



## Not from the Pulpit: Fr Andrew Bullen SJ

Here below is something light-hearted from a holy place. The original Anglican medieval cathedral in Coventry, England, was gutted by the Luftwaffe on the night of 14 November 1940 during the Coventry Blitz. The ruins remain as the entrance to the very modern replacement designed by Sir Basil Spence and consecrated in 1962, very much as a place of reconciliation in post-war Britain. Benjamin Britten composed his "War Requiem" for the occasion. Many famous artists participated in furnishing the Cathedral: pictured below are Graham Sutherland's huge tapestry of "Christ in Glory" and John Piper's vast window for the Baptistry.

More recently somebody posted in the cathedral a humorous message of welcome from an unknown source (perhaps American) and the cathedral has now adopted this as its own. My guess is that Pope Francis would like to see it on every Catholic Church door as well.



### A WELCOME TO COVENTRY CATHEDRAL

We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, confused, well-heeled or down-at-heel. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers. We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself.

You're welcome here if you're just browsing, just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury or haven't been to church since Christmas 10 years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We

welcome keep-fit moms, football dads, starving artists, tree huggers, latte sippers, vegetarians, junk food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted.

We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like organized religion. We're not that keen on it either.

We offer welcome to those who think the Earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because Granny is visiting and wanted to come to the cathedral. We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throats as kids or got lost on the Ring Road and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters and you.

## Parish Notices



### **Mary's House Walk - 2017 Annual Fundraiser – THIS SUNDAY**

Sun 15 Oct @ 8.00am – Depart Bradfield Park, Kirribilli to Watsons Bay

This year we are encouraging men and women, girls and boys to join us. Entry: \$50.00 (includes Water bottle, map and bandana). <https://give.everydayhero.com/au/Mary-s-house-walk-2017>



### **Loreto Kirribilli Annual Spirituality Day – THIS SUNDAY**

Sun 15 Oct @ 11.00am -1.30pm, Gonzaga Barry Centre (Junior School)

Topic: Resilience the Mary Ward Way. Presenters: Jan Barlow IBVM, Sandra Perrett IBVM, and Fr Jamie Calder SJ. No charge, but please register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/SDSD>



### **St Ignatius' College Community Mass – THIS SUNDAY**

Sun 15 Oct @ 6.00pm, St Mary's, North Sydney

Please join us in welcoming the Riverview community to our Youth Mass. Students will be leading the liturgy and afterwards selling cakes in support of Nepal immersion projects.

### **Women's Night of Spirituality**

Tues 17 Oct @ 7.30-9.30pm, St Mary's Church, North Sydney

Guest Speakers: Lillian Leigh; Katie Kelly OAM; Jo Karaolis and MC Jenny Boland AM. For more information contact: [taylor.judi@outlook.com](mailto:taylor.judi@outlook.com) or [www.northsydney Catholics.com](http://www.northsydney Catholics.com).

## Invitation - Sydney Catholic Schools

Wed 18 Oct @ 7.00-8.30pm, Ron Dyer Centre.

Sydney Catholic Schools invites members of the Parish to a Community Consultation Symposium regarding the North Sydney Educational Precinct (Marist North Shore & St Mary's Primary).

## St Vincent's Health Public Event – Film Launch

Wed 18 Oct @ 11.30am-12.30pm, The Poche Centre Auditorium, 40 Rocklands Rd, Wollstonecraft

Global health leader, Dr. MR Rajagopal is in Sydney for the launch of a new film, 'Hippocratic'. Reframing Medicine for the Whole World: Cure sometimes, treat often, comfort always. RSVP essential: [rosemarie.sheppard@svha.org.au](mailto:rosemarie.sheppard@svha.org.au)

## Holy Family Parish Golf Day

Fri 20 Oct @ 10.00am, Dunheved Golf Club, Links Rd, St Marys

Cost: \$25.00. Register as an individual or group of 4. Bookings: 9628 7272



## Jesuit Mission Sydney Golf Day

Thurs 26 Oct @ 12.00pm (tee off) Manly Golf Course

Please join us for a day of golf and dinner in support of Jesuit Mission.

Funds raised from the Golf Day enables Jesuit Mission to support local Jesuit partners in 10 countries across Africa and Asia. Bookings and queries at [golfday@jesuitmission.org.au](mailto:golfday@jesuitmission.org.au) or (02) 8918 4109.

## An Obedient Life by Br John Luttrell fms. Cardinal Norman Thomas Gilroy Biography

Thurs 26 Oct @ 5.00 for 5.30pm, Benedict's Hall, Broadway

Cardinal Gilroy was Archbishop of Sydney from 1940 to 1971. The book will be launched by Archbishop Anthony Fisher.

## Manresa Group Cruise – Seven Islands of the Lower Hawkesbury

Wed 1 Nov – Bus departs Ridge St @ 8.45am

Cost: \$65.00 pp. Includes: bus to Brooklyn, cruise, morning tea and fish and chips. RSVP essential by Wed 25 Oct – Therese 9922 7137



## Melbourne Cup High Tea – its on again!

Tues 7 Nov @ 2.00-4.00pm

Bring your friends to watch the race in the Gathering Area at the Ron Dyer Centre. Enjoy a glass of sparkling on arrival and sumptuous afternoon tea in front of a big screen. Tickets \$5 with all proceeds going to the Emerton Parish Community.

Bookings essential: <https://www.trybooking.com/SKLM> or call Judy Tusino: 8918 4147

## Host Families Wanted for Youth travelling to ACYF

Wed 6 Dec – Sat 9 Dec

The Parish will be hosting Young Catholics from Jesuit Parishes across Australia as they come to participate in Australian Catholic Youth Festival, and are seeking families willing to host two or more pilgrims in their home. You will only need to provide minimal sleeping accommodation, and drop/pick up youth each morning and evening. Please contact Michael at [michaelp@northsydneycatholics.com](mailto:michaelp@northsydneycatholics.com)

## Singers Wanted – Midnight Mass Choir 2017

This year's Midnight Mass Choir is tipped to be huge, as our singers are accompanied by a Brass Quartet and Percussion. Singers need no experience or skills, just a passion for singing the classic Christmas Carols. Rehearsals are each Tuesday evening from the 7<sup>th</sup> of November from 7.15-9pm. Contact Michael: [michaelp@northsydneycatholics.com](mailto:michaelp@northsydneycatholics.com)

### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading

Is 25:6-10

[On this mountain the Lord will provide a feast.](#)

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 22. R. v.6](#)

#### Second Reading

[Phil 4:12-14. 19-20](#)

With God, Paul has strength for everything.

#### Gospel Acclamation

[See Eph 1:17-18](#)

#### Gospel

[Mt 22:1-14](#)

Parable of the Wedding Banquet.

Mt 22:1-10

### In Our Prayers

#### Baptisms

Francesca Seeto, Samuel Joseph, Matthew Howard, Cristian Cistulli

#### Weddings

Ismael Fahd & Emma Smith

#### Sick

Ron Whitmore, Sr Natalina Todeschini, Brian McClosky,

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

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

John Fitzgerald, Margaret Mary Collis

#### Recently Deceased

Fr John Wilcken SJ, John Goldrick, Harris John van Beek, Margaret McDonald, Fr Paul Coleman SJ, Fr John Doenau SJ, Didier Bertini, Rosemary May Middleton (mother of Fr Chris SJ), Connie Koning (mother of Fr Robin SJ), Fr Ken McNamara SJ

#### Anniversaries

Jennifer Fitzgerald, Bruce Jenkins, David & Joy Wall (nee Wildman), Marie McGee (nee Givney), Herbert Quarrell