



Not from the Pulpit: Fr Andrew Bullen SJ



May is Mary's month, and this weekend it will reach a climax in the parish with our celebration of "Flores de Mayo" at the 11.00am Mass. Our Filipino Community will be saying it with flowers. I recall with affection our local small South Welsh Catholic Community doing it with processions, often in driving rain and singing with straggling vigour "O purest of creatures". That was the Nineteen Fifties, when devotion to Our Lady reached a peak throughout the Catholic world. If you know someone called Bernadette, then you can guess her age-bracket (younger than mine). Moving briskly away from that, the heart of our celebration of Mary is that she is Mother of the Lord, and indeed Mother of God. She carried him in her arms and since we want to be as close to him as possible, we see her as a special and humane way to him. So we honour her, with processions and prayers and songs and flowers, pictures and statues (as a boy I had one that glowed in the dark!), and all the other signs of devotion our various traditions and nationalities have evolved over the years/centuries. Devotion to her is a heart matter, undertaken by societies and cultures through families and individuals like ourselves. Mary keeps our faith gentle and particular.

Andrew Bullen SJ

Parish Notices

Statement from the Archbishop regarding Cardinal Pell

The Archbishop's has released a statement regarding recent press about Cardinal George Pell. This is available on the Parish website at www.northsydneycatholics.com



Marist College North Shore Community Mass and Cake Stall – THIS SUNDAY

On Sunday at the 6.00pm Youth Mass we are joined by the Marist College North Shore Community. Please welcome them. The students will be leading the liturgy and afterwards will be having a cake stall at the back of the church to raise funds for the College Immersion Program.

Confirmation 2017 – Sun 13 & Sun 20 August

We welcome registration for the Parish Confirmation Program for 2017. Registration is open from 1 May thru 2 June those interested in being part of this sacramental preparation should:

1. Register as a candidate via the parish website www.northsydneycatholics.com and follow the prompts to the TryBooking site. The program calendar is also on this site.
2. Scan their Baptism certificate and send it to clairel@northsydneycatholics.com. The registration can not be processed without a baptism certificate.
3. Attend the information night in the RDC on Wed 21 June. It is here that all the groups are formed, the program is explained and dates, times and addresses exchanged for the successful running of the program. It is a very important night. Attendance is essential.
4. Attend all three sessions and the 'Gathering'.
5. We look forward to welcoming all those who are ready to take the next step in their sacramental life. Those interested in acting as Group Leaders are asked to contact Claire Loneragan 8918 4143. Training will be held in the Ron Dyer Centre on Wed 7th June at 7:00pm.

Catalyst for Renewal Forum - Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP

Sat 27 May @ 10 - 3pm Santa Sabina College 90 The Boulevard Strathfield

Topics: *What hope can we offer the young today?* and *"Making place for the Conscience of the Laity today."* BYO lunch. Tickets at www.trybooking.com/266284. Cost \$15. Contact *Catalyst for Renewal* | 9990 7003 | catalyst-for-renewal@tpg.com.au | www.catalyst-for-renewal.com.au. Fr Timothy is patron of the International Young Peoples Network and helped launch "Las Casas Institute" dealing with issues of ethics, governance and social justice".

****Car Park Attendant St Mary's Church - Temporary Position****

The Parish is looking for a stand in parking superintendent from Mon 26 June until Fri 14 July. Weekdays only 7.00 am – 11.00am. The position is remunerated. If you are interested in this position contact the Parish Office on 8918 4101 or olw@northsydney Catholics.com.

Manresa Group - Roast Lunch

Sun 4 June @ 12.15pm - Springwell Cafe 128 Sailors Bay Rd, Northbridge.

Bookings to Alan 9955 4985 by Thurs 1st June. All Welcome.



Ignatian Camino August – September 2017 - Information Evening

Mon 5 June @ 6.00pm - 202 Broadway Chippendale

The Camino is a pilgrimage that is based upon the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius, and follows his footsteps from Loyola to Barcelona. More Information:

www.thetwowolvesabroad.org.au or sue.bennett@thecardonerproject.org



SAVE THE DATE

Fri 16 June @ 6.00pm – 8.00pm, Ron Dyer Centre, 42 Ridge St, North Sydney

Fun, food and faith for Years 5 & 6



Jesuit Mission Annual Parish Appeal – THIS WEEKEND

About 50,000 people live in refugee camps in the Southern African region. Jesuit Mission, working with Jesuit Refugee Service helps meet their immediate needs through counselling and healthcare services, and also

offers the hope of a brighter future by providing education programs, vocational training and micro-grant schemes. When forcibly displaced people have a livelihood, their financial, food and housing security improve. With support from our Australian community, Jesuit Mission supports JRS' education and vocational training programs in the Tongogara Camp in Zimbabwe. Several hundred adults, like Bvunzai Mutema benefit each year from business start-up support, and training in computing, hairdressing and sewing. The generosity of the Jesuit Mission Australia community helps makes it possible for vulnerable people like Bvunzai to live in freedom, security and dignity. This weekend Jesuit Mission is seeking the support of the Parish to continue this ministry and its other works. Your support is greatly appreciated. Envelopes are available in all churches or you can donate online at: www.jesuitmission.org.au. Bvunzai says "Thank you. May God bless you."

Ecology Group: What can I do for the earth and the poor?

In Laudato Si, the papal encyclical on Care for our Common Home, Pope Francis calls on us "to apply legitimate means of pressure to ensure that each government carries out its proper and inalienable responsibility to preserve its country's environment and natural." All faiths across Australia are currently petitioning the government to do better by the environment in their next policy review. This is your invitation to sign the petition and play your role in Francis' push for more respect of our Common Home. The petition is supported by many faith groups, including Australian Religious Response to Climate Change (ARRCC), Caritas, Catholic Earth care, Faith Ecology Network (FEN) and many others. The Petition will be available for signature after Masses on the weekends of 3/4 and 10/11 June



St Aloysius' College Community Mass and BBQ

Sun 28 May @ 6.00pm at St Mary's

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

[Acts 8:5-8. 14-17](#)

The Messiah is proclaimed and accepted in Samaria.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1](#)

Second Reading

[1 Pt 3:15-18](#)

Suffer for good deeds, not evil.

[1 Pt 4:13-16](#)

Gospel Acclamation

[Jn 14:23](#)

[See Jn 14:18](#)

Gospel

[Jn 14:15-21](#)

Jesus promises disciples the Paraclete.

[Jn 17:1-11](#)

In Our Prayers

Baptisms

Tilly Gray, Lana Berry, Owen Ravindran, Archie Ballantyne, Leo Copping

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, Vedran Simunovic, John Taylor, Bill Peatey,

Recently Deceased

Monsignor Eugene Joseph Harley OAM, Eric Mansfield, Onofrio Comes, Deidre Pauline Southon

Anniversaries

Enrico Piccioli, Matthew Travers, Victor Francis Quarrell, Irene Fallon, Leslie Betts, Chris Ringstad

Future readings can be found on the Parish website

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