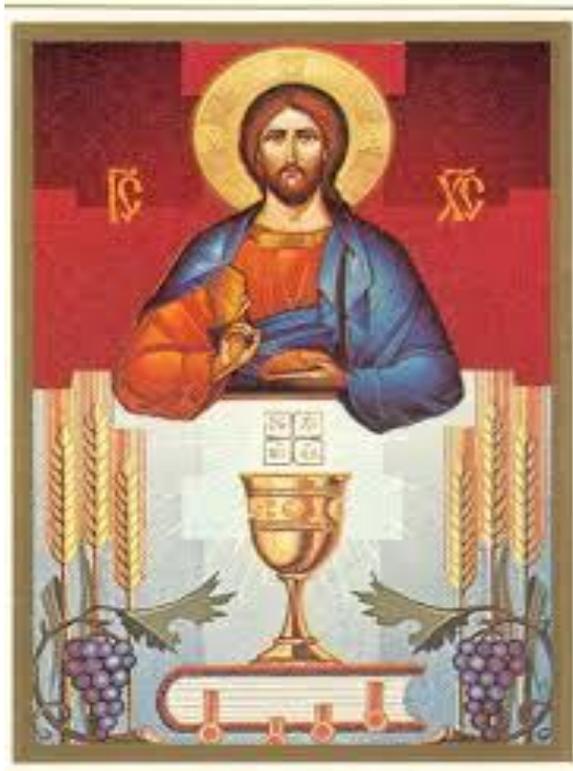




Not from the Pulpit: Fr Michael Stoney SJ



Years ago, while I was teaching at St Aloysius' College, our community was visited by an American Jesuit on R and R from the war in Vietnam. He told exciting stories of Mass with the troops in the jungle: of helicopter delivery to a jungle rendezvous; of Mass lying on his stomach in the mud; of helicopter pick-up. I asked myself why the soldiers were so anxious for the Mass under such difficulties.

Strangely, in our more peaceful lives in Australia, Mass attendance has fallen considerably. Yet we have our own needs as we struggle to be the face of God's compassionate love in a world of so much violence and self-absorption. Jesus' relevant reminder then: 'The person who eats my flesh and drinks my blood HAS eternal life'.

Think of it: here and now we live God's own eternal life in a frequently messy world. What does it mean?

My suggestion: radical forgiveness and service of others, even our enemies, whatever the cost, even of our lives. What a different world would follow!

The Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ challenges us to let our Eucharist help us become a transforming community in our world. It's just not about obeying the church rule but about opening ourselves to God's spirit and becoming God's

partners, so that our own world becomes more and more God's Kingdom.

Parish Notices

Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Congratulations to the 142 young people of our Parish who will receive their First Holy Communion this Sunday and next. They have worked through the program with the help of parent leaders who have generously given their time and skills over the last ten weeks. We wish them many blessings for this lovely time in their lives and welcome them back to join the community often at the Lord's table. To the group leaders we offer many thanks and wish grace and blessings to you and your families for your roles in this most important step in the lives of our young people. Claire Loneragan.



St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal – THIS WEEKEND

St Vincent de Paul members will speak at all Masses outlining their ministry and asking for donations for the Annual Winter Appeal. Donation envelopes are at the back of all churches. Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Please support generously. Thank you.

Planned Giving Envelopes 2017/18

Planned giving envelopes for the new financial year are available at the back of all churches. If you would like to join the planned giving program, envelopes, credit card or direct debit, please contact the Parish Office 8918 4101 or annem@northsydneycatholics.com



St Aloysius' College Milsons Point - Bursaries 2018

Now open: for further Information: www.staloyisus.nsw.edu.au | 9936 5535

Confirmation 2017 – Information Evening

Wed 21 June @ 7.00pm, Ron Dyer Centre

Registration for the Parish Confirmation Program is open until 30 June. Those interested in being part of this sacramental program should register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/PSKS> and attend the information evening. Full Details: www.northsydneycatholics.com



Maruku MarketPlace – Art from the Desert

Tues 20 June – Fri 23 June 11am -7.30pm @ Monte Sant'Angelo College

Thurs 22 June – Opening Night 6-8pm

Featuring Biamunga Yarn-Up with artist Blak Douglas @ 6pm at the O'Regan Arts & Cultural Common. All monies from sale of artworks support the Anganu owned Maruku Co-operative.

