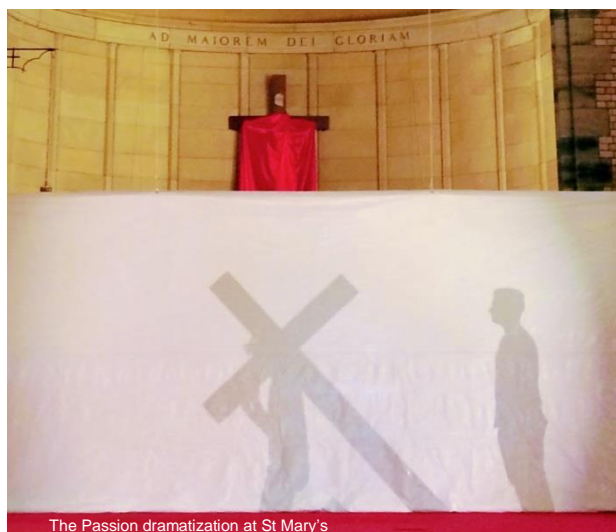




Not from the Pulpit: Fr Andrew Bullen SJ



The Passion dramatization at St Mary's

While it is always right and proper to give thanks, it is so more than ever at the moment as we recall the labours of many people in the parish over Easter to bring about all the liturgies of the season.

We had been readied beforehand by the "Darkness into Light" service at St Mary's on Thursday 6 April, a service of exquisite acapella singing and the careful orchestration dimming and re-lighting candles, using every candlestick we could find; those who saw and heard that ceremony will not forget it.

Moreover, many people came to reconciliation, either after the 5.30pm Masses or at the special reconciliation service at St Francis Xavier's. By then we had all heard of Fr Ardi's sudden death in Yogyakarta, and so a grieving parish gathered at St Mary's on the Wednesday before Easter in the evening to give thanks for his life and influence upon

us. I am sure I am not alone in sensing this Easter will remain in memory as Ardi's readied us at depth for our journey through the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord.

In each of our three churches we undertook the full array of ceremonies. Each church community gave a distinctive quality to each ceremony. Recall the Last Supper Mass on Holy Thursday, with time at the Altar of Repose afterwards; the various Stations of the Cross on Friday morning, with the Passion at three that afternoon, often the central ceremony for many people; then on Holy Saturday the most complex and demanding ceremony of the year as the full drama of the Easter Vigil again took us from darkness into light; and finally in glorious weather the vibrant Masses of Easter Sunday morning.

As well as during the Mass times, but also in weeks and days beforehand, each ceremony placed extra demands on our sacristans, readers, acolytes, collectors, musicians and special Mass teams; as well as our parish staff and priests. And of course all members of the congregation make a worshipping community, and just the getting there is a demanding task for many. I am not mentioning names, but I am recalling faces, voices and gestures. Thank you.

Andrew Bullen SJ

Parish Notices



CWF Appeal – This Weekend

Sat 22 & Sun 23 April

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) is a centralized Archdiocesan fund for the support of charitable and pastoral activities that extend beyond any single parish. CWF supports the following agencies: Catholic Care; Chaplaincies; Seminaries; Aboriginal Catholic Ministry and the Ephpheta Centre (for the deaf and hearing impaired). In addition, the CWF supports religious education and Christian formation for Catholic children in public schools. Envelopes are throughout the churches this weekend. Donations are 100% tax-deductible. Thank you for your support.

Inigo Youth – Palm Sunday Outreach

On Palm Sunday, the *Inigo Youth* went to the Bupa Retirement Home for sufferers of Alzheimer's disease.

In the weeks prior, they painted and decorated Easter Eggs as a gift to the Residents. 15 kids went to the retirement home, keeping them company for the afternoon and sharing their gifts. It was a wonderful afternoon in the spirit of what Inigo is about – Experience, Reflection, Action. The Parish would like to thank Community Connect Transport Services and the North Sydney Council for sponsoring our Bus trip there and back. Inigo starts up again on the 7th of May at 3.30pm in the Ron Dyer Centre. If you're interested in joining 30 high schoolers each Sunday for an afternoon of food, fun and service, contact Michael at youth@sjparishnsw.org.au to register.



