries, to live full and free lives. Read more about our work at: www.jesuitmission.org.au.

Confirmation Information Evening 2017

Wed 21 June @ 7.00pm – Ron Dyer Centre

Camino Pilgrimage – The 2017 European Tour

Fri 15 Sept – Sun 8 Oct

Join our Camino pilgrimage to experience some of the most treasured places of our Christian heritage and story. Further Details: Paul Skippen 0412 850 883 | info@gpbs.com.au | www.caminowalk.com.au

New Appointment

We congratulate the Honourable Acting Judge, Jennifer Boland appointed a Member of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Independent Safeguarding Advisory Panel.

Ministry for the Sick and Housebound - Volunteer Drivers Required

We are seeking volunteer drivers in the Parish who would be willing to occasionally pick up local parishioners who would like to attend the Healing Mass at St Mary's (Ron Dyer Centre) on the last Wednesday of the month at 10:30am, however, they are not mobile enough to make it to the Mass by themselves. Volunteer drivers are required, once a month, to take them to and from the Healing Mass. If you would like to assist, please contact Peter Walden on 0448 474 629.

Sevenhill Wine Offer – North Sydney Parish six- pack

Available throughout May. Order forms are available at the back of the churches.

<p>Sunday's Readings</p> <p>First Reading Acts 6:1-7 Stephen is chosen as the first deacon.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19, R. v.22</p> <p>Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jesus, a living cornerstone.</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6 Gospel Jn 14:1-12 Jesus the way, truth, and life.</p> <p><i>Future readings can be found on the Parish website</i></p>	<p>In Our Prayers</p> <p>Baptisms Angelina Kendall, Cooper Cahill, Saara Phillips, Dominic Martorana, Eleanor Muharrem, Pia MacFarlan</p> <p>Sick Christine Mitchells, Andrew Dyer, Sr Natalina Todeschini, Donna Lukas, John Taylor, Margaret McDonald, Frances Boyle, Brian McClosky, Sr Anna Gaha IBVM, Craig Chase, Rosa Maria Santos,</p> <p>Recently Deceased Monsignor Eugene Joseph Harley OAM, Eric Mansfield</p> <p>Anniversaries Enrico Piccioli, Matthew Travers, Victor Francis Quarrell, Irene Fallon</p> <p><i>Please send all prayer requests to communications@sjparishnsw.org.au</i></p>
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