



Parish of Our Lady of the Way

North Sydney | Kirribilli | Lavender Bay
Under the care of the Jesuits since 1878
Sunday 5 March – First Sunday of Lent



Not from the Pulpit: Fr Andrew Bullen SJ



We know it is not about giving things up but rather about taking things on - or not about things at all. Lent is about how we are disciples of the Lord, especially as the central current of his life gains in force as it moves these next weeks towards Easter. Ash Wednesday puts a cross of ash on our foreheads; our baptisms puts a cross of chrism on the same spot, and much earlier in our lives. God always makes the first move, and God's initiative always comes as a blessing, so we are anointed with the golden holy oil of God's blessing; the chrism marks us as Christians, Christ-followers, disciples.

The ash comes later, with its own truth about ourselves: we are dust, our flesh is dust, we feel the poignancy of how each human life passes (if we read Keats, he tells us "in the very temple of delight veiled Melancholy has her throne"; Keats is never wrong.); we are abashed by our fault, and so pour ashes in mortification on our heads; we mourn; we know that the Lord joins us in solidarity with our condition, however fraught, however terrible; he even becomes Sin for our sake, whatever that means. So we have ourselves marked in ash with the sign of the cross. We let ourselves be steered through Lent towards the Lord's passion, death and resurrection; we are marked with both ash and chrism.

Parish Notices

A pastoral message from the Archbishop of Sydney to the Priests and People of the Archdiocese of Sydney- Lent 2017. Copies of the letter are located at the back of all churches or on the parish website: www.northsydney Catholics.com



Project Compassion 2017 – Week 1 Love your Neighbour Dinia, the Philippines

"Dinia's story is a story of healing, through her own skill and perseverance, and through support from a Caritas-Australia funded program. Living in the Philippines, she struggled daily with poverty in a country with many vulnerable communities. People living in rural and coastal areas have very little access to basic services.

They face extreme weather events, environmental degradation and the effects of internal conflict and have little hope of a sustainable income. For Dinia, the untimely death of her husband meant an end to his small income and a greater struggle to feed and educate her children. She struggled alone, facing a future without hope, until her community encouraged her to participate in the Socio Pastoral Action Center



Foundation Inc. (SPACFI) program supported by Caritas Australia. SPACFI's Integrated Community Development Program helped her develop diverse ways to gain a sustainable livelihood, continue to send her children to school and contribute to her community. The program foregrounds the need to work together for the common good, awakening Dinia's innate generosity and leadership qualities. She was able to learn about organic farming, managing livestock, and starting a small business. Now she has an integral role in her community, a sustainable livelihood, and a brighter future for her children. "My life is much better now. It is much easier," she says.

Like many of her neighbours in her rural village in the Philippines, Dinia struggled to feed and educate her children, and the struggle worsened after her husband's untimely death. But, with the help of a program supported by Caritas Australia, she now has the skills to earn a better income for her children and help her neighbours in her vulnerable community. Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help people in rural areas of the Philippines develop their strengths and build better futures for their families and their neighbours". Envelopes and boxes are at the back of all churches, donations can be made via post: GPO Box 9830, Sydney, NSW 2001: online at www.caritas.org.au or by phone 1800 024 413.

Baptism Preparation Class

Tues 7 March @ St Mary's Church, North Sydney

Baptism preparation sessions are held on the first Tuesday of the month. To register for a session go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/LDHB>

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
Cash at the door \$35.00. Students: \$10.00



St Aloysius' College Law Lunch

Fri 24 March, 12 for 12.30pm, Doltone House Hyde Park, 181 Elizabeth St, Sydney

Guest Speaker is renowned human rights activist, Professor of Law and Jesuit Priest, Father Frank Brennan SJ. Established in 2016, the Aloysian Law Lunch is an opportunity for all members of the Aloysian Family involved in the law to gather once a year to network and

celebrate their Aloysian connection. Bookings: www.trybooking.com/DLQP For further information, contact James Halliday on 9936 5568 or james.halliday@staloyisus.nsw.edu.au

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 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.

Maurer Family Funerals - 75th Anniversary

Since 1941, the Maurer family have been conducting funerals for the community of North Sydney. This year we celebrate 75 years of service. Thank you to all those who have supported us. The Maurer Family.

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

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

[Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7](#)

The Lord creates man and the garden of Eden.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. see v.3](#)

Second Reading

[Rom 5:12-19](#)

Jesus has atoned for Adam's sin.

[Rom 5:12, 17-19](#)

Gospel Acclamation

[Mt 4:4](#)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

[Mt 4:1-11](#)

Jesus is tempted by the devil in the desert.

Future readings can be found on the Parish website

In Our Prayers

Baptisms

Isabella Dibden, Winter Brookes, Leonardo Guanlao, Edric Sudarso, Isla Banning, Erin Dukino

Weddings

Ellie Krashias & Andrew Saliba, Sophie Conroy & Lahann Wijenayake

Sick

Christine Mitchells, Olivia Scott, John Landels, Maureen Newley, Andrew Dyer, Sr M Natalina Todeschini OSA, Donna Lukas, John Taylor, Margaret McDonald, Christine Mitchell, Frances Boyle, Brian McCloskey, Taylor Grace, Rosa Maria Santos, 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, Judith Hatten, Sr Shirley Diggs IBVM, Terence Forrest, John David

Anniversaries

Andrew James Russell, Darren Egelhof, William Greig, Margaret Dougan, Mary Quarrell, John Cansdell, Pat Bullen, Peter Hudson, Elliott Miller (SAC 2012), Geraldine Mayen, John Dyson, Kan Yong Fong, Luke Williams, Mollie Higgins, Mary Elizabeth Quarrell, Enrico Piccioli, Maureen Kaye

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