



# Parish of Our Lady of the Way

North Sydney | Kirribilli | Lavender Bay

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**Sunday 2 December 2018 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent**

## Not from the Pulpit: Fr Andrew Bullen SJ



Advent: listen to John the Baptist “Prepare the way of the Lord”. He’s not a man with much time for the tinsel of the season. There is an edge to his voice, implying that the preparation demands that we clean up our act, undergo a time of restraint, even fasting, before the celebratory spirit overwhelms us; we examine our hearts before we lift them up. Purple vestments before white/gold ones.

Over the last year we have been introducing new vestments in our churches, thanks to the generous bequest a few years ago of the late Alice Larkin, and to the artistry of Textile Artist, Julie Ryder. The traditional colours have an Australian tone: red is ochre, green is eucalypt, and now purple is jacaranda, and for special occasions one ochre chasuble bursts into flame, one purple one is covered in ash, while a special white one has traces of the golden bark of tea-tree.

Advent means jacaranda.

## Parish Notices



### Healing Masses - NEXT WEDNESDAY

Wed 5 Dec - The Sacrament of the Sick will be available at all Parish Masses, 10.30am @ Ron Dyer Centre and 1.30pm James Milson Village. All are welcome.



### Mary’s House – High Tea

Thurs 6 Dec @ 10.30am, Northbridge Golf Club  
Cost \$60pp - Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/YOVM](http://www.trybooking.com/YOVM)

### Christmas Breakfast @ St Francis Xavier

Sat 8 Dec, after 8.30am Mass

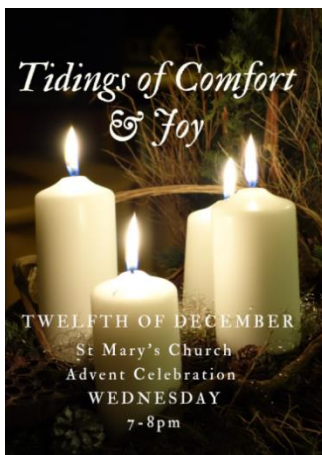
### Catholics for Renewal - Synodality: the medium is the message

For Pope Francis, synodality is “not some of the bishops some of the time, but all the faithful all of the time”. Read the full article at: [www.northsydneycatholics.com](http://www.northsydneycatholics.com)

### Tidings of Comfort & Joy – What to expect?

Wed 12 Dec @ 7.00pm, St Mary’s Church & Garden

Reflections on the Advent Season followed by Christmas Drinks



As you sit down in our historic St Mary’s Church, with Christ at its centre, you’ll see shimmering candlelight drawing your eye to the sanctuary – the scene of the evenings’ journey. Orchestra, Choir and a lectern will unlock the story of Advent, flanked by a half-lit advent wreath and a Christmas Tree. A cheeky play on the Theme of *O Come All Ye Faithful* by Hely-Hutchinson will put you in the joyous mood, followed by the flowing lyrical expression of Rutter’s *Nativity Carol* to settle you down.

After an Aussie taste with William James’ *The Three Drivers*, you’ll be invited to join in a sample of one man’s special Christmas story – a shepherd... normality. We’ll then take a journey back to Baroque times, hearing an excerpt from Handel’s epic *Messiah*, followed by Vivaldi’s equally exciting *Double Trumpet Concerto*, delighting in the talent of young trumpeters.

We’ll then hear the cadence of the aforementioned Christmas story and reflect on our own Christmas stories. Taking us through to the final act will be the confident yes from Mary, followed by an invitation to join the choir on your feet to sing as one Faithful people, the hymn which brings us all together - *O Come*... So don’t delay, RSVP today! [www.trybooking.com/YZWO](http://www.trybooking.com/YZWO)

## Parish Reconciliation

Tues 18 Dec @ 7.00pm, St Francis Xavier, Lavender Bay

## Sacrament of Reconciliation (Individual Confession) – St Mary's

Weekdays after 5.30pm Mass until Fri 21 Dec.

