



## Not from the Pulpit: Reflections



Thank you to everyone involved in the wonderful confirmation liturgies we experienced over the last two weekends. Both were beautiful. The candidates were so well prepared; they were a credit to their families, their leaders and themselves. Our young people were suitably full of Awe and Wonder! Both Bishop Terry and Bishop Tony remarked on how well the candidates spoke, responded, read and engaged throughout the liturgy. High praise indeed which should be passed on to our young ones. Neither group will forget their Confirmation in a hurry. *Claire Loneragan, Sacramental Coordinator*

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Confirmation is a sacrament where you confirm your Catholicism and say that you believe in God. This is what he does, which is what your parents and godparents said on behalf of you at your Baptism. For me Confirmation meant becoming part of the catholic community in Our Lady of the Way Parish, sure I was already part of the catholic community because my parents decided I would be, but at Confirmation I was able to decide for myself. I enjoyed learning about Confirmation in a friendly environment with all my friends. *Alexa Moss, Confirmant*

## Parish Notices

### Emerton/Willmot Appeal 2017

The incredible generosity of our parishioners has again produced wonderful results this year. The shop staff at Emerton estimate that thirty thousand dollars' worth of groceries have been donated - many more than last year!! The Ignite Food Store staff have been run off their feet unloading, storing, stacking shelves etc. They are delighted to be able to offer their customers such a variety of much needed groceries. The impact of our donations should last for up to three months.

Many thanks to volunteer parishioners who transported our donations to Emerton in trucks, vans and cars. I know the experience enabled you to see the wonderful work being done out there. Rose told me how delighted she was to meet you, show you around and explain how things work.



Donations of \$26,000 have been received for Willmot Playground Appeal. Dave Hammond is delighted with this response and he has lost no time in moving on the project. Already the land is being cleared for the planting of a beautiful garden and quotes are being sought for the play equipment. Dave will provide further information on the progress of this work.

The opportunity shop has also benefited enormously from the huge range of items donated during the Appeal. As stated previously, this shop relies almost exclusively on the donations of quality items received from our parish. Items are sold at little or no cost to the average customer

and any funds raised are used to keep the operation viable.

Thank you for your amazing response to the Appeal. You are assured that all proceeds have been received by our partners out west and no administration costs have been incurred. Your enthusiasm and support encourage us to keep this important work alive and active. Tax receipts should be received promptly. A number of parishioners have offered to supply groceries from time to time during the year. This would be a big help as there are some very lean periods in the store. Can I suggest that we focus particularly on tea, coffee, nappies, washing products and personal hygiene items? Items can be left at the Ron Dyer Centre along with Op-shop donations. We may issue a few reminders from time to time. Trish Martin 9437 6533

## **An Unforgettable Concert**

Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Aug @ 2.30pm, St Mary's Cathedral Crypt

That's how Markus Karas, organist at Bonn Cathedral, described the Australian Chamber Choir's program, performed across Europe 14 times during July. Director, Douglas Lawrence selected works that explore the text "By the Waters of Babylon I sat down and wept": the Israelites mourn the loss of their homeland. Settings by Bach and Palestrina are sung alongside Bach Motets, other Renaissance works and two new Australian pieces. Book: [www.AusChoir.org/Babylon](http://www.AusChoir.org/Babylon)



## **Healing Mass**

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Aug @ 10.30am, Ron Dyer Centre



## **Spring into OMG!**

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Sept @ 6.00pm–8.00pm Ron Dyer Centre

Come and join in the fun! Supervised games, activities, jumping castle and pizza  
Book now: <https://www.trybooking.com/RLZZ>

## **Manresa Group Lunch**

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 12.30pm, Northbridge Golf Club

Own expense, all welcome. RSVP: Lou 9958 7654

## **Jesuit Mission Indian Bazaar**

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 9.00am – 5.00pm St Ignatius' College, 1 Tambourine Bay Rd, Lane Cove



**Jesuit Mission**  
*"in all things to love and to serve"*

Come and join in the fun and festivities at Jesuit Mission's Indian Bazaar this year. The Indian Bazaar supports Jesuit Mission's work in some of the most marginalized communities in the world, in places like Timor Leste, Cambodia and India. Your support of the great work of Jesuits immersed in these communities

enables families in the poorest parts of the globe to have access to the basics of life: clean drinking water, food, healthcare and education. The Jesuit Mission Indian Bazaar is a great community event with rides, stalls, entertainment, wine auction, food and more. All funds raised support the work of Jesuit Mission.  
[www.jesuitmission.org.au](http://www.jesuitmission.org.au)

## **Catalyst for Renewal Forum**

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 1.30pm-3.00pm, Crypt, St Patrick's Church, Grosvenor St, The Rocks

Open Forum with Dr Richard Gaillardetz, Professor of Catholic Systematic Theology, Boston College, USA  
Topic: "Wrestling with the faith in times of scandal: Why belonging to the church still matters".

Tickets: \$15.00 Book at: [www.trybooking.com/300007](http://www.trybooking.com/300007)

## **Australian Catholic Youth Festival – Volunteers wanted**

If you are interested in volunteering to assist as part of our experience of the largest Catholic Youth Festival since World Youth Day 2008, please get in contact with Michael Paton. Jobs range from cooking breakfast for our young people, to marshalling at Sydney Olympic Park, and everything in between. There is no age limit. Contact: [youth@northsydneycatholics.com](mailto:youth@northsydneycatholics.com)

## **Boston College 150th Anniversary Mass Fr Michael Himes's Homily**

Fr Michael Himes presents a thought provoking address on today's Gospel to the Boston College Community. Go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzcn6Ay5kbM>

### **Sunday's Readings**

#### **First Reading**

[Is 22:19-23](#)

The Lord appoints Eliakim over the house of Judah.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

[Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8, R. v.8](#)

#### **Second Reading**

[Rom 11:33-36](#)

Who knows the mind of God?

#### **Gospel Acclamation**

[Mt 16:18](#)

#### **Gospel**

[Mt 16:13-20](#)

Jesus asks, "Who do people say I am?"

### **In Our Prayers**

#### **Baptisms**

Michela Kasby, Amelia Mc Allister, Amelia Mansour, Oliver Jones, Amelia Buchanan

#### **Sick**

Aaron Woods, Ron Whitmore, Sr Natalina Todeschini,

Margaret McDonald, Frances Boyle, Brian McClosky,

Craig Chase, Rosa Maria Santos, Vedran Simunovic, Rosa Pessaro, Bruce Horsfield,

Juliana Siow, Veronica Johnson, Tony Breslin, John Goldrick, Gavin O'Connor, Barry Collis, Fr Tony Smith SJ,

#### **Recently Deceased**

Greg Bunbury, Doris Gorman, Gerald Curtin, Kitty O' Connor, William Byrne, John Bernard Hickey, Mary Mackay

Chris Spalding, Ann Estella, Alan Anthony Mc Devitt,