Laudato Si Sunday –

Sun 25 June @ 6.00pm St Mary's Church North Sydney.

Join us to celebrate this great message of hope for our world. All Welcome

Building Bridges Not Walls: Where is our Society going?

Tues 27 June @ 6.00pm – 8.00 pm, Harbour View Room at the Australian Museum

Robert (Bob) McElroy, Bishop of San Diego, USA holds a PHD in political science from the prestigious Stanford University and doctorate of moral theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Italy. Bishop McElroy is a prominent public intellectual, deeply involved in the civic conversation about the direction of our culture. In San Diego, Bishop McElroy, is pastor to a million Catholics including 200,000 undocumented immigrants. He is at the centre there of the public debate about Donald Trump's 'USA First' policies. McElroy questions the rise of populism and nationalism as well as the over reliance on technology. Come and join us at 'Chats for Change' a public conversation - with this dynamic leader who communicates with a passion for justice and compassion to challenge those concerned with building bridges for stronger communities and overcoming the walls of divisions. Laura Tyrie events@payce.com.au or 8080 2315

The Loreto Kirribilli Ex-Students' Annual Card Day



Wed 28 June @ 10.00am - Gonzaga Barry Centre

\$40 includes Morning Tea & Lunch

Parking is available in the School Car Park (entry in Elamang Avenue)

Bookings: Jacquelyn Fingleton 0412 619 093 or jacqfingleton@gmail.com

All proceeds to Loreto Kirribilli Ex-Students' Bursary Fund. All Welcome.

Ethica Accessories - FUNraising Trivia Night

Wed 28 June @ 7 for 7.30pm - Isabel Menton

Theatre, 11 Mount Street (cnr William St), North

Sydney Tickets: \$50 includes wine and nibbles. RSVP: www.trybooking.com/285892 or 8912 2716



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St Mary's Cathedral Choir

Fri 30 June @ 7.00pm - City Recital Hall

Featuring J.S. Bach's *Magnificat*, Benjamin Britten's *Rejoice in the Lamb* and Leonard Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*. Tickets Range from \$130 - \$30 and can be purchased from www.cityrecitalhall.com

Centre for Christian Spirituality

Lectio Reflections with Bishop David Walker et al available weekly on YouTube: type Lectio Reflections

Ecology Group: Climate Justice Petition

Our thanks to all for your interest, encouragement and support. Over 1100 signatures, principally from our community. Petitioners from 8 Federal Electorates and 54 post codes attending our 12 Masses over two weekends willing to stand up for the principles of Laudato Si, Creation and those most hurt by the inappropriate exploitation of the earth's finite resources. We will report again when we have more information about the full Petition results throughout Australia. The Ecology Group "Laudato Si...praise be care for our common home"

Lawrence Freeman in Conversation with Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr

Fri 7 July @ 3.30pm - 7.00pm

Deep inner listening and quiet, still awareness, a gift we are all thirsting for. Register now at www.acu.edu.au/awakeningthesacred2017

Spanish/ Latin American Mass

Sun 9 July @ 11.00am - St Mary's Church, North Sydney

Please join us in celebrating Mass to commemorate the "Virgen del Carmen" followed by a traditional lunch in the Ron Dyer Centre. RSVP: rocio.pospisil@cgi.com or 0425 324 742

The Return of the Sacred in an Age of Terror

Sun 9 July 1:30 – 3 pm St Francis Xavier Church Hall

What in the World is Going On Forum? A stimulating and challenging address by Professor David Tacey
Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/PFIS> Cost: \$25, or \$20 for members; \$5 less for early booking by 5 July 2017. More details available on the Eremos website: The-Return-of-the-sacred 9 July or <https://www.facebook.com/Eremos-David-Tacey-event>.

