



Not from the Pulpit: Fr Andrew Bullen SJ

This weekend we begin our annual appeal for Emerton, and the following weekend we will be celebrating our Indigenous people, especially at the 6.00pm Mass on Sunday, 23 July. And then we are into Ignatius-tide. In 1537 Ignatius and the first band of Companions had finished their studies in Paris, and were hoping to undertake their ministry in the Holy Land. So they went to Venice, the only point of departure, to find a ship that would take them there. Their hope of doing this was frustrated by war between Venice and the Turks, so they moved into the territory around Venice, preaching in broken Italian, working in hospitals and living in great poverty. If the route to the Holy Land were to remain closed, they had decided to go to Rome and place themselves at the disposal of the Pope; in 1538 they did so.

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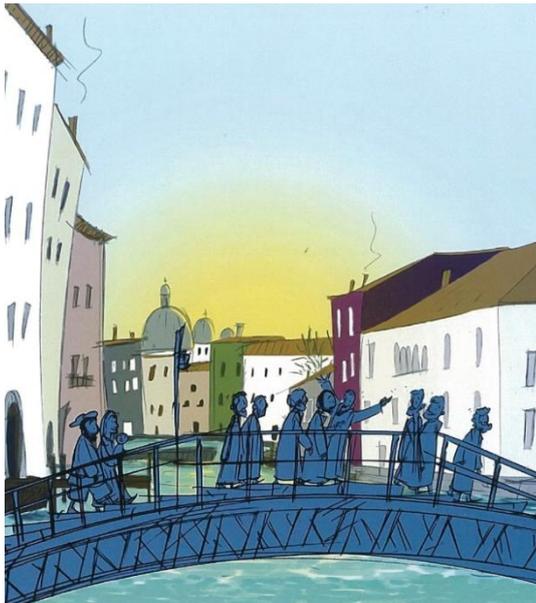
Light here flaunts itself over the lagoon,
pink and gold. Canals bustle with wealth and light.

Marble panels, windows and vast mirrors
shimmer serenely with luminescence.
Everywhere water sweetly lisps and slaps.
The gilded horses, domes and cupolas,
every palazzo, flourish banners of light.

The pilgrim and his pilgrim companions
will have none of it.

They serve, hour by hour,
in the din, the stench, of the hospitals;
crazily waving their hats for attention
they preach, in the marsh-towns, with foreign tongues
the Christ-foolery of the gospels.

They await the ship to Jerusalem,
which will never leave, and the call to Rome,
if God so wills: each is the other place.



The First Companions in Venice by Ignasi Flores
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Parish Notices



Our Annual Parish Grocery Appeal Will Commence This Weekend 15/16 July

At all Masses this weekend there will be specific donation envelopes on the pews and a supply of Ignite Food Store grocery bags will be distributed. Our July appeal will particularly focus on obtaining funds to build a safe playground for children at the Willmot Hub.

The Ignite Food Store & OpShop

A partnership between Jesuit Social Services, Holy Family Parish Emerton and Our Lady of the Way Parish. Top 10 List For July Appeal 2017:

Nappies & Baby Food
Tinned Salmon or Tuna
Breakfast Cereal
Soups
Vegemite, Peanut Butter & Spreads

Cooking Oil
Tea, Coffee, Milo
Bathroom products (plus sanitary items)
Pasta & Sauces
Laundry products

How Do I Donate To The Emerton/Willmot Appeal?

1. Fill a bag with most urgently required groceries e.g. tea, coffee, breakfast cereals, etc. and drop off at the Ron Dyer Centre or at any of the churches during weekend Mass times.
2. Donate in cash or cheque via envelopes provided. Cheques to be made payable to Jesuit Social Services. If tax receipt is required, please provide name and address.
3. Donate online via the Jesuit Social Services website www.jss.org.au and use the secure online donation form. When asked to select the Campaign choose Western Sydney

We are greatly encouraged by your support for our friends out west and more information will be provided during the appeal. Enquiries: Trish Martin 94376533 or 0422 158 393 Patricia_c_martin@hotmail.com

Parish NAIDOC Celebration

Next weekend the parish celebrates our First Nations' peoples. We will have special guests from Redfern joining us at the 6.00pm Mass @ St Mary's. All are welcome.



Thank you

The members of Our Lady of the Way Conference of St Vincent de Paul would like to thank the parishioners who donated so generously to our Winter Appeal on the 17th and 18th of June. A total of \$48037.00 was donated, all of which will be spent on assisting the poor and marginalized within our Parish boundaries.

Marriage and Family Sunday

Next Sunday in the Archdiocese of Sydney we are celebrating Marriage and Family Sunday, when we remember, honour and pray for all marriages and families. This year we reflect on the importance of knowing ourselves through contemplating Christ. A brochure on this theme, Know Yourself: How to Prepare for & Live Marriage Well, has been prepared for this occasion. Brochures are available at the back of the churches. For information on marriage preparation please contact The Life, Marriage and Family Centre: 9307 8404 or LMFEvents@sydneycatholic.org



Healing Mass

Wed 26 July @ 10.30am, Ron Dyer Centre

Roster Sunday

Sun 30 July – after 9.00am Mass - Ron Dyer Centre

Teresa House Volunteer Recruitment Drive

23/30 July

Located in Redfern, Teresa House is a homeless shelter that provides free overnight and safe shelter for people who are at risk or with nowhere else to go.

Run by Cana Communities, our parishioners provide the volunteers to staff the house every Sunday night in two shifts, for a meal and then overnight.

Meal shifts involve two or three volunteers preparing a meal (usually in advance) and providing it at the house for the guests between 6pm-9pm. This gives the guests a home-cooked meal and a chance to chat with the volunteers and each other in a homely environment.

Overnight shifts involve two volunteers (at least one male) arriving around 9pm and staying in the secure volunteers' rooms, then helping the guests depart and to close the house in the morning.

We need volunteers for both shifts but especially for overnight. An information session will be run for those interested in volunteering soon. It is a most rewarding way to give back to some of the most vulnerable in our community. Please contact David Lukas on 0412 160 845 or david@smartesco.com if you are interested to know more.

2017 Parish Retreat

26 Aug - 23 Sept

Retreat Registration: www.trybooking.com/QVCZ

Information brochures are available at the back of the churches or on the the parish website.



Planned Giving Envelopes 2017/18

Planned giving envelopes for the new financial year are available at the Parish Office.

If you would like to join the planned giving program, please contact the Anne 8918 4101 or annem@northsydneycatholics.com. All donations to the planned giving program are 50% tax deductible.

The Ministry of the Sick and Housebound are seeking volunteers prepared to commit a few hours on a Sunday morning once a month to take Communion to Catholic patients in the Mater Hospital. Training is provided where required. If you are interested please call Peter Walden 0448 474 629.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

[Is 55:10-11](#)

The Lord's word refreshes and stimulates.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk 8:8](#)

Second Reading

[Rom 8:18-23](#)

Our suffering is nothing compared to the coming glory.

Gospel

[Mt 13:1-23](#)

Parable of the sower.

[Mt 13:1-9](#)

In Our Prayers

Baptisms

Daria Sheehan, Cecilia Tang, Charlie Stephenson, Elizabeth Luong, Mia Beattie

Weddings

Brendan Fernandez and Sasha Pleasance, Phil Igonia and Krizanne Abellar

Sick

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

Recently Deceased

Bill Peatey, Lalla (Billie) Pearman, Judith Coates, John Lynch

Anniversaries

Dr. Veronica Loschiavo-Muller