



Parish of Our Lady of the Way

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Sunday 5 February – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Not from the Pulpit: Fr Andrew Bullen SJ



On Saturday, 4 February Fr Paul Coleman SJ celebrates his 90th birthday. As well as thanking him for his long association with our parish, it is right and proper to give thanks for his enduring and still active ministry in the Church.

This coming week we welcome our Jesuit Provincial, Fr Brian McCoy SJ to his annual visitation of the Jesuit Community in the parish. He will be based in Sydney for much of February and living with us at the Lavender Bay presbytery.

The week after next I will be having a delayed summer break in Melbourne from 14 to 25 February, and Fr Michael Stoney SJ will be Acting Parish Priest. During this break I will be meeting up with most of the twelve who joined the novitiate in Watsonia, Melbourne in 1967; aged 19, I was the eldest: as the poet says, "Bliss in those days was it to be alive, And to be young was very heaven".

Youth Ministry 2017

Next weekend, this Parish begins a new chapter in its Youth Ministry – the *Inigo* Youth. *Inigo* Youth will provide an opportunity for High School-aged young people to come together once a fortnight, enjoying time with other young people from high schools around North Sydney, sharing in faith, outreach and music.



Next weekend, the **12th of February**, we will have a Launch party at the Ron Dyer Centre, starting at **3.30pm**. There will be food, drink, music, and maybe a cheeky water fight if the weather is good. If you have any children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews whom you would like to invite, please contact me at youth@sjparishnsw.org.au for more details. We also have flyers at all churches for you to take home and register your interest online.

The Youth Group will have a central focus on *ERA* – Experience, Reflection and Action, all within the paradigm of Ignatian Spirituality. I am happy to say the Parish has taken on two new Youth Leaders to champion this program. They are Siobhan Hawdon (Monte graduate 2015) and Kieran Joel (SAC 2012). Both of these capable young people have been heavily involved in the Parish for the last few years, and are looking forward to this greater responsibility.

Youth Ministry has struggled in the Catholic world in recent years. The rise of Social Media, the influence of popular culture and at times the lingering 'Catholic guilt' in many families, has all contributed to this decline. Often young people are more interested in the ease of designing an image of themselves on Social Media, rather than working to design their true image, that of the image of God. Many young people are happy hiding behind a profile picture, increasing levels of anxiety in social contexts, and never discovering a true identity, the least of these being linked to Christianity. No one can blame them, popular culture seems to have a vendetta against all that Christianity identifies with, and when a teenager is asked to decide between a sandstone church and the temptations of teenage life, the church does not make much of an effort to defend itself, hence drawing young people away from a true faith formation in teenage years.

Here in North Sydney we are working to counteract this decline, by showing young people that being an Ignatian Christian in 2017 does not mean rigidity, regiment and exclusivity, but rather dialogue, discernment, and inclusivity. To champion this, our Youth will be deeply involved in service to the poor, lonely and aged in our community, and will work closely with the Parish's newest outreach ministry: Mary's House.

An Ignatian Christian in 2017 is one who rejoices in outreach, who jumps at the opportunity to be charitable, and one who finds God in all things. We hope to take the young people of North Sydney on a journey towards a deeper faith, inspired by the example of Jesus Christ, and articulated by the great St Ignatius (or *Inigo*).

Michael Paton – Music/Youth Minister

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Preparation classes for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion at OLW will be held in Term 2. Registration for enrolment in preparation classes opens 13.02.17 and closes 17.03.17 @ 5.00pm.

Register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/OJNA>

As this is a home-based program, parents are invited to become leaders of small groups. All training and resources are provided. Depending on numbers, we need 15 group leaders. Please contact Claire: clairel@sparishnsw.org.au or 8918 4101 if you are interested.

Tom O'Hara SJ Book Launch by Frank Brennan SJ & Frances Tilley

Fri 10 Feb @ 6.00pm - Ron Dyer Centre, North Sydney

You are warmly invited to attend the launch of two new books by Fr Tom O' Hara SJ. Sadly, Tom died November 2016, but here is an opportunity to celebrate his life work. Come, Lord Jesus Contemplation and the Gospels and To See Jesus. The books will be launched by Frank Brennan SJ, CEO of Catholic Social Services Australia and Frances Tilley, Assistant Director, National First Spiritual Exercises Program
RSVP: Mon 6 Feb - judyt@sparishnsw.org.au or 8918 4101. All Welcome.

Movie Preview of Martin Scorsese movie 'SILENCE'

Thurs 16 Feb @ 8.30pm at Hayden Orpheum, Cremorne

An Epic of Jesuit Missionaries in 17th Century Japan. Bookings via www.trybooking.com/OQJM
Any monies raised from the evening will be donated to The Jesuit Mission Timor-Leste Fund.

Parish Volunteering Opportunities – "I Can Do" Weekend

18 and 19 Feb at all Masses

The Parish of Our Lady of the Way is a vibrant Parish of people who are involved in over 50 ministries which do good works and community activities, engaging hundreds of people every week.

The "I Can Do" Weekend is your opportunity to find out what's happening in our Parish, and how you can become involved. We have ministries that call for small one off volunteer experiences, through to long term commitments that bring warmth and joy to the soul and energy to the step. For more information contact: Annette Benaud - benauda@inet.net.au



Healing Masses

Wed 22 Feb

Ron Dyer Centre @ 10.30am: St Francis Xavier @ 12.10pm: James Milson Village @ 1.30pm



Spanish Community Care Association – Fundraising Paella Day

Sat 25 Feb @ 12pm Ron Dyer Centre, 42 Ridge Street, North Sydney

Please join us for a fun-filled day with facepainting, games, music and more! All proceeds go towards supporting our elderly. Adults: \$25.00 Children: \$15.00. More information: www.spanishcare.net

Water Coolers – STM, SFX and SOS

During the summer months, chilled water and disposable cups will be available in all churches. Parishioners are also welcome to bring their own water bottles.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Is 58:7-10

Share with those in need and you will be rewarded.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

Second Reading

1 Cor 2:1-5

Faith is a gift from God

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 5:13-16

Salt of the earth, light of the world.

In Our Prayers

Baptisms

Anna Elizabeth Moul, Isabella Jane Nicholls, Maeve Carol Elbourn
Zoe Marie Joseph, Emilie Berry, Alexandra Maria Jane Nolan, Harper May Coppin

Weddings

Leoni Thomas & Sarah Kelloway

Sick

Barbara Gooch, Christine Mitchells,
Olivia Scott, John Landels, Maureen Newley,
Andrew Dyer, Sr M Natalina Todeschini OSA,
Rosa Passaro, Donna Lukas, John Taylor,
Christine Mitchell, Frances Boyle, Brian McCloskey,
Carol Pedersen RSC, Taylor Grace, Dianne Bradley, Rosa Maria Santos,
Jonathan Arthur, Fr Paul Gardiner SJ, Fr Bernie Donnelly SJ

Recently Deceased

Tess Fitzgerald, Joan Mary Atkins, Avelina Ong, Maureen Travers

Anniversaries

Darren Egglehoff, Edward Hastings (SAC 2004), Eileen Garvin,
Vera Williams, Cassandra Vrisakis

Future readings can be found on the Parish website

Please send all prayer requests to communications@sparishnsw.org.au

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