



Parish of Our Lady of the Way

North Sydney | Kirribilli | Lavender Bay
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Sunday 19 March – Third Sunday of Lent

Not from the Pulpit: Two Poems from Prague; Fr Andrew Bullen SJ

Prague

Easter Sunday after flying eastwards,
the bells make more sense than the language.

The coast of Bohemia is far inland,
and most of us are tourists here.

The palaces of the ancient regime
are renovated by the nouveau riche.

Here this happened and that happened;
here they invented and tested defenestration.

The paint on the newly opened church nearby
is barely dry; its little bell notes each quarter hour.

Small cars dart through cobbled streets
like cats. Newly-tiled roofs are orange.

This was home, indeed realm, of the Winter Queen,
a Stuart princess who did not stay long. This is
Bohemia, Lady.

How did this room get through the War,
and its dour aftermath?

Various languages cross the little courtyard below,
the police move through in pairs; Mittel-europa, plus
tourists.

Nearby is the old Jewish Quarter.
There is nothing to be said.

I lean out of my new window
and am part of the scene.

Jewish Cemetery

Place a pebble of remembrance on a tombstone.
Outside the wall a blackbird sings its blackbird song:
"I'm a blackbird, be my mate, or move away".

The trees, budding their green, leaf to each other.

On the synagogue walls are names,
77,297 of them, with the date of birth if known,
and the date of deportation.

Small stones, names, a blackbird at its song.



Archbishop Fisher's book: The Healing Peace of Christ

Through his recent illness, Sydney's Archbishop Anthony Fischer has experienced first-hand human frailty, illness and the anguish that accompanies them. His experiences and reflections are gathered into this book to offer help and encouragement to all who, in their own situations, continue to walk along the way of the cross to resurrection and new life. A limited number of copies of the Archbishop's book are at the back of all churches.

Sick and Housebound Ministry

This weekend Peter Walden will speak at all Masses. If you would like to receive the Eucharist in your home please call Peter 0448 474 629.



Mary's House Morning Tea

Thurs 6 April 10.00am- 12.00pm – Riverview Boatshed
Riverview Wharf, Tambourine Bay Rd, Lane Cove.

Please join us on Thurs 6 April for a glass of French champagne and home-made treats. There will be raffle prizes including a Tahitian black pearl set in white gold, a \$300 travel voucher, perfumes, spa and yoga packages, books, flowers and a signed photo from Riverview's Jesuit Fr Jack McLain SJ. Domestic violence survivor Lisa McAdams will share her story and tips on building resilience. For any queries, contact Catherine Evans, catherine@theevans.com.au | 0405 449 216
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/265770

Project Compassion – Week 3 – Uncle Richard's Story

Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation, a Caritas Australia partner, offered Uncle Richard and other former Stolen Generations survivors the chance to heal after a childhood of suffering.

Envelopes and boxes are at the back of all churches, donations can be made via post: GPO Box 9830, Sydney, NSW 2001: online at or by phone 1800 024 413. Read the full article: www.caritas.org.au.

Aloysian Law Lunch with Fr Frank Brennan SJ
 Fri 24th March, 1230pm: Doltone House, Elizabeth St.,
 Sydney Bookings: www.trybooking.com/DLQP
james.halliday@staloysius.nsw.edu.au | 9936 5568

CLC - A Place at the Table – Social Justice in an Ageing Society - Australian Catholic Bishops Statement 2016-2017
Sat 25 March – 2.00pm - 5.00pm, Ron Dyer Centre
 Guest Speaker: Sr Patty Fawkner SGS.
 Contact: Khachig Kabakjian: 0419 447 923
 Jason Jacobs 0414 987 206 or Luke Winters 0422 816 450.

Units available at Xavier Terrace

Several units have recently become available at the Xavier Terrace Retirement Village in Lavender Bay. These desirable units – each with two bedrooms, one with bridge and harbour views - are available for lease. For enquiries contact Paul Hartigan at xavierterrace@sparishnsw.org.au or 8918 4101.

Join us for fun with friends at OMG!



Fri 31 March, 6pm – 8.00pm., Ron Dyer Centre,
 OMG is about friends, fun and community for Yrs. 5 and Yrs. 6.
Giant Outdoor Games
Jumping Castle
Slushies, pizza and more!

Bring \$5 on the night and a water bottle.
 Book at: www.trybooking.com/PDPK
 Contact: marcia.o.sullivan@bigpond.com | 8918 4101

Spirituality in the Pub

Wed 5 Apr @ 7.30pm - 9.00pm, Paddington RSL, 220-232 Oxford St
 Topic: Media Culture, Ministry & Magic. MC: Geraldine Doogue. Guest Speakers: Francois Kunc, Judge of the Supreme Court of NSW and Emma Alberici, TV journalist and presenter of *Lateline* with the ABC. More Information: Marea 0414 873 910 www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au

Volunteers Needed for Easter Liturgies

Sign-up forms will be at the back of all churches from next week.



Darkness Into Light

Thur 6 April, 8pm St Mary's Church

The Lenten season gives us all the opportunity to reflect on the deeper aspects of our lives. The Parish's Darkness Into Light evening will be a perfect environment for this, journeying between humble candlelight and haunting darkness, accompanied by Prima Luce's a capella chorale. While exploring Tallis, Rutter and others, the poetry of Newman and Hopkins will lead us on, as we walk into the passionate season of Easter together.

<p>Sunday's Readings First Reading Ex 17:3-7 The Israelites complain to Moses in the desert.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8</p> <p>Second Reading Rom 5:1-2. 5-8 Christ laid down his life for us.</p> <p>Gospel Jn 4:5-42 Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well. Jn 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42</p>	<p>In Our Prayers Baptisms Ethan Santiago, Joshua Santiago, Rania Guzman, Priela Watson, Massimo Guido, Thomas Ellis, Charlotte Kelly, Ryan Hoskins, Audrey D'Morias, Orian D'Morias, Phoenix D'Morias, Mollie Willson</p> <p>Weddings Adam Carpenter & Hayley Chetcut</p> <p>Sick Christine Mitchells, Olivia Scott, Andrew Dyer, Sr Natalina Todeschini, Donna Lukas, John Taylor, Margaret Mc Donald, Frances Boyle, Brian McClosky, Sr Anna Gaha IBVM, Craig Chase, Rosa Maria Santos, Paul Gardiner SJ, Sam Aloe</p> <p>Recently Deceased Adrian Short, Pat Watts, Christian Gillett, Muharrem Cuma Karashahin, Marie Armstrong, John Reilly SJ</p>
<p><i>Future readings can be found on the Parish website</i></p>	<p><i>Please send all prayer requests to communications@sparishnsw.org.au</i></p>