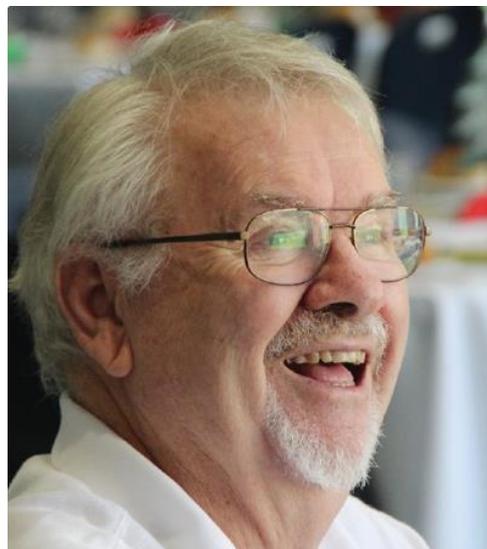




Not from the Pulpit: From the Lectern

Prayers of the Faithful – In memory of Father Anthony Victor Smith SJ



Fr Anthony Victor Smith SJ (1947 – 2018)

* We pray in gratitude for the life and ministries of Tony; teacher, pastor, builder, carer and friend. He was a man of his people dedicating his life to many whom he touched with care, generosity and goodwill. His ability to meet each one where they needed him marked Tony as a great communicator and gentle, trusted friend. We pray that his example may live on in those he touched throughout his life.

* As a Jesuit, Tony enjoyed his years of teaching and leadership at both St Ignatius and St Aloysius' colleges. He was responsible for the growth of the students and staff member's education, professional development and faith journeys. He oversaw a great building program at St Aloysius, both of the physical school and of social justice and inclusion. He was responsible for flying the Aboriginal flag for all to see from the college roof in strong support of our Aboriginal community. We pray in thanks for all those who benefited from Tony's dedication and forward thinking.

- * Tony loved life and although his later years were hampered by ill health, he continued to minister to his community and his friends. His passing to God was gentle, so Lord, we thank you. We thank all those who cared for Tony at St Paul's Village at Northbridge. Here Tony received care and the medical attention that he needed to maintain his health and well-being.
- * We pray for Tony's family, many of whom have travelled from the west, and those from the east who were close to him. Tony knew the joy of family and friends. He loved sharing a meal, enjoyed the movies and was loved for his Christmas Lunch. May his family, relatives and friends continue to be blessed with memories of his humour, indomitable spirit and generosity.
- * As pastor of Our Lady of the Way parish, Tony worked tirelessly for the well-being and future of the community. He was always able to attend council and pastoral team meetings. He continued to use his administrative skills, honed at St Aloysius and used to weld the communities of St Francis Xavier/Star of the Sea and St Mary's into one functioning parish, albeit with several different Mass communities. We give thanks for his foresight and guidance in the building of the Ron Dyer Centre that shares accommodation with St Mary's Primary School, Jesuit Mission Office and the parish administration.

Vigil Service: Tues 27 Feb @ 6.30pm, The College Chapel, St Aloysius' College

Followed by a light supper in the Quadrangle

Requiem Mass: Wed 28 Feb @ 10.30am, St Mary's, North Sydney

Refreshments will be served after the Mass, with burial to follow at Macquarie Park Cemetery.

Parish Notices

Catalyst for Renewal & Aquinas Academy Reflection Morning.

Sat 3 March 9.30 am – 12.30 pm. Hunters Hill Parish Hall Mary Street and Gladesville Road

Topic: "Departing not arriving". Presenter: Fr Michael Whelan sm PP of St Patrick's Church, Church Hill. Donation appreciated. Tea & Coffee available. Enquiries: Carole 9869 1036. "Come and See".