St Ignatius' Feast Day Choir Rehearsals – Every Wed in July

Wed 5 July through Wed 26 July @ 7.15pm, St Mary's Choir Loft, North Sydney

Contact: michaelp@northsydneycatholics.com

Columban Centre for Christian - Muslim Relations – Film Premiere - The Saint and the Sultan

Sat 29 July @ 7.00pm – Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus, Sir Ian and Nancy Turbott Auditorium, Building EE, Room G.19 (entrance via Victoria Road)

A true story of St. Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt and the risks they took for peace.

Tickets \$10.00 Bookings: SultanSaintSydney.Eventbrite.co.au. Program followed by refreshments.

More Information: info.cccmr@columban.org.au or 9352 8000



Christian Life Community
Australia

Parish Retreat (organised by CLC). Sat 26th Aug – Sat 23rd Sept. This retreat is for: Men and Women; Young and Old; Married or Singles. All you need is the desire to open yourself to God and the generosity to take some practical steps to find time for prayer. Enquiries: Phone Kay Hooper 0428 830 482



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Catholic Healthcare is a service provider of retirement living units, residential homes and Community in-home services.

The in-home services provided by Catholic Community Services assist people to live at home longer, by providing the care they need through government- funded, home care support programs We can assist you to navigate the My Aged Care system to review your eligibility for government support. Services can provide personal care, in-home respite, social support, shopping, transport to medical appointments, domestic assistance, meals preparation and a range of health and wellness services that improve mobility and physical wellbeing, as well as pastoral care for spiritual and emotional wellbeing. Please see brochures placed at the back of the Church for contact information and details of the services, or contact us directly on 1300 319 011 or 1800 225 474 and we will be happy to assist you.

Thank you



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"in all things to love and to serve"

Jesuit Mission would like to offer a heartfelt THANK YOU to the Parish of Our Lady of the Way for giving so generously to the annual Jesuit Mission Parish Appeal. If you would still like to donate, please place your envelope in the plate today or contact Jesuit Mission on 02 8918 4121 or admin@jesuitmission.org.au.

Learn more about our work at www.jesuitmission.org.au. "Jesuit mission can only be done with others. The more we work together as women and men, lay and religious, the greater service can be offered, and the more we can reach people on the peripheries and frontiers of our world." *Father General Arturo Sosa SJ.*

Indian Bazaar Pamper Packs

Ladies of Lavender Bay would appreciate your generous support to create their famous Pamper Packs for sale on the SFX Lavender bay Ladies Stall at the Jesuit Mission Indian Bazaar on 9 Sept 2017. Items needed include quality perfumes, toiletries and pamper items. A basket will be at the back of the SFX Church or you can contact Lynda Hughes 9954 9703.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival - Registrations Open



December 7 - 9 – for ages 14 (Year 9) to 30.

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival is open to all young Catholics from Year 9 through to 30 years old. Register at youth@northsydneycatholics.com

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

[Dt 8:2-3. 14-16](#)

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12](#)

Second Reading

[1 Cor 10:16-17](#)

Gospel Acclamation

[Jn 6:51-52](#)

Gospel

[Jn 6:51-58](#)

In Our Prayers

Baptisms

Saskia Williams, Cormac Trundle, Sophia Yen Le, Juliet Debellis

Sick

Christine Mitchells, Andrew Dyer, Sr Natalina Todeschini, Donna Lukas, Margaret McDonald, Frances Boyle, Brian McClosky, Sr Anna Gaha IBVM, Craig Chase, Rosa Maria Santos, Vedran Simunovic, Bill Peatey, Rosa Pessaro, Bruce Horsfield, Juliana Siow, Fr Greg Jacobs SJ

