



Not from the Pulpit: Fr Andrew Bullen SJ



Advent – meaning purple because we are waiting, meaning a wreath of candles because we are waiting, meaning very carefully orchestrated scriptural readings through the next weeks because we are waiting. Many, indeed most of us can say, “The weeks before Christmas are the busiest in the year; I am rushing, not waiting”. As God’s People, however, we are waiting, like God’s Jewish People waiting for the promised Messiah through all those centuries, and they are still waiting. As God’s Christian People we replay in devotion and imagination waiting for God to exercise the initiative. Meanwhile, attentive, distracted

(there’s the rushing), hope coming and going and coming, we wait. Our hearts/memory recall that Mary and Joseph are on the move towards Bethlehem, shepherds and sheep go about their usual business unaware of a sudden surprise coming their way, way out east Magi (whoever they are) are watching the night sky for signs, Herod will soon be very anxious. Something is about to happen: we cannot make it happen (no magic practices for us), so we have to wait.

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Liturgy of Lament

Tues 5 Dec @ 7.00pm Star of the Sea, 44 Willoughby St, Kirribilli

With the Royal Commission handing down its final recommendations in December, the Catholic Church, as with many organisations, will be in Lament of the victims of abuse caused by so many.

Following on from the example of churches around the world and the recent Jesuit Province Gathering, the Parish will be holding a Liturgy of Lament to pray for these victims, for healing, for justice and for redemption. I’d be grateful if you would join us for this liturgy so that we, as one body, may acknowledge our wounds and failings, looking to a brighter future. As Bishop Gregory O’Kelly SJ rightly said in his recent Pastoral Letter:

“The Body of Christ which is the Church in the world has had to undergo new agonies, but the assurance of the Lord that He is with us all days, and that He will keep us true to His name, gives us strength and resolution for the future.”

Parish Notices



St Aloysius’ College - A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols – THIS SATURDAY

Sat 2 Dec @ 7.30pm - 9.30pm, St Mary’s Cathedral

A devotional service celebrating the birth and life of Jesus Christ. Parishioners are warmly welcome to attend this free event.

+ Roster Sunday for 9.00am Family Mass- THIS SUNDAY

Sun 3 Dec after the 9.00am Mass

+ St Francis Xavier Feast Day this SUNDAY

Jesuit Missionary 1506 – 1552. Bookmarks commemorating this great Jesuit saint are available in the churches.

+ ACYF – Australia’s Biggest Catholic Mass

Sat 9 Dec @ 6.30pm, The Domain, Sydney



St Vincent de Paul - Christmas Cards and the Columban Calendar on sale after Mass



Advent Reflection Day with Frances Tilly

Sat 9 Dec @ 9.30am – 4.00pm, Peter Canisius House, 102 Mona Vale Road, Pymble

Francis Tilly is a spiritual director and giver of the Spiritual Exercises.

Bookings: 9488 4524 or www.pch.org.au



Tidings of Comfort and Joy

Wed 13 Dec @ 8.00pm, St Mary's North Sydney

Join the Parish for Reflections on Advent, accompanied by Chamber Choir and Orchestra.

This is a not-to-be missed event. No bookings required.



Spring wine offer – LAST WEEK

For every six-pack sold, Sevenhill will donate \$10 to the Parish's fundraising for Jesuit Refugee Services. Order forms are available at the back of all churches. Free delivery.



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Emerton/JSS Christmas Appeal

This Christmas we are looking to support Jesuit Social Services in the Emerton and Wilmott area through a toy appeal. We welcome gifts of unwrapped toys for children of various ages (as below) which can be left

in the sacristies or under the steps in the Ron Dyer Centre. Toys should be new and gifts of food non-perishable.

- Toys & games - Babies through to 17 yrs.
- Christmas party food: Cakes, sweets and biscuits
- Cash donations will also be most welcome. For cash donations please use the appeal envelopes located at the back of all churches. All Donations are 100% tax deductible. Please include your name and address. Thank you from the JSS team.

+ There will be no Christmas Day luncheon this year in the Ron Dyer Centre. For enquiries regarding alternative events on Christmas Day, please contact the Parish Office on 8918-4101.

+ No 9.00am Family Masses at St Mary's over the Christmas and New Year period

Sundays: 24 & 31 Dec, 7 & 14 Jan

Disturbing the Dust by Fr Tony Herbert SJ

Fr Tony Herbert SJ's book, *Disturbing the Dust* is an ideal Christmas gift. Fr Herbert is an Australian Jesuit Missionary who moved to India in 1965 and began working with the Dalits, one of India's poorest and most marginalised castes. *Disturbing the Dust* shares the stories Fr Herbert recorded in his journal – heart-breaking, terrifying, and uplifting stories of events which moved him over the years. Published by Jesuit Mission, *Disturbing the Dust* is available for purchase online (\$30 + postage and handling), and all proceeds from the book go towards supporting Jesuit Mission's programs overseas.

www.jesuitmission.org.au or ph. (02) 8918 4109

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

[Is 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8](#)

May the Lord come when we are doing good.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4](#)

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading

[1 Cor 1:3-9](#)

The Lord will strengthen us to the end.

Gospel Acclamation

[Ps 84:8](#)

Gospel

[Mk 13:33-37](#)

We know not the hour the Lord will come.

In Our Prayers

Baptisms

Zavier Caristo, Lachlan Beerworth, Evelyn Parker, Elke Finnane, Poppy Papantonio, Jayden Ng

Sick

Ron Whitmore, Sr Natalina Todeschini, Brian McClosky, Craig Chase, Rosa maria Santos, Vedran Simunovic, Bruce Horsfield, Tony breslin, Gavin O'connor, Fr Tony Smith SJ, Joseph Meagher, Sharon Collins, John Fitzgerald, Sandra Tsui, Neave Mackey (17yrs), Mee-Na Cheok, Mary O'Connor, Sister Anna Ventura rsm,

Recently Deceased

Madeleine Cullen, Madeleine Baker, David Lidbetter, Leonard Colwell (Father of Lisa McLean) William O' Donnell

Anniversaries

Alice Ho