



## Not from the Pulpit: Fr Michael Stoney SJ



In this Sunday's Gospel Jesus warns us to be clear what ultimately controls the way we live our lives. Are we centred on God or on money? Money might be any kind of wealth. Jesus mentions food and clothing as examples, but we can also be slaves to a need for public approval or status or for control or success in any chosen pursuit.

Being 'slaves' to God means that we are motivated by love: of God; of others, especially those in need; most importantly, of ourselves as God's gift to us. Of course, the material goods of this world as well as our desire for success are very valuable tools for productive Christian living as long as they are used in a context of love and service. Constant searching of our hearts to understand what motivates us is the Ignatian recipe for living as God's partners in transforming our world.

## Parish Notices

### Ash Wednesday Masses, 1 March

In addition to the scheduled Masses at St Mary's (7:00am and 5:30pm) and St Francis Xavier (12:10 pm), there will be a Communion service at the Star of the Sea Church at 5:00pm. Eucharist ministers are needed for St Mary's, 5.30pm Mass. Please contact the Parish office: 8918 4101.

### Parish of Our Lady of the Way - Easter Timetable 2017

In lieu of the Lenten Reflection previously advertised, the Parish will be having a Reconciliation 'Tenebrae style' liturgy, "Darkness into Light". More details to come.

	St Mary's Church 264 Miller St, North Sydney	St Francis Xavier Church 17 Mackenzie St, Lavender Bay	Star of the Sea Church 44 Willoughby St, Kirribilli
<b>Reconciliation</b>	<b>3 – 7 April</b> After 5.30pm Mass individual confession(s) <b>6 April</b> "Darkness into Light" Parish Reconciliation Service 8.00pm		
<b>Palm Sunday 9 April</b>	9.00am Family Mass 11.00am Mass 6.00pm Youth	5.30pm Mass 9.30am Mass	8.00am Mass
<b>Holy Thursday 13 April</b>	6.30pm Last Supper 7.45 - 8.30pm Prayer before the Altar of Repose	5.30pm Last Supper 6.45 - 7.30pm Prayer before the Altar of Repose	7.30pm Last Supper 8.45 - 9.30pm Prayer before the Altar of Repose
<b>Good Friday 14 April</b>	10.00am Stations of the Cross (for families in the grass area of RDC) 3.00pm The Passion	10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm The Passion	10.00am Stations of the Cross 3.00pm The Passion
<b>Holy Saturday 15 April</b>	6.00pm Easter Vigil	5.30pm Easter Vigil	6.30pm Easter Vigil
<b>Easter Sunday 16 April</b>	9.00am Family Mass 10.30am Mass NO EVENING MASS	9.30am Mass NO EVENING MASS	8.00am Mass NO EVENING MASS

**Parking Available at Star of the Sea;** The Parish has two parking garages in Winslow Lane, Kirribilli available for rent through to December 2017. Each garage can accommodate two cars (in tandem) and has an adjacent storage area. The garages have electronic access doors and are individually secured. Each are offered at \$200 per week with the proceeds supporting the Parish's outreach activities. Enquiries to [olw@sjparishnsw.org.au](mailto:olw@sjparishnsw.org.au)

### Easter Feast Day Choir – Next Rehearsal

Tues 28 Feb @ 7.15pm – 9.00pm, St Mary's Loft

For further information please contact: [michaelp@sjparishnsw.org.au](mailto:michaelp@sjparishnsw.org.au)

## Fr Bob Walsh SJ

Fr Bob has moved to St Peter's Green, where he used to help with Masses and knows a number of people: St Peter's Green, 3 Felton Ave, Lane Cove North NSW 2066. Ph. 8413 4000.

## Project Compassion 2017 - message from Bishop Greg O'Kelly – Caritas Australian Chairman



Dear Friends, I invite you to join with us in preparation for Project Compassion 2017. Our theme this year is "Love your neighbour". The six stories we share with you for the six weeks of Lent reveal some of the ways lives can be transformed when we follow Jesus' instruction to "Love your neighbour as yourself" (Matt. 22:39). The call of Jesus shakes us out of preoccupation with ourselves. Christ asks us to acknowledge in our lives that we are all members of the one human family. Each one of us is equally worthy of respect and compassion. In Project Compassion 2017 we will demonstrate how love for our neighbours can transform lives. When mutual respect is fostered, communities become stronger and more resilient. This can only lead to a better future for our world, the world that Pope Francis has recently called "our common home". For more than 50 years, Caritas Australia has been privileged to work together with our neighbours – our most vulnerable sisters and brothers in First Australian communities and in many other countries. Working with our partner agencies in those communities, we have developed the strength to combat poverty, promote justice and uphold the dignity of every person. Boxes will be available throughout the churches from 1<sup>st</sup> March.

### 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

www.maristcollege.com or contact the Registrar on 9957 5000: northshore@maristcollege.com

### Eremos Event – Faith and Politics

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

The Hon Kristina Keneally will talk on Faith and Politics. Book online \$25.00: [www.trybooking.com/OJUJ](http://www.trybooking.com/OJUJ)  
Cash at the door \$35.00. Students: \$10.00

### First Reconciliation and Holy Communion Information Evening

Thurs 27 April @ 7.00pm, Ron Dyer Centre

Candidate registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/OJNA>

Please contact Claire: [clairel@sjparishnsw.org.au](mailto:clairel@sjparishnsw.org.au) or 8918 4143 – Tuesdays only

### Confirmation for children in Year 6

Sun 13 Aug & 20 Aug @ St Mary's Church North Sydney

Further information about this program and registration/enrolment will be available shortly.

### Sunday's Readings

### In Our Prayers

#### First Reading

Is 49:14-15

Can a mother forget her child?

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 61:2-3, 6-9, R. v.6

#### Second Reading

1 Cor 4:1-5

The Lord will reveal what is in the heart.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;

it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.

Alleluia!

Heb 4:12

#### Gospel

Mt 6:24-34

Do not worry about tomorrow.

#### Baptisms

Emilie Storey, Hudson Lander, Georgette Owyong Jordan Freitas, Harrison Taylor, Jeanine Yi WU, Gabriel Reyna, Isabella Reyna

#### Weddings

Brent McCarthy & Alicia Hawkins, Laura Donahoo & Charles Testu de Balincourt

#### 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, Rosa Maria Santos, Jonathan Arthur, Paul Gardiner SJ, Sr Anna Gaha IBVM, Gerald Curtin

#### 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, Sunya Krzeminski, Dianne Bradley, Regis McKenzie AM, Patty Woods

#### Anniversaries

Andrew James Russell, Darren Egelhof, William Greig, Mary Quarrell, John Cansdell, Pat Bullen, Peter Hudson

*Future readings can be found on the Parish website*

*Please send all prayer requests to [communications@sjparishnsw.org.au](mailto:communications@sjparishnsw.org.au)*