Africa Entsha – A Capella African Quartet Concert



Sunday 30th April after 6pm Mass @ St Mary's

Africa Entsha are from the South African oral tradition, sung a Capella in gospel style. At the very heart of their shows are Zulu songs, full of rhythm, style and spirit from the very moment of their unique all singing, all dancing performances. Africa Entsha will service the 6pm Youth Mass and perform a concert straight afterwards. For more info, go to their website www.africa-entsha.weebly.com



Jesuit Mission Indian Bazaar – Bric-a-Brac and Books

Seeking quality, interesting goods and collectables – jewelry (even broken), fine china, crystal, linen, silverware (no electronics, no toys) Book Stall needs good condition books, DVDs and CDs – no text books or magazines please. **Drop Off Point:** Drop to Ron Dyer Centre, behind St Mary's Church, 42 Ridge St, Jesuit Mission Office during office hours, OR anytime to basement car park, under Ron Dyer Centre, table in corner, or contact us 02 8919 4109, engagement@jesuitmission.org.au. Large amounts or deceased estates we will collect.

Healing Masses

Wed 26 April @ Ron Dyer Centre @ 10.30am; James Milson's Village @ 1.30pm

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Information Evening - Next Friday

Fri 27 April @ 7.00pm, Ron Dyer Centre

11.00am Mass - Brunch in the Ron Dyer Centre

Sun 30 April - Please join the community after Mass for a coffee and sandwich.

Manresa Group – Bus Trip

Fri 5 May - Depart St Mary's, 42 Ridge St @ 9.00am

Visit the Historic Old Dairy first built by Salter as his farm cottage (1796-1800) then converted to a dairy by Governor Macquarie in 1816. Cost: \$30.00 includes Morning tea and guide. Lunch (own expense) at Dooley's Catholic Club, Lidcombe. Bookings: Joan 9922 1828 by Mon 1 May.

Book Launch Invitation

Tues 16 May @ 6.00pm for 6.30pm, Ron Dyer Centre

You are warmly invited to attend the launch of two new books by Chris Gleeson SJ and Richard Leonard SJ. The books will be launched by Fr Tony Doherty, former Dean of St Mary's Cathedral, Parish Priest of Rose Bay, and author with Ailsa Piper of the recent book "The Attachment". The books will be available for purchase on the night thanks to Pauline Books and Media. RSVP to Judy Tusino, by Fri 12 May: judyt@sparishnsw.org.au or 8918 4147.

Confirmation Masses 2017

Sun 13 & 20 Aug @ St Mary's, North Sydney – Register at: www.trybooking.com/PSKS

Information Evening Wed 21st June @ 7.00pm – Ron Dyer Centre

SAVE THE DATE – Women's Night of Spirituality

Tues 17 Oct @ 7.30pm - 9.30pm Enquiries: Judi Taylor | taylor.judi@outlook.com

<p>Sunday's Readings</p> <p>First Reading Acts 2:42-47 Life of the early disciples.</p> <p>Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24, R. v.1</p> <p>Second Reading 1 Pt 1:3-9 Current trials lead to rejoicing when Christ again appears.</p> <p>Gospel Acclamation Jn 20:29</p> <p>Gospel Jn 20:19-31 Doubting Thomas.</p>	<p>In Our Prayers</p> <p>Baptisms Aston Wood, Leo Canto, Hugo Rensch, Aden Damianakis, Blake Gollodge, Evie Misirlizade</p> <p>Weddings Mark Killen & Eunice Lin, Bianca Carnuccio & Tony Papadopoulous</p> <p>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,</p> <p>Recently Deceased Adrian Short, Pat Watts, Christian Gillett, Muharrem Cuma Karashahin, Marie Armstrong, John Reilly SJ, Paul Gardiner SJ, Geoffrey Hughes, Tracey Leonard (sister of Richard Leonard SJ), Dorothy Mary Yates, Matthew Fox, Raymond Grannall, Dr Peter Rowe, John F. Marshall, Dorothy McSweeney, Fr Kevin King SJ, Pat Smith, Sam Aloe, Nola Love, Mary Roarty, Clara Fox</p> <p>Anniversaries Moya Leone Medina, Peter Goderie, Ken Brooks, Christopher George Murtough</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>