



## Parish of Our Lady of the Way

North Sydney | Kirribilli | Lavender Bay

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Sunday 23 July 2017 – Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Not from the Pulpit: Fr Brian McCoy SJ



I often remember the time when I drove into the Balgo community (aka Wirrimanu), after some time away. I drove up to the parish house, looking for the parish priest. Nearby was a small group of children playing. I walked up to them and spoke to whom I thought was the eldest. 'Mamangu tjaatu?' I asked. 'Where is father?'

I will never forget the look on her face. She was surprised and appeared shocked! Perhaps it was my poor pronunciation of Kukatja but I sensed it was much more. She was not used to hearing visitors, must less non-

Aboriginal people, speaking to her in her own language.

Some decades earlier, when working in an urban parish and being exposed to modern European languages, as opposed to the Latin and Greek I learned in school, I made a promise. While I had a great love for the sounds and rhythms of Italian and Spanish, I promised I would only try to learn them once I had tried to learn an Aboriginal language of this country.

The great miracle of Pentecost, when many people of differing languages had gathered, was not their ability to speak to one another, but rather the grace to hear God's message in their 'own native language'.

*Fr Brian McCoy SJ is the Provincial of the Australian Province of the Society of Jesus*

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### Parish Notices



#### Emerton/Willmot Appeal –Thank You

The Appeal will run until the end of July. Already volunteer parishioners are picking up groceries from the churches and delivering them to the store at Emerton. Cash and cheque donations can still be placed on collection plates at Masses. The results of the Appeal will be advised upon its completion. A big thank you must go to the Parish Office staff who have been highly supportive of this appeal during the last few weeks.

Enquiries: Trish Martin 94376533 or 0422 158 393

Patricia\_c\_martin@hotmail.com and Linda Curtis (Parish Council)

#### Catechist needed

Our children at Cammeray Public School need your help! Margaret Tam is retiring after more than ten years of Catechist service to her Year 5 children. If you think you could give an hour of your time each week between 9.45am and 10.15am on Thursdays to teach her class please contact Claire Loneragan 8918 4010 at [clairel@northsydney Catholics.com](mailto:clairel@northsydney Catholics.com) Training is provided and ongoing support is caring and helpful.

#### Parish NAIDOC Celebration

Sun 23 July @ 6.00pm – St Mary's

This weekend the parish celebrates our First Nations' peoples. We will have special guests from Redfern joining us at the Youth Mass. All are welcome.



#### Healing Mass

Wed 26 July @ 10.30am - Ron Dyer Centre

#### Roster Sunday Morning Tea

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

#### Morning Tea

Sun 30 July – after 11.00am Mass

Please join us for morning tea at the back of the church to celebrate the Feast of St Ignatius.

## **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.

## **Ecology Matters**

Tues 1 Aug & Fri 11 Aug

Two topical films are screening locally in the next few weeks: 'Inconvenient Sequel' (a follow-up to the popular 'An Inconvenient Truth', which traced Al Gore's efforts to convince legislators and the public of the devastating effects of climate change) will preview at the Cremorne Orpheum on Aug 1 at 6:30pm. 'Guarding the Galilee' will be showing on Aug 11<sup>th</sup> at the North Sydney Community Centre (the building behind the library). Director Nell Schofield and Jeff Cousins from the ACF will be there to talk about the Adani project and to answer questions. More information at: [www.northsydneycentre.com.au/events](http://www.northsydneycentre.com.au/events)

## **Spirituality In The Pub**

Wed 2 Aug @ 7.30 - 9pm

Paddington RSL Club 220-232 Oxford St.

Topic: "Building a sense of belonging". Speakers: Dr Kooshyar Karimi and Dr Clare Cunningham.

Donation entry. Info Marea: 0414 873 910 or [dfdlaw@infolearn.com.au](mailto:dfdlaw@infolearn.com.au)

## **Manresa Group Bus Trip**

Fri 4 Aug - Mt Annan Botanical Gardens, Camden

Cost: \$30 includes guided tour. Lunch on site – own expense. Early bookings appreciated.

RSVP Joan – 9922 8636 by Mon 31 July.

## **2017 Parish Retreat**

26 Aug – 23 Sept.

What can I expect from an Ignatian Retreat?

You can expect a delighted Father, a constant friend, a lively Spirit, a welcoming Trinity, a living mystery, and an expectant God with the love of a Mother. Prayer material will be given to you. Two other spiritual guides are available: 1. The Trinity itself – God will support you especially at this time. 2. A prayer guide who meets with you each week.

Retreat Registration: [www.trybooking.com/QVCZ](http://www.trybooking.com/QVCZ)

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

## **Jesuit Visitor**

The Jesuit Community is privileged to be hosting Fr Guillaume Ndayishimiye SJ, from the Rwanda-Burundi Region of the Society. He will be with us for a few months, to improve his English (already excellent), to acquaint himself with Jesuit ministries to youth prior to his initiating a university chaplaincy in Burundi, and to have a rest.



<b>Sunday's Readings</b> <b>First Reading</b> Wis 12:13.16-19 God is mighty and gentle. <b>Responsorial Psalm</b> Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16. R. v.5 <b>Second Reading</b> Rom 8:26-27 The Spirit overcomes our weaknesses. <b>Gospel Acclamation</b> See Mt 11:25 <b>Gospel</b> Mt 13:24-43 Parables of the weeds in the field and the mustard seed. Mt 13:24-30	<b>In Our Prayers</b> <b>Baptisms</b> Timothy Agius, Nina Stevenson, Riley Chan, Sybilla Lyons, Sophia Lyons, Lachlan Hall, William Waterhouse <b>Sick</b> 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 <b>Recently Deceased</b> Bill Peatey, Lalla ( Billie ) Pearman, Judith Coates, John Lynch, Florence Joyce O'Neill <b>Anniversaries</b> Dr. Veronica Loschiavo-Muller, Terence ( Terry ) Curtis
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