Healing Mass – CHANGE OF DATE

Wed 7 March @ 10.30am, Ron Dyer Centre

Manresa Group Lunch

Fri 9 March @ 9.00am (bus departs Ridge St) Berowra Waters Fish Cafe

RSVP by Tues 6 March; Rosemary 9955 2997

The Transit – Year of Youth Launch

Fri 9 March @ 6.00pm, St Mary's North Sydney (optional daily Mass @ 5.30pm)

Praise and worship with Bishop Terry Brady followed by dinner and entertainment in the Ron Dyer centre. Proudly sponsored by Sydney Catholic Schools, Sydney Catholic Youth and Jesuit Mission.



Open Day Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College

Sun 11 March @ 9.30am – 1.30pm, 128 Miller Street, North Sydney

Contact: info@monte.nsw.edu.au or 9409 6200



First Holy Communion & Reconciliation 2018 – INFORMATION EVENING

Tues 13 March @ 6.00pm, Ron Dyer Centre Hall

Candidate Registration: <https://www.trybooking.com/TVIV>



Open Day St Vincent's College Potts Point

Wed 14 March @ 3.00pm - 6.00pm

More Information: <http://www.stvincents.nsw.edu.au>



OMG! It's back for 2018!

Fri 16 March @ 6.00 - 8.00pm, Ron Dyer Centre

Giant Outdoor Games, Jumping Castles, Slushies, Pizza and more!

Book now at: <http://www.trybooking.com/UIVZ>

PROJECT COMPASSION



Week 2 – Rattanak, Cambodia

Rattanak is a skilled young barber, living an independent life in rural Cambodia. But it wasn't always that way. As a child he contracted polio and also became deaf. Like many people who are deaf or hard of hearing, Rattanak faced isolation at home, with a lack of opportunity to escape poverty. His sister discovered the Deaf Development Program (DDP), run by Caritas Australia partner, Maryknoll Cambodia. It provides

sign language, job training and interpreting services to people aged 16 and over who are deaf or hard of hearing and aims to raise awareness about deafness in the hearing community.

So far, it's helped over 430 deaf or hard of hearing people with their education and more than 200 people to find jobs. It has also trained more than 300 people without deafness as sign language interpreters. Rattanak graduated from its education program in 2010, returning the following year to train as a barber. The DDP then helped him to set up his shop in his parent's house in the village. Having emerged from his isolated world at home, Rattanak is now running a successful business, supporting himself and his wife...and now a baby. More Information: <http://www.caritas.org.au> Donation boxes and envelopes can be found at the back of the churches.

Inigo Youth - Back for 2018!

Sundays 4.00pm, 4 March, 18 March, 8 April, 6 May, 20 May, 3 June, 17 June, 1 July

To register: <http://northsydneycatholics.com/ministries/youth-groups>

*** Volunteers Needed for Easter Liturgies ***

Sign-up forms will be left in the sacristies at St Mary's Church and St Francis Xavier Church from this weekend. Alternatively, you can please email Diana Baird diana.baird4@bigpond.com or phone 9460 0747 / 0490 313 847

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Gen 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18

God puts Abraham to the test.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 115:10, 15-19, R. 114:9

I will walk in the presence of the Lord

in the land of the living.

Second Reading

Rom 8:31-34

God, sacrificing even his Son for us, will grant us victory.

Gospel Acclamation

See Mt 17:5

Gospel

Mk 9:2-10

Jesus is transfigured before Peter, James and John.

In Our Prayers

Baptisms

Lily Reiner, Oliver Reiner, Jonah Jimenez, Madeleine Carroll, Sophia Fry

Weddings Bogadi & Marinani

Sick

Ron Whitmore, Sr Natalina Todeschini, Brian McClosky, Craig Chase, Rosa Maria Santos, Vedran Simunovic, Bruce Horsfield, Tony Breslin, Gavin O'Connor, John Fitzgerald, Sandra Tsui, Mary O'Connor, Sister Anna Ventura rsm, Joyce Paton, Josephine Rowe

Recently Deceased

Gerard Forsythe, Judy Flitcroft, Sharon Collins, Domenic Cioffi, Fr Anthony Victor Smith SJ

Anniversaries

Mary Quarrell, Andrew James Russell (Son of James Russell), John Cansdell, William Greig