



Parish of Our Lady of the Way

North Sydney | Kirribilli | Lavender Bay

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Sunday, 15 January 2017 – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Not from the Pulpit: Fr Andrew Bullen SJ



It is right to give thanks and praise, as we say at the beginning of the Preface of the Eucharistic Prayer. The words, the attitude and the underlying vision could well preface our lives, each day, each undertaking, each season. Gratitude for the previous breath, the present one and the next one; gratitude for being alive, despite the wounds and limitations, and for those of us far into the spiritual life, gratitude for the wounds and limitations.

If we are not grateful, we are ungrateful or indifferent or forgetful. If we are grateful, in ways beyond social obligation, then we are in touch with a delight in our hearts that gives rise to abiding gratitude. Mass-goers, or better Mass-comers, do so because they are full of delight; why else would we be there? “We” give thanks is better than “I” give thanks, because “we” indicates that a community is gathered to do so; indeed we are made, say the Christians, into a community because we gather to give thanks to Almighty God. Thanks are always given to “You” or “you”.

All this is in mind because as the busy and holy Christmas season comes to a close, this parish community has many special reasons to give thanks, to the various networks of its members who have been so actively generous over the last weeks to people within and beyond the parish – start counting them if you dare, and then pause to ask, whom have I missed? Our individual and communal generosity always has something of God’s grace in it, so “Thank You” and “Thank you”.

Andrew Bullen SJ

Parish Notices

Jesuit Mission: Casa Ricci – 2016 October Appeal Thank you

Fr. Fernando Aspiroz SJ, of Ricci Social Services sends his thanks to the community of Our Lady of the Way for its generous support of the Casa Ricci ministry in China. More than \$40,000 was raised in the 2016 appeal, including donations from the Mater & St Joseph’s communities. The money raised will support around 900 people affected by leprosy across 14 communities. The full letter from Fr Fernando can be found at: www.northsydneycatholics.com

Manresa Group

- **First Meeting for 2017**

Wed 18 Jan @ 10.30am Companions Room – RDC

- **Lunch**

Sun 22 Jan @ 12.30pm- Springwells, Sailors Bay Road, Northbridge.

Bookings: Rosemary 9955 2997.

Lunar New Year 2017



Sun 29 Jan @ St Mary's

This year's Lunar New Year celebrations will begin with the 11.00am Mass, celebrated by Fr Nguyen Trung SJ, followed by refreshments in the RDC. More Information from Eddie Tsui 0417 212 510

First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

Preparation classes for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion at OLW will be held in Term 2. Registration for enrolment in preparation classes opens 13.02.17 and closes 17.03.17 @ 5.00pm. *Please Note: No enrolments will be accepted after registration this time. Register at:*

<https://www.trybooking.com/OJNA>

Leaders Training	Thurs 27.03.17 @ 7:00pm Companions Room, RDC
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Information Evening	Wed 05.04.17 @ 7:00pm Gathering Space, RDC
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Learning Sessions	3 X Reconciliation, 3 X First Holy Communion
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Reconciliation Liturgy	TBA Wk 5 Term 2
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Rehearsal for FHC	Wed 21.06.17 @ 6.30pm to 7.30pm @ St Mary's
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FHC Masses:	Sun 18.06.17 @ 12.30pm @ St Mary's, North Sydney
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	Sun 25.06.17 @ 12.30pm @ St Mary's, North Sydney
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Tom O'Hara SJ Book Launch by Frank Brennan SJ & Frances Tilly

Fri 10 Feb @ 6.00pm - Ron Dyer Centre, North Sydney

You are warmly invited to attend the launch of two new books by Fr Tom O' Hara SJ. Sadly, Tom died November 2016, but here is an opportunity to celebrate his life work. *Come, Lord Jesus Contemplation and the Gospels* and *To See Jesus*. The books will be launched by Frank Brennan SJ, CEO of Catholic Social Services Australia and Frances Tilly, Assistant Director, National First Spiritual Exercises Program. RSVP: Mon 6 Feb - judyt@sjparishnsw.org.au or 8918 4101. All Welcome.

Sunday's Readings

First Reading

Israel, a light to the nations.

[Is 49:3, 5-6](#)

Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 39:2, 4, 7-10. R. vv.8, 9.](#)

Second Reading

Paul sends greetings to the people of Corinth.

[1 Cor 1:1-3](#)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him

to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel

John the Baptist points to Jesus.

[Jn 1:29-34](#)

Future readings can be found on the Parish website

In Our Prayers

Baptisms

Isobel Joy Curran, Jacqueline Cecilia Austin, Liam Tadhg Moynihan, Angela Kordusic, Choloe Choi La Rosa, Henry Malcolm Grigg

Weddings

Anna Caoile & Damien O'Connor

Sick

Barbara Gooch, Christine Mitchells, Craig Chase, Olivia Scott, Terry Potter, John Landels, Maureen Newley, Andrew Dyer, Sr M Natalina Todeschini OSA
Rosa Passaro, Donna Lukas, John Taylor, Christine Mitchell, Frances Boyle
Brian McCloskey, Carol Pedersen RSC, Maureen Travers, Taylor Grace, Graeme Spackman, Dianne Bradley, Rosa Maria Santos

Recently Deceased

Raymond Mc Donald, Dr & Mrs Keith Jones, Fr Keith Gorman SSC, Valerie Fong

Anniversaries

Cassandra Vrisakis, Robert Quarrell, Albert Quarrell, Rita Greig, Timothy O'Brien (SAC 2013)

Please send all prayer requests to communications@sjparishnsw.org.au

Mass Times:

St Mary's – Weekdays 7.00am, 5.30pm: Saturdays 8.00am: Sundays 9.00am (Family Mass), 11.00am, 6.00pm (Youth Mass)

St Francis Xavier – Weekdays 12.10pm: Saturdays: 9.30am, Vigil 5.30pm: Sundays 9.30am

Our Lady Star of the Sea – Sundays 8.00am, 10.00am (Polish Mass)