



## Parish of Our Lady of the Way

North Sydney | Kirribilli | Lavender Bay

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Sunday, 29 January 2017 – Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Not from the Pulpit: Fr Nguyen Trung SJ



January 28 ushers in the Lunar New Year of the Rooster. For the many countries that celebrate this event, it is the most significant festival of the year and for every year. It is a time to take a break from the normal daily activities, and come together for family reunions, for settling accounts, and for renewed hope in peace and prosperity. It is also a time for giving to express one's generosity and prosperity, through the giving of gifts and red envelopes of money to children.

There is also a sacred and mythical aspect to this festival. It is believed that there is a Kitchen God in each household, and this god hears and sees everything, for conversations occurs in the kitchen during meal times, and he would return to heaven at the end of each year to give a report to the Lord of Heaven. This reveals that the Lord of Heaven is very much interested and concerned about the welfare of the people on earth, and would dispense punishments or blessings, through children, health, peace, the weather, harvest, and prosperity, according to the report of the Kitchen God. Hence the New Year is a time for making peace with God and others, and also to give thanks for the blessings of the year passed, to pray for one's ancestors and to ask for God's blessings in the coming new year. In the gospels, Peter thrice denied Jesus and was awakened by the rooster's crow and repented. In this New Year of the Rooster, we pray that we are also spiritually awakened to make peace with God and with each other, and pray for peace and blessings in our world.

#### **Lunar New Year Mass – This Sunday**

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.

### Parish Notices

#### **Emerton Parish Donations**

Due to your wonderful generosity over the Christmas period, the Emerton Parish is replete with your donations! We ask that you do not bring any more items to the Ron Dyer Centre until further notice.

#### **Manresa Group – Banquet Lunch**

Tues 7 Feb @ 12.00 pm – Jason's Kitchen, 433 Miller Street Cammeray.

Cost \$25.00 Bookings: Rosemary 9955 2997. All parish community welcome.

#### **Tom O'Hara SJ Book Launch by Frank Brennan SJ & Frances Tilley**

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 Tilley, Assistant Director, National First Spiritual Exercises Program. RSVP: Mon 6 Feb - judyt@sjparishnsw.org.au or 8918 4101. All Welcome.

#### **Ministry Volunteers 'Sign Up' – Save the Date**

Sat 18 & Sun 19 Feb – after all Masses



#### **Healing Masses**

Wed 22 Feb @ 10.30am – Ron Dyer Centre, North Sydney

## 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. Register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/OJNA>

As this is a home-based program, parents are invited to become leaders of small groups. All training and resources are provided. Depending on numbers, we need 15 group leaders. Please contact Claire [clairel@sjparishnsw.org.au](mailto:clairel@sjparishnsw.org.au) 8918 4101 if you are interested.

Leaders Training	Wed 05.04.17 @ 7:00pm   Companions Room, RDC
Information Evening	Thurs 27.04.17 @ 7:00pm   Gathering Space, RDC
Learning Sessions	3 X Reconciliation, 3 X First Holy Communion
Reconciliation Liturgy	TBA Wk 5 Term 2
Rehearsal for FHC	Wed 14.06.17 @ 6.30pm to 7.30pm @ St Mary's
FHC Masses:	Sun 18.06.17 @ 12.30pm @ St Mary's, North Sydney
	Sun 25.06.17 @ 12.30pm @ St Mary's, North Sydney

### Catechists Needed

The Catechist team that works in the State Primary and Secondary Schools of our parish needs to expand to meet the needs of the many Catholic families whose children attend these schools. A third Primary school is open in Anzac Ave, Cammeray and we have been asked to provide catechists there.

*So we need your help!*

Are you able to give 30 to 40 minutes a week [with about another 30-40 minutes of prep time] to teach children from Kinder to Yr 10? Teaching experience is not required as training and support is provided. For each year level the lessons are provided within the Curriculum. Pope Francis has a special place in his heart for catechists saying, "Faith is a pure gift ... a gift received and a gift given. A catechist is right there, at the centre of this exchange of gifts". Can you see yourself giving? If you are interested please contact Claire Loneragan in the parish office [clairel@sjparishnsw.org.au](mailto:clairel@sjparishnsw.org.au) [on 8918 4143 - Tuesdays]

The Parish website, managed by Catholic Communications, is currently experiencing technical difficulties. Due to this issue, the bulletin ( 22 Jan ) is currently unavailable online.

### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

The remnant of Israel will take refuge in the Lord.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3

#### Second Reading

1 Cor 1:26-31

The Lord chooses the lowly.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;

Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Mt 5:12

#### Gospel

Mt 5:1-12

The Beatitudes.

### In Our Prayers

#### Baptisms

Camille Cheng, Sebastian Antolovich, Felix Arki, Sabine Head, Mia Bird, Sascha Mason, Maia Gabriel

#### Weddings

Sarah Galletti & Aaron Thompson

#### Sick

Barbara Gooch, Christine Mitchells, Craig Chase, Olivia Scott, 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, Dianne Bradley, Rosa Maria Santos

#### Recently Deceased

Valerie Fong, Virve Veedler, Graeme Spackman, Terry Potter, Paul Butler

#### Anniversaries

Loraine Wong, Judy Torpey, Timothy Obrien (Sac 2013), Peter Birrell, Mary Ellen Kane, John Doyle, Jan Kricker, Lloyd Hartigan, Mary Kare, Eileen Garvin, Vera Williams, Cassandra Vrisakis

Future readings can be found on the Parish website

Please send all prayer requests to [communications@sjparishnsw.org.au](mailto: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)

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