



## Parish of Our Lady of the Way

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Sunday 7 May 2017 – Fourth Sunday of Easter



### Not from the Pulpit: Fr Andrew Bullen SJ

Rather than thinking we are drawing away from Easter – we are now in the Fourth Week of Easter – we know that Easter is with us every day, every week. And although it is right to say that so is Good Friday, we live in the enduring, reverberating power of Easter. How does it show? We carry Easter with us; bring it with us, into the details and patterns of our daily, weekly lives. We bring the Light of Christ into whatever darkness comes our way or we find in the lives of those around us; we bring the Lord's transforming power into the fraught situations around us and in our world. It rarely gets noticed in the headline news; the first Easter was unnoticed except by very few, but it is the abiding news and God's news. The Lord Easter's within us and our world.

**The Reverend Monsignor Eugene Joseph Harley OAM** - We note the passing of Monsignor Eugene Harley, long term Parish Priest of Mosman Parish, and a great friend of the Society of Jesus. Principal Chaplain Eugene Joseph Harley (Rtd) served as Chaplain in the Royal Australian Army Chaplains Department, serving in Malaysia in 1961 (2 RAR), Borneo in 1965 (3 RAR) and South Vietnam in 1967. He was awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia (OAM) in the Australia Day 2015 Honours List for his services to the Catholic Church and the Mosman NSW community. RIP.

*Andrew Bullen*

### Parish Notices

#### Month's Mind - Repose of Soul of Fr Ardi SJ

Mon 8 May @ 7.00am Mass, St Mary's Church, North Sydney

#### Book Launch Invitation

Tues 16 May @ 6.00pm for 6.30pm start, Ron Dyer Centre

You are warmly invited to attend the launch of two new books by Chris Gleeson SJ and Richard Leonard SJ. The books will be launched by Fr Tony Doherty, former Dean of St Mary's Cathedral, Parish Priest of Rose Bay, and author with Ailsa Piper of the recent book "The Attachment". The books will be available for purchase on the night thanks to Pauline Books and Media. RSVP by Fri 12 May to: [judyt@northsydneycatholics.com](mailto:judyt@northsydneycatholics.com) or 8918 4147.

#### **Flores De Mayo (Flowers of May) – Blessed Virgin Mary Help of Christians, Feast Day 24 May.**

Sun 21 May @ 11.00am Mass, St Mary's Church, North Sydney

Parishioners are invited to participate in this celebration. Please bring flowers from your garden. The main celebrant is, The Papal Nuncio, Adolfo Tito Yllana. The Filipino Choir will be singing at the Mass. Following the Mass, all are welcome to share some Filipino cuisine at the Ron Dyer Centre.



#### **Jesuit Mission Annual Parish Appeal**

Sat 20 – Sun 21 May

University student Song Soeurt is 19 years old and studying agriculture. Today his dream of becoming a "professor of Agriculture in Cambodia" seems attainable – but this wasn't always the case. Soeurt is from Tapung, a remote village in Battambang province that bears the legacy of decades of war. The people of Tapung, like many other Khmer, don't have their own land, and can't access good health services, education and infrastructure.

Literacy rates are very low, and unemployment is very high. Soeurt's family couldn't afford to pay for his education, but change came when Fr Sophal, their parish priest, connected the family with an education program run by Battambang Diocese and supported by Jesuit Mission. Students who couldn't otherwise attend high school are supported with hostel accommodation, offering board, tuition and pastoral care. The program also provides scholarships for high school students living at home, and supports university students in Phnom Penh and Battambang. According to his teacher, Soeurt is ... "very hard-working ... and grew much in terms of patience and responsibility" during his high school years. He has been involved with outreach programs in the community, teaching children mathematics and volunteering in summer camps. With the help of our generous community in Australia, Jesuit Mission creates opportunities for young people most vulnerable to poverty and injustice to build skills and resilience. Please support Jesuit Mission's Parish Appeal, and help young people like Soeurt to live full and free lives, and realize their dreams for themselves, their community and their future. Read more about our work at [www.jesuitmission.org.au](http://www.jesuitmission.org.au).

