



Parish of Our Lady of the Way

North Sydney | Kirribilli | Lavender Bay
Under the care of the Jesuits since 1878
Sunday 13 May 2018 - The Ascension of the Lord



Not from the Pulpit: Diana Baird



May 12th is the anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale. In 1848 Florence did a retreat at a convent in Rome and was directed in the Spiritual Exercises by Madre Santa Colomba of the Sisters of the Sacred Heart. At that time she wrote the First Principle and Foundation in her bible and quite clearly lived up to this (very sound) creed for the next 60 years of her life. All her serious work came after this period.

Florence was the epitome of egalitarianism; she believed that “each person had a task by virtue of God’s spirit or gifts

within – that we are all God’s co-workers” and she always shunned the limelight.

It’s ironic then that she criticised the Exercises for their “impracticality” that “the process of deliberation Ignatius proposes does not answer in real work”. She did approve of Ignatius’ “soldier’s exactness and seriousness” and that comes out in the ways in which she reformed nursing.

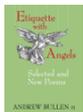
Like Ignatius, Florence longed to be involved in active service but circumstances prevented this. After the Crimea she became house-bound, but without question she did more work with her pen than she could ever have done on two legs.

Her intellect was mighty – her first biographer said she shouldn’t have been called “the lady with the lamp, she should have been called the lady with a brain”. She wrote thousands of letters on every social issue and every aspect of life, thoroughly researching her subjects first and always with the aim of improving conditions for the poor – even extending this to India. For 50 years she was behind most of the health-related legislation in England, from hospital design to clinical care.

She had contact with people of the highest order - most of them seeking her opinions: Queen Victoria and Albert, every Prime Minister in her time, Cabinet ministers, leaders in medical science, philosophers, theologians, the military, literary figures and natural scientists. And (bless her) she openly challenged doctrinal interpretations of Scripture and questioned many conventional views. In a part of her mammoth book on spirituality she had lengthy imaginative conversations with Ignatius (in which she always came out on top). At one time “we” almost got her because she was strongly attracted to Roman Catholicism and she had extensive correspondence about this with Henry Manning. However he felt that in an Order she might have a bit of trouble with the vow of obedience! It was he who directed her to the Sisters of Mercy in Dublin and the Sisters of Charity in Paris who were significant in influencing and guiding her in health care and nursing.

I can’t help thinking that Florence “outdid” Ignatius in penances and acts of valour and I’ll bet he’s mighty proud to call her one of his own (so to speak).

Parish Notices



Book Launch Invitation - Etiquette with Angels

Thurs 24 May @ 6.30pm for 7.00pm, Ron Dyer Centre

RSVP by Fri 18th May to judyt@northsydneycatholics.com or 8918 4147



Taizé Pilgrimage of Trust –Young Adults Workshop

Sun 27 May @ 10.00am - 3pm, Ron Dyer Centre

A meditative journey into Song, Prayer and Silence. RSVP: www.trybooking.com/372720

BYO lunch.



Intensive Journal Life Context workshop – Led by Kate Scholl

Sat 26 & Sun 27 May @ 9.30am – 5pm, The Grail, 22 McHatton Street, North Sydney

Cost: \$160 (Eremos Members \$140) Street parking available. Materials plus morning and afternoon tea provided. Please bring your lunch and a 3-ring binder. If the cost is prohibitive for you, please contact Kate to discuss options. Bookings essential by 21st May: <https://www.trybooking.com/357470> Contact Kate if you have any questions or to discuss your participation. Email: events@eremos.org.au 0425 211 065

Mother’s Day - 11am Mass, St Mary’s

Join us after Mass for morning tea at the back of the church.



Jesuit Mission Annual Parish Appeal – 19/20 May - NEXT WEEKEND

Jesuit Mission works with marginalised communities in 13 countries across Asia and Africa. Our parish will be holding our annual Jesuit Mission appeal next weekend. In the lead-up we will share some stories of change that have been made possible with support from appeals.



Mary, a final year student at SAG in Myanmar

Myanmar has been enveloped in the shadows of oppression and deep-rooted ethnic tension for decades. This has left the country's youth adrift with many lacking employable skills and education opportunities. The Jesuits are accompanying Myanmar's youth to brighter futures, through establishing higher education institutes – such as St Aloysius Gonzaga Institute (SAG), which is supported by Jesuit Mission. At SAG, more than 400 students study English, the humanities and social science. The institute also unifies communities and embraces students across many of the country's ethnically diverse states.

Please support the Jesuit Mission Appeal. Envelopes will be distributed throughout the churches next weekend. To find out more about our work in Myanmar and other countries, visit jesuitmission.org.au

1st Reconciliation for Communion Candidates

Tues 29 May @ 7.00pm, St Mary's Church

First Holy Communion Mass

* Sun 24 June @ 10.30am and 2.30pm – St Francis Xavier

* Sun 1 July @ 12.30pm – St Mary's

Please email sacraments@northsydneycatholics.com by the 1st of June to reserve a place in a Mass.

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation is open for 10 weeks from the 1st May until the last day of school term Fri 6 July @ 3.00pm. Bookings must be accompanied by a Baptism Certificate and can be made through trybooking at: <https://www.trybooking.com/VFLW>

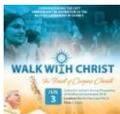


The Secrets of Happy Children with Steve Biddulph

Fri 1 June @ 7.30pm – Willmot Community Hub, 8 Carteret Ave.

Steve was a family psychologist for almost 30 years, and is one of the world's best loved parenting authors. Free talk - Bookings essential: <http://trybooking.com/367812>

Information including transport details email: linda.curtis@syd.catholic.edu.au



Walk with Christ – The Feast of Corpus Christi

Sun 3 June @ 2.30pm, Martin Place and Pitt St

Gather for Sydney's Annual Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. Participants will gather at the corner of Pitt St and Martin Place in the CBD at 2:30pm. The procession will follow the Blessed Sacrament through the Sydney CBD, finishing at the St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt with Adoration and Benediction. 2018. www.Sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist

The Culture Project Australia

A new missionary organisation of young people who believe in restoring our society to one where every human being is treated with the love and dignity they deserve, are asking for your support. Sharing the beauty and truth of sexual integrity and human dignity with over 15,000 young people per year, they are the hands and feet of our Church in Australian schools, universities and youth conferences. More Information: <http://www.thecultureproject.com.au> and Facebook @Culture Project Australia

Readings

First Reading

[Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48](#)

The Holy Spirit descends on Jews and Gentiles alike.

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2](#)

The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

[or](#)

Alleluia.

Second Reading

[1 Jn 4:7-10](#)

One without love does not know God.

[1 Jn 4:11-16](#)

Gospel Acclamation

[Jn 14:23](#)

[cf. Jn 14:18](#)

Gospel

[Jn 15:9-17](#)

In Our Prayers

Baptisms

Bonnie Watson, Penelope Schell, Mabel Smart, Isla Rizzo, Sylvie Hibbard-Heads, Liam Aves

Weddings

Julie Harrison & Matthew Algie

Sick

Ron Whitmore, Sr Natalina Todeschini, Brian McClosky, Rosa Maria Santos, Bruce Horsfield, John Fitzgerald, Sandra Tsui, Mary O'Connor, Joyce Paton, Josephine Rowe, Lew Smith, Paul Esterhazy

Recently Deceased

Viviane Hartigan, Michelle Ann Fishburn, Margaret Wilcox
Scholastica Sudarmi Tjitrosumarto, Ignatius Sumardi, Dr Anthony Pittorino

Anniversaries

Emily Olivia Guzman, Leslie Betts, Victor Francis Quarrell
Irene Fallon.