



## Parish of Our Lady of the Way

North Sydney | Kirribilli | Lavender Bay

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Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Not from the Pulpit: Fr. Michael Stoney SJ



The Calling of The Apostles Peter and Andrew by Duccio Di Buoninsegna - 1311

How can we be the most authentic Jesuit parish we should be in the world of 2018? An important question to put to ourselves as a new year begins. Many of us returning to work; a new school year almost upon us. Let's reflect then as North Sydney Catholics on our call to walk with Jesus Christ in a challenging environment as so many new beginnings welcome us to live with energy and enthusiasm.

Such a resolve calls us to be a particular kind of people before we actually start to do things. Mark's Gospel readings will be with us on Sundays throughout 2018. He begins with two important points. This Sunday stresses Jesus' call of quite ordinary people to be his companions in the vast project of transforming our world into God's kingdom. Next Sunday reminds us that Jesus is utterly opposed to evil forces rampant in society.

So we need to convince ourselves that we too are invited today to be Jesus' partners, whatever self doubt we may experience. A Christian uninvolved in changing our world is a contradiction! Our parish record in commitment to so many activities has been most inspiring. Let's recharge our spiritual batteries and continue to respond to Jesus' call in 2018.

We need to keep refining our understanding of what forces of evil continue to scar our current world. We all have something to offer in that analysis but I would offer two suggestions. Violence in various forms constantly damages so many lives both in our wider world and in domestic situations. Let us try to be people of greater peacefulness, gentleness and sensitivity. Selfishness too on the part of some condemns so many people to struggle to live at a minimum level of decency in such a rich world.

Generous service has been a parish characteristic for a long time, but we must continue to try to help the many needy people among us. Happy parish growth in 2018.

*Michael Stoney*

### Parish Notices

#### **Manresa Group Lunch – THIS SUNDAY**

Sun 21 Jan @ 12:15pm at Springwells Café, 128 Sailors Bay Rd, Northbridge



#### **Jesuit Mission Invitation**

Thur 1 Feb @ 4.00pm, Ron Dyer Centre

Jesuit Mission and the OLW Leprosy Fellowship Group extend an invitation for parishioners to meet Fr Fernando Azpiroz SJ, Director in Macau, China - Casa Ricci Social Services. Fr Fernando and the Casa Ricci team continue the work of Fr Luiz SJ in providing care for people living with leprosy of HIV/AIDS in China who experience severe stigmas and discrimination. Please join us in welcoming him. Drinks & nibbles will be served. RSVP Julie at [admin@jesuitmission.org.au](mailto:admin@jesuitmission.org.au) | 0412 010 358

#### **A Special Laudato Si Event**

5:30pm Mass on Fri 2 Feb @ St Mary's will be celebrated by Fr Pedro Walpole S.J, the Coordinator of Ecojesuit, based in the Philippines. Following Mass Fr Walpole will lead an *Australian-Philippines Conversation about Laudato Si* in the Ron Dyer Centre. Refreshments will be provided and you are all welcome!

## Mass on Demand – St Francis Xavier Church

This Saturday evening (20<sup>th</sup> January) at the Vigil Mass at Lavender Bay there will be a practice run for Mass on Demand which, following the AV upgrade at SFX, is moving from St Mary's. The following Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January the Vigil Mass on Demand will 'go live' and be streamed via YouTube to the many hundreds of viewers who are unable to attend Mass.



## An Ignatian Journey with Fr Andrew Bullen SJ and Alex Gorman

5 February – 26 March 2018, St Francis Xavier Hall, 17 Mackenzie St, Lavender Bay.

Course duration: 8 weeks, Mondays 7.30-9.15pm; Program cost: \$250.00

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/TIAU> | Enquiries: Alex Gorman 0415 768 330



## Easter Choir 2018

Each year the Parish Music Ministry comes together for Easter, to provide a choir for the St Mary's services. All parishioners are welcome to sing in the Easter choir, regardless of skill level, age or experience.

If you would like to join the Easter choir please contact [michaelp@northsydneycatholics.com](mailto:michaelp@northsydneycatholics.com).

The rehearsal schedule is each Tuesday night from the 6<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7.30-9.00pm @ St Mary's.

## Musical instruments wanted: Mount Calvary School in Galle, Sri Lanka

Mt Calvary is a Jesuit school in Galle, Sri Lanka providing low cost schooling for over 600 children, many from disadvantaged backgrounds. The focus of the schooling is developing young men and women for others through a holistic approach to education. The school, pictured, is being developed a classroom at a time as funds become available. As part of the co-curricular program, Fr Bernard Jayasinghe SJ, the school principal, is looking to establish a school concert band and is seeking any unwanted musical instruments particularly brass and percussion instruments. If you can help, please contact Michael Paton, the Parish Music Minister on 8918 4101 or at [michaelp@northsydneycatholics.com](mailto:michaelp@northsydneycatholics.com). Thank you.



## Women in Leadership: a gift for the world

13 – 15 April, Benedictine Abbey, 695 Mountain road, Jamberoo

A two and a half day residential workshop for women of any age and experience. For women in formal leadership positions, and for those who exercise leadership without a formal title...in business, schools, homes, offices, parishes, anywhere. Program cost: \$200. Accommodation fees depend upon type of room selected. Bookings: [cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au](mailto:cottageretreats@jamberooabbey.org.au) | 0242360533



## Archdiocesan Social Services Agency

With the school holidays in full swing. Catholic Care's parenting hub provides useful articles with tips to help you manage the ups and downs. Simply visit [catholiccare.org](http://catholiccare.org) and look for the Parenting Hub icon. Our parenting counsellors are also available 7 days a week by calling Parent Line NSW on 1300 1300 52.

### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading

[Jon 3:1-5, 10](#)

Jonah is sent to save Nineveh.

#### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 24:4-9, R, v.4](#)

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

#### Second Reading

[1 Cor 7:29-31](#)

The time is short.

#### Gospel Acclamation

[Mk 1:15](#)

#### Gospel

[Mk 1:14-20](#)

Jesus begins his ministry in Galilee, calls the Apostles.

### In Our Prayers

#### Baptisms

Louis Rayrolles, Lucien Hartley, Mackenzie Ford, William O'Connell, Zac O'Connell, Isabelle O'Connell, Aurora Camuglia

#### Weddings

Ravish & Mo, Tuelan & Shimmen

#### Sick

Ron Whitmore, Sr Natalina Todeschini, Brian McClosky, Craig Chase, Rosa Maria Santos, Vedran Simunovic, Bruce Horsfield, Tony Breslin, Gavin O'Connor, Fr Tony Smith SJ, Sharon Collins, John Fitzgerald, Sandra Tsui, Neave Mackey (17yrs), Mary O'Connor, Sister Anna Ventura rsm, Domenico Cioffi

#### Recently Deceased

Nancy Delaney, Gwen O'Riordan, Mee-Na Cheok, Jack McCaffery, Patrick Rodgers (Riverview)  
Josephine Nixon, John Buckmaster, Janice Breslin, Christine Maher, Bill Wall, Peter Cornish (Launceston)

#### Anniversaries

Bill Chambers, Albert Quarrell, Robert Quarrell, Vera Williams,