## Parish Council Report - May 2017

### At the Strategic Level:

One of our key goals is to ensure that the Parish is sustainable well into the future. Therefore the sustainability of our Jesuit-inspired Parish will, in large part, be dependent on adopting strategies that continue to engage our community - vibrant liturgies, intelligent and meaningful theology, and an active program of social outreach. Consequently, the Parish Council is currently exploring:

- The provision of more opportunities to educate our Parish community in Ignatian spirituality.
- Initiatives to maintain the parish sacramental program into the future.
- Potential cost saving efficiencies by supporting the Parish Ecology Group into the future e.g. Current energy audit and proposed 'pilot' on the St Mary's site, any savings to be re-directed towards a Parish ministry or outreach.

### At the Operational Level:

As you may know, the Parish Council has appointed three Subcommittees to plan, support and drive various initiatives aligned to our Parish Mission and vision. Some of the current Subcommittee work includes:

1. Supporting Volunteers and Ministries.
  - Uploading an updated version of the I CAN DO Volunteers & Ministries booklet to the Parish Website
  - Ensuring display stands for the I CAN DO booklet and Expression of Interest Forms are in each church
  - Connecting the 47 "new" Volunteers to the various Parish ministries
  - Planning a Parish Group Leader and Ministry leaders gathering on Sunday 28th May
2. Lay Ignatian Formation.
  - Preparation of key Ignatian spirituality teachings for monthly insert in the Parish Bulletin
  - Preparation an appropriate Ignatian Examen for use in Masses at the Penitential Rite
  - Planning effective ways of providing Ignatian formation for OLOW Parishioners
3. Reading the Signs of our Times.
  - Facilitating the Mass on Demand services from St Francis Xavier Church in addition to St Mary's
  - Establishing a subcommittee for Youth Engagement to provide advice and support to the Youth Minister and Parish Administration

Thank you for your ongoing support and prayers for this important work. Peter Ireland (Chair)

### Ministry for the Sick and Housebound - Volunteer Drivers Required

We are seeking volunteer drivers in the Parish who would be willing to occasionally pick up local parishioners who would like to attend the Healing Mass at St Mary's (Ron Dyer Centre) on the last Wednesday of the month at 10:30am, however, they are not mobile enough to make it to the Mass by themselves. Volunteer drivers are required, once a month, to take them to and from the Healing Mass. If you would like to assist, please contact Peter Walden on 0448 474 629.

### Sevenhill Wine Offer – North Sydney Parish six-pack

Available throughout May. Order forms are available at: [www.northsydney Catholics.com](http://www.northsydney Catholics.com) or the back of the churches.

<b>Sunday's Readings</b>  <b>First Reading</b> <u>Acts 2:14, 36-41</u> Three thousand are baptized at Peter's urging.  <b>Responsorial Psalm</b> <u>Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1</u>  <b>Second Reading</b> <u>1 Pt 2:20-25</u> Christ delivered himself up to free us from sin.  <b>Gospel Acclamation</b> <u>Jn 10:14</u>  <b>Gospel</b> <u>Jn 10:1-10</u> Jesus the sheepgate.	<b>In Our Prayers</b>  <b>Baptisms</b> Lucy Hickson, Roy Newlan VII, Darcy Mackenzie, Andrew Hamilton, Mari Connor, Nicholas Mifsud, Ruby Simpson, Henry Adam, Juliet Nissen  <b>Sick</b> Christine Mitchells, Andrew Dyer, Sr Natalina Todeschini, Donna Lukas, John Taylor, Margaret McDonald, Frances Boyle, Brian McClosky, Sr Anna Gaha IBVM, Craig Chase, Rosa Maria Santos,  <b>Recently Deceased</b> Mary Roarty IBVM,, Clara Fox, Giuseppa Bardetta, Enrico Piccioli, Matthew Travis, Deidre Athey  <b>Anniversaries</b> Moya Leone Medina, Peter Goderie, Ken Brooks, Biddy Kennedy, Christopher George Murtough, Enrico Piccioli, Virginia Dennett ( nee Hannan),
<i>Future readings can be found on the Parish website</i>	<i>Please send all prayer requests to <a href="mailto:communications@sjparishnsw.org.au">communications@sjparishnsw.org.au</a></i>