



Parish of Our Lady of the Way

North Sydney | Kirribilli | Lavender Bay

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Sunday 19 February – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Not from the Pulpit: Fr Michael Stoney SJ



I write on the Feast of St Claude de la Columbière, a seventeenth century French Jesuit. One of a number of important contributions to our church life was his spiritual direction of a Visitation nun, St Margaret Mary Alacoque. Her role in the growth of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus was a crucial influence in resisting evil Jansenist emphases on 'an allegedly severe God reluctantly allowing a tiny spiritual elite to reach heaven'.

She, with St Claude's help, restored the Church's sense of God's love for us all through the use of the symbolic Heart of Jesus. Hopefully, all of us, like St Claude and St Margaret Mary, can experience God's love in our lives more and more strongly. Hopefully, like St Claude, we can help others too to

grow in an understanding of God's utterly unconditional love. One topical application of our call to respond to God's love could be our enthusiastic involvement in this weekend's Ministry focus. So many parishioners try to help others share in the divine mercy through the impressive array of services which they offer at so many levels. Please read the booklet, *I Can Do*, and consider very seriously how you can help Our Lady of the Way Parish become an even more loving Christian Community.

Parish Notices

"I Can Do" – Parish Ministries – Registration Weekend

18/19 Feb @ STM, SFX & SOS

"The Parish of Our Lady of the Way is a vibrant parish of people who are involved in over 50 ministries, good works and community activities. This weekend, 18 and 19 February, is our "I Can Do Weekend". This is your opportunity to find out what's happening in our parish, and how you can become involved. Registration tables will be at the back of all churches. Fill in an 'Expression of Interest' form and place in the boxes provided or download a form from the parish website: www.northsydney Catholics.com and email to: olw@sjparishnsw.org.au. For further information contact: Ignatius Mendonca at iggymen@bigpond.com.



New Appointment for Social Ministries

The Provincial has appointed Professor James Barber as Provincial Delegate for Social Ministries. Professor Barber has had a distinguished career in Psychology and Social Work in Australia and overseas; he was Vice Chancellor of the University of New England from 2010 to 2014. Among his tasks he will work with the Chairs and Heads of the Province's major social ministries (Jesuit Social Services, Jesuit Mission, Jesuit Refugee Service and the Cardoner Project with young people).

Easter Feast Day Choir – First Rehearsal

Tues 21 Feb @ 7.15pm – 9.00pm, St Mary's Loft

Each year the Parish Music Ministry comes together for Easter, Christmas and the Feast of St Ignatius to provide a choir for the St Mary's services. The choir has the opportunity to sing in the St Mary's Choir loft, accompanied by professional Brass, Strings and Percussion, as well as our wonderful Pipe Organ. All parishioners are welcome to sing in the Easter Choir, regardless of skill level, age or experience. We just ask that you come willing to participate, and sing your heart out! All choristers who have participated have come away with the new skill of choral singing, and a yearning to sing again! If you would like to be involved, please contact Michael Paton at michaelp@sjparishnsw.org.au to register.

Inigo Youth Group

Sun 26 Feb @ 3.30pm, Ron Dyer Centre

The Inigo Youth Group was off to a flying start last weekend, with over 30 attendees from 6 different schools. Our next event will be next Sunday. Come along for an opportunity to hang out with Young Catholics from the North Shore, and to have a chat about *The Lame Church*. Contact Michael at youth@sjparishnsw.org.au for more info.

Jesuit Mission – Employment Opportunities

Jesuit Mission is seeking to appoint two new staff to join it's small team in North Sydney. We are looking for experienced and enthusiastic people for two exciting fundraising roles in direct marketing and relationships fundraising. So if you're passionate about empowering poor and vulnerable communities overseas to transform their own lives; are interested in joining a passionate and energetic team; and have the relevant skills and experience of a Fundraising Relationships Coordinator or Direct Marketing Coordinator, please contact Helen Forde on (02) 8918 4109 or email ceo@jesuitmission.org.au or our website www.jesuitmission.org for more information.

Healing Masses – Wed 22nd February

Ron Dyer Centre @ 10.30am: St Francis Xavier @ 12.10pm: James Milson Village @ 1.30pm

Spanish Community Care Association – Fundraising Paella Day

Sat 25 Feb @ 12pm Ron Dyer Centre, 42 Ridge Street, North Sydney

Please join us for a fun-filled day with face painting, games, music and more! All proceeds go towards supporting our elderly. Adults: \$25.00 Children: \$15.00. More information: www.spanishcare.net

Manresa Group – Bus Trip to Church Point

Fri 3 March – Departing St Mary's, North Sydney @ 9.00am

Cost \$20.00 includes morning tea. Return ferry to The Basin and lunch at Palm Beach RSL – additional cost. Bookings: Rosemary 9955 2997 RSVP: Mon 27 Feb



Marist College North Shore - Open Day

Sat 11 March 10.00am – 2.00pm

All welcome. Now accepting enrolments for Year 7, 2019. For an application: www.maristcollege.com or contact the Registrar on 9957 5000: northshore@maristcollege.com

Holy Family Parish Emerton – Opportunity Store Donations

Holy Family Parish is now again accepting quality items for the Opportunity Store at Mt Druitt. Items can be left in the foyer area of the Ron Dyer Centre, North Sydney. Please no furniture items at this time.

Eremos Event – Faith and Politics

Sun 12 March @ 2.00pm – 4.00pm, Uniting Church, 264 Pitt Street

The Hon Kristina Keneally will talk on Faith and Politics. As a theologian and a former politician she posits that no sensible solution to some of the most vexed societal questions can be derived and resolved without understanding and respecting the religious dimensions of human actions. Book online \$ 25.00: www.trybooking.com/OJUU or cash at the door \$35.00. Students: \$10.00

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Candidate registration is now open. Go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/OJNA>

As this is a home-based program, parents are invited to become leaders of small groups. All training and resources are provided. Depending on numbers, we need 15 group leaders. Please contact Claire: clairel@sparishnsw.org.au or 8918 4101 if you are interested.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Lv 19:1-2. 17-18

Love your neighbor as yourself.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8

Second Reading

1 Cor 3:16-23

What is wise with the world, is absurd with God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.

Alleluia

1 Jn 2:5

Gospel

Mt 5:38-48

Turn the other cheek.

In Our Prayers

Baptisms

Quinn Stenmark, Harry Kinnaird, Anastasia Hoi-Laam Wong, Alessandra Pleass, Morrison McKendrick, Jack Sully

Weddings

Patrick Vergara & Joanna Nyguen, Luke Spry & Amber Biscoe

Sick

Christine Mitchells, Olivia Scott, John Landels, Maureen Newley, Andrew Dyer, Sr M Natalina Todeschini OSA, Rosa Passaro, Donna Lukas, John Taylor, Margaret McDonald, Christine Mitchell, Frances Boyle, Brian McCloskey, Taylor Grace, Dianne Bradley, Rosa Maria Santos, Jonathan Arthur, Paul Gardiner SJ

Recently Deceased

Tess Fitzgerald, Joan Mary Atkins, Avelina Ong, Maureen Travers, Ray Balding, Judy Jones, Jacqueline Pribula, George Rudan, Bill Grant, Luigi Schiavo, Barbara Gooch, John McDonald, Carol Pedersen RSC, Justin King SJ, Fr Bernie Donnelly SJ

Anniversaries

Andrew James Russell, Darren Egelhof, William Greig, Mary Quarrell

Future readings can be found on the Parish website

Please send all prayer requests to communications@sparishnsw.org.au

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