## Christmas Timetable 2018

The 5.00pm Children's Mass on Christmas Eve will be celebrated in the Marist College Hall, 270 Miller Street, North Sydney. Parking available in the grounds of Marist and in the Ridge St, Council Car-park. Christmas Timetables are throughout all churches, also on the Parish website at: [www.northsydneycatholics.com](http://www.northsydneycatholics.com)

## No 9am Family Masses at St Mary's over the Christmas and New Year period

Sundays: 30 Dec, 6 & 13 Jan



## Ignatius Draws Us to Jesus

Monday nights from 11 Feb to 15 Apr 2019 | 7.30 - 9.15pm

St Francis Xavier Church Hall, 17 Mackenzie Street, Lavender Bay

A 10 week Ignatian Journey - Focussing on love, joy, peace and gratitude

Cost: \$300.00 Enquiries: Alex Gorman 0415 768 330

Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/ZRAM](http://www.trybooking.com/ZRAM)

## Reflections on Catechist Ministry by Anne Mawa

As I come to a close of 14 years teaching scripture in North Sydney Demonstration school, I reflect on my journey of planting the 'seed.' We are not called to do miracles but only to plant a seed and if this is one in a whole year, I feel my job is done.

My years of teaching have many facets. Not only have I made the best friends in this ministry, but we have also had an Ecumenical journey. In the years gone by we have had joint assemblies with the Bahai, Jewish and Islamic Scripture classes. What we found was that we all taught the same thing – to love God and be kind to each other.

In my journey I have worked closely with Anglican Scripture putting on an assembly for Easter and Christmas. This has been a very enlightening experience and mostly each group puts on an item following in one theme. This year is 'the promise of God'. We meet, pick the topic, allocate the items and print the invitation for parents and family. This year we are having a 'first' with Kindergarten and Yr 1 from Catholic and Anglican scripture doing an item together! God's hand in working! We always start the assembly praying together and then thanking God at the end. This is a wonderful ministry but the Ecumenical journey is a gift. We are all on the same path, we are all privileged to bring Jesus to kids, who for some, only hear it from us.

Anne is a Catechist for Our Lady of the Way. If you are interested in being part of our Catechist Ministry, contact Michael at [youth@northsydneycatholics.com](mailto:youth@northsydneycatholics.com)



## Walk the Camino Portugués. Catholic Mission 17-day Pilgrimage: Lisbon, Fatima, Porto, Santiago de Compostela. Two pilgrimages: May 2019 and June 2019.

Small group led by Sr Veronica, O.P., 0451 387 906 or [www.catholicmission.org.au](http://www.catholicmission.org.au)

### Sunday's Readings

#### First Reading

[Jer 33:14-16](#)

The day is coming when the Lord will fulfil his promises.

#### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 24:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14. R. v. 1](#)

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

#### Second Reading

[1 Thes 3:12-4:2](#)

Conduct yourself in a way pleasing to God.

#### Gospel Acclamation

[Ps 84:8](#)

#### Gospel

[Lk 21:25-28, 34:36](#)

### In Our Prayers

#### Baptisms

Ava Martin, Jackson Broome, Amari Sharifi, Lara Hudson, Harlan Macdonald, Harriet Rava, Harriet Shepherd

#### Weddings

Diana Merlot & Grant Archer

#### Sick

Sr Natalina Todeschini, Brian McClosky, Rosa Maria Santos, Sandra Tsui, Mary O'Connor, Josephine Rowe, Lew Smith, Helen Hlavac, Will Wise (12 yrs), Helen Kong, Daphne Dunne, Doug Haywood, Grace Spencer, Fleur Marks, Helen Trew, Anne Stayner, Fran Herd, Russ Mills, Ian Haylen, Joan Brennan, Ian Johnston, Liliana Feher (22 months), George Bidder, Mark Shore, Olivia Harrison (4yrs), Rex Alvarez, Ashley Xu (6yrs), Peter Kennedy, James Russell, Alex Noble (current student St Ignatius' College), Helen Goddard, Frank Burrows,

#### Recently Deceased

Patricia Heath, Virginia Rossi Fay, Rob Johnson, Pete George, Leone Westneat, Elizabeth Borger, Audrey Bubb, John Prouster, Dr Brian Ferguson, Teresa Anna Todaro Resifa, Sr Anne Andersen IBVM, Scott Mitchell, Fr Victor-Luke Odhiambo SJ, Mary Mahoney, Alan Quinn

#### Anniversaries

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