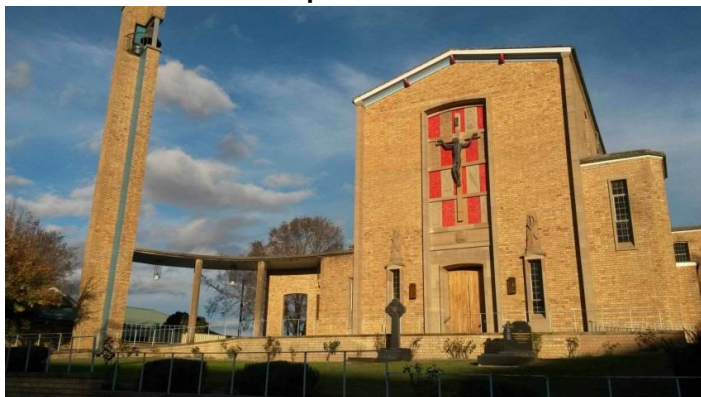




Not from the Pulpit: Fr Andrew Bullen SJ



One of the many blessings of being in our parish is coming to appreciate our churches. The more I am around St Mary's, the more I love its architecture: the view from the Ron Dyer Centre, for example, presents such a subtle organisation of volumes (curved boxes), while inside the spaces works so generously for big congregations and small ones, and the light is at home here. This is where, and how, the People of God meet the God who has pitched his tent among us.

Formally St Mary's is a major example of Inter-War Romanesque. The architect was JC Fowell (1891-

1970), who had already won the Sulman Prize in 1935 (still the top architectural prize in the country) for St Anne's, Bondi Beach, which is full of the DNA of St Mary's. Fowell loved brick and stone together, wooden ceilings, and carefully designed fittings: lighting, pews, altars; his work is subtle and strong. In St Mary's he was aware of heritage (way ahead of his time), so our Shrine preserves the stained glass windows and marble flooring from the original church.

These reflections and feelings were revived by my visit, driving back from Melbourne last week, to St Augustine's in Yass, Fowell's last great church, built in the early 1950s. The photos indicate that St Augustine's is full of the DNA of St Mary's, but the curves have been replaced by the rectangles of the 1950s, and he has discovered colour (look at the mosaic panels and pillars), but he still loves brick and stone together to create strong volumes and generous spaces. The church is famous for its sculptures by Tom Bass; who had earlier been commissioned to create the wonderful crucifix in the chapel of Canisius College, Pymble, another Fowell building. St Augustine's bell tower makes me wonder if Fowell wanted a campanile for St Mary's, maybe on the corner of Ridge and Miller Streets. The pews in both St Augustine's and St Anne's indicate what he would have designed for St Mary's; maybe he did, but the money was tight. What we have at St. Mary's is a distinctively Australian holy place that has hallowed the lives of thousands of people in the best, worst and ordinary days of their lives. Thanks to a master of his craft.



Parish Notices

Thank you

Congratulations to the 155 children who celebrated their First Holy Communion over the last two weeks. Thank you to Fr Chris Gleeson SJ and Fr Michael Stoney SJ who officiated at the beautiful Masses, to the Group Leaders who taught the children over a period of ten weeks and to the families who supported their children through this special time in their lives. Registration for 2017 Confirmation has now closed. No more candidates can be accepted.

Ecology group update: Petition and Laudato Si Mass

An update on the petition count ... 1499 signatures of which 980 are from North Sydney electorate and the remainder from other electorates. This count includes over 400 from Monte Sant' Angelo (an initiative of one of their students who is a parishioner). These numbers don't yet include those from Naremburn and Willoughby Parishes. The Petition deadline has been extended to August 7th. Can you help? The link to the Petition can be found at: www.northsydney Catholics.com Thank you to all who helped with the Laudato Si Mass last weekend. The Reflection and the Creed can be found on the Parish website.

Mass changes @ St Mary's and St Francis Xavier – Week commencing 10 July

Due to the clergy attending the Jesuit Assembly the following Masses will be Communion services.
St Mary's – 5.30pm: Mon 10, Tues 11, Wed 12 | St Francis Xavier – 12.10pm: Tues 11, Wed 12 .