Recently Deceased John Taylor, Sr Anna Gaha IBVM, Fr Maurice McNamara (brother of Margaret Zucker), John Pearson

Anniversaries

Terry Wilson, Irene Gestier (nee Quarrell), Marie Younie (nee Quarrell), Carmel Smith, Tom Margaritidis, Sheelagh Scahill, Pina Sindone, Alice Taubman, Jack Benaud, Rita Hord (nee Quarrell) Ada Vere Quarrell, Mary Patricia Turton

Conversations

Catholic citizens needed within the Church

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Catholics must stand up and become active citizens, not loyal subjects, within their own church community.

The Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse has pointed to weaknesses in culture and governance within the Catholic Church in Australia. Within the church the normal tenets of liberal democracy, including inclusiveness, transparency, equality and responsiveness do not apply.

The church hierarchy has responded in various ways to the revelations of the royal commission, including apologies, liturgies of lament, reparations and promises of new child safety regulations. But the bishops show no inclination to tackle these structural and cultural issues, so it is up to the laity to do so. This is the strong message of Francis Sullivan, the lay head of the church's Truth, Justice and Healing Council.

Unfortunately, historically the Church is not a community in which its lay members are called on to play such a role. Instead, as Bishop Vincent Long of Parramatta has pointed out on several occasions recently, the church is a pyramid in which the ordained clergy are at the pinnacle and the laity at the bottom.

Catholics have been brought up to the constant refrain that the church is not a democracy. They are dissuaded from challenging its undemocratic structures and urged to accept discipline from the top. Catholics are made subject to their bishops and other church leaders. As subjects they can be professional and hard-working senior church employees in education, health or welfare agencies or lay Catholics in organisations like St Vincent de Paul, but they are not church decision-makers in the democratic sense. That role is left to bishops and priests.

Catholics have a proud record of exercising their democratic rights within wider Australian democracy as voters, members of political parties and lobby groups, and as elected representatives. But within their own church they have been taught to leave their democratic rights at the door. Now is the time to challenge that norm in parishes, dioceses and the wider Australian church.

In responding to the royal commission the church needs an infusion of democratic values, including more transparency and accountability. Values which have long since become accepted in the wider community, including equal participation in decision-making by women, and the development of lay leadership more generally, must become the rule rather than the exception in church circles.

In short Catholics must stop being satisfied with being loyal subjects, even effective and energetic ones, and find a way to exercise their democratic citizenship rights as they do as a matter of course in the wider community. This will not be easy as church rules and regulations, including those governing the proposed 2020 Australian Synod, are biased toward clerical leadership and generally prevent lay equality in decision-making.

At a time of crisis in the Australian church, measured by plummeting Mass attendance and widespread disengagement and disillusionment with the leadership and structures which have presided over the child sexual abuse crimes revealed by the royal commission, it is the moment for Australian Catholics to say: 'It's time.'

This is the conclusion that Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulburn, a newly-formed church reform group, has reached. It has asked Archbishop Christopher Prowse to explore several practical steps towards more democratic structures and culture within the Archdiocese of Canberra-Goulburn, including: new models for more effective lay participation, more effective vehicles for women's participation in key decision-making, the establishment of a laity-led diocesan pastoral council, and partnership with the laity and committed priests and religious to achieve a reform agenda. It also asked Prowse to raise these general goals at the May plenary of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. Such an agenda may seem radical within the Australian church but these suggestions for increased democratic citizenship are unremarkable within the wider Australian community. They are now urgent and long overdue.

Concerned Catholics of Canberra-Goulburn will advance this agenda through regular public meetings, working parties, parish networks and listening to disengaged Catholics. It is crucial for the laity to play a central role in the preparations for the proposed 2020 Australian Synod and to have an equal role at the Synod itself. This would become more likely if diocesan-based church reform groups could be established in many other Australian dioceses.