Planned Giving Envelopes 2017/18

Planned giving envelopes for the new financial year are available at the back of all churches. If you would like to join the planned giving program via envelopes, credit card or direct debit - *or make a single contribution before year end* - please contact the Parish Office 8918 4101 or annem@northsydneycatholics.com. All donations to the planned giving program are 50% tax deductible.

St Ignatius' Feast Day Choir Rehearsals – Commence this Wednesday

Wed 5 July through Wed 26 July @ 7.15pm, St Mary's Choir Loft, North Sydney.

Contact: michaelp@northsydneycatholics.com

Latino American Mass

Sun 9 July @ 11.00am - St Mary's Church

Please join us in celebrating Mass to commemorate the "Virgen del Carmen" followed by a traditional lunch in the Ron Dyer Centre. RSVP: rocio.pospisil/cgi.com or 0425 324 742

The Return of the Sacred in an Age of Terror

Sun 9 July 1:30 – 3 pm St Francis Xavier Church Hall

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/PFIS> Cost: \$25, or \$20 for members; \$5 less for early booking by 5 July. More details available on the Eremos website: <https://www.facebook.com/Eremos David Tacey event>.

Manresa Group

Wed 12 July @ 12pm – Jason's Kitchen 433 Miller St Cammeray

Banquet Lunch Cost: \$25.00 Bookings: Lou 9958 7654 by Mon 10th July.

Holy Family Parish Emerton July Appeal – 15 /16 July

The July appeal will be launched on the weekend of 15/16 July. The Mt Druitt community rely heavily on your generosity to support their work at Emerton. They are always grateful for your support. Ignite Food Store bags will be at the back of all churches during the appeal weekend.

Winter Retreat

Sat 29 July, 10.00am – 4.00pm Canisius Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, Pymble

Home is our place of origin and our place of arrival - Led by the Eremos Retreat team

Cost: \$75, or \$65 for members, \$10 less for concession (and includes morning tea and lunch)

Bookings are essential and close on Thu 13 July. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/QBNZ>

Enquiries: events@eremos.org.au or tel Bethany at 0413 272 960

Columban Centre for Christian - Muslim Relations – Film Premiere - The Saint and the Sultan

Sat 29 July @ 7.00pm – Western Sydney University, Parramatta South Campus

Sir Ian and Nancy Turbott Auditorium, Building EE, Room G.19 (entrance via Victoria Road)

A true story of St. Francis of Assisi and the Sultan of Egypt and the risks they took for peace.

Tickets: \$10.00 Bookings: SultanSaintSydney.Eventbrite.co.au. Program followed by refreshments.

More Information: info.cccmr@columban.org.au or 9352 8000

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

Seeking quality, interesting goods, collectables silverware (no electronics, no toys) .Drop Off Point: 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 8918 4109, engagement@jesuitmission.org.au. Large amounts or deceased estates we will collect.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

[2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16](#)

Elisha promises a son to an influential woman.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2](#)

Second Reading

[Rom 6:3-4. 8-11](#)

We are baptized into Christ's death.

Gospel Acclamation

[1 Pt 2:9](#)

Gospel

[Mt 10:37-42](#)

Take up your cross.

In Our Prayers

Baptisms

George Roxburgh, Elias McGloin, Oliver Smith, Harvey Smuk, Audrey Mawa-Pocock, Julian Stevens, Monte Durham, Oliver Hartcher

Sick

Christine Mitchells, Andrew Dyer, Sr Natalina Todeschini, Margaret McDonald, Frances Boyle, Brian McClosky, Craig Chase, Rosa Maria Santos, Vedran Simunovic, Rosa Pessaro, Bruce Horsfield, Juliana Siow,

Recently Deceased

John Taylor, Sr Anna Gaha IBVM, Fr Maurice McNamara (brother of Margaret Zucker), John Pearson, Patricia (Tricia) Kearins, Bill Peatey, Margaret Stubbs

Anniversaries

Mary Patricia Turton, Elizabeth Jane Wright (nee Bradley) Pam Connolly –Greig, Joseph Taaffe, Fr Peter Little S.J., William Quarrell, Paula Moroney