



Parish of

Our Lady of the Way

Parish Profile 2018



In the name of Jesus and in the spirit of Ignatius, we are communities, reaching out and welcoming others. Graced by the sacraments we share a lifelong journey.

St Mary's
North Sydney

St Francis Xavier's
Lavender Bay

Star of the Sea
Kirribilli

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History

St Mary's Parish was established in 1856. The Jesuits assumed care of the Parish in 1878 and shortly afterwards opened Star of the Sea Church (then within the grounds of what is now St Aloysius College) and St Francis Xavier Church in 1881. For many years St Mary's and St Francis Xavier (incorporating Star of the Sea) operated as separate parishes but in the late 1990's the Jesuit communities merged and the parishes have since operated as a single parish. St Mary's and St Francis Xavier's were formally merged in 2015.

Our Priests

Fr Andy Bullen SJ, PP
Fr Daven Day SJ

Fr Michael Stoney SJ
Fr Phil Crotty SJ

Also in community and celebrating Masses when available: Fr Richard Leonard SJ & Fr Chris Gleeson SJ

Our Churches

St Mary's: 264 Miller Street, North Sydney
St Francis Xavier: 17 Mackenzie Street, Lavender Bay
Our Lady Star of the Sea: 44 Willoughby Street, Kirribilli

Mass Times

The Parish celebrates 24 scheduled weekly Masses:

St Mary's:

Weekdays 5.30pm
Sundays 9:00am (Family Mass), 11:00am, 6:00pm (Youth Mass)

St Francis Xavier:

Weekdays 7.00am, 12:10pm
Saturdays 8:30am, Vigil 5:30pm
Sundays 9:30am

Our Lady, Star of the Sea:

Sundays 8:00am, 10:00am (Polish Mass)

Greenwich Hospital

Fridays 4:00pm

Healing Masses

last Wednesday each month 10:30am (Ron Dyer Centre)
1:30pm (James Milson Village)

Mass on Demand

The Parish also provides the opportunity to share in the Eucharist online, streamed daily from St Francis Xavier and available on the Parish website from 8.00 am

Ignatian Spirituality

Ignatian spirituality, the guiding charism of our Parish, seeks to find God in all things. It is the pathway to deeper prayer, discernment in decision making, and an active life of service to others. Find out more at www.ignatianspirituality.com or contact olw@northsydneycatholics.com for information on Parish and Jesuit Province programs in 2018.

Sacraments (2017)

Baptisms: 337, Reconciliation & First Holy Communion: 142, Confirmations: 120, Marriages: 92, Funerals: 54

Ministries

Liturgy & Music

Each of our Parish liturgies requires the support of our community as welcomers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans and collectors. If you are able to assist please contact the Parish office at olw@northsydneycatholics.com or 8918 4101

Music is an important element in bringing joy to the liturgy. The Parish has many active musicians and cantors supporting every weekend Mass and feast days with traditional, folk and contemporary music. To get involved contact our Music Minister, Michael Paton at michaelp@northsydneycatholics.com

Education (schools allied with the Parish)

-St Mary's Primary, North Sydney - St Ignatius College, Riverview - Marist College North Shore
-St Aloysius' College, Milsons Point - Loreto, Kirribilli - Monte Sant' Angelo, North Sydney

Parish catechists are also working at North Sydney Demonstration, Cammeray Public, North Sydney Boys, North Sydney Girls, Cammeraygal High and ANZAC Primary.

Outreach Programs

St Vincent de Paul Supports the disadvantaged in the Parish and broader community through clothing banks and meals. Contact Tony Rudd at ruddtony@hotmail.com

Teresa House A shelter for homeless men and women in Redfern, which parishioners man each Sunday evening. Contact the Parish office at olw@northsydneycatholics.com

Mary's House A refuge in Sydney's north shore for women and children escaping domestic violence, established by, and supported by, the Parish community.
Go to info@maryshouse.org.au

Sick & Housebound Visitations of the sick and housebound and administering of the Eucharist. Contact Peter Walden at peterchona@gmail.com

Jesuit Ministries

Jesuit Social Services The Parish supports the work of JSS at Emerton through donations of groceries and cash for the food store. Contact Trish Martin at patricia_c_martin@hotmail.com

Jesuit Mission The Parish supports the various programs of JM through two annual appeals and the Indian Bazaar. Go to www.jesuitmission.org.au

Jesuit Refugee Service JRS provides practical support programs and advocacy for refugees and asylum seekers. The parish supports JRS in its advocacy and via an annual appeal. Go to www.jrs.org.au

Holy Family Parish Our Lady of the Way is twinned with the Holy Family Parish in Emerton, a Jesuit parish in western Sydney. The two parishes collaborate in creating opportunities and shared experiences. Contact Linda Curtis at lindacurtis1962@bigpond.com

Prayer Groups

Christian Life Community CLC is an international Catholic lay association inspired by the spiritual exercises of Ignatius of Loyola. The CLC meets fortnightly at the Ron Dyer Centre. Contact Kay Hooper at kay.hooper@bigpond.com

Meditation Groups The Parish has a number of meditation groups, providing opportunities for personal reflection in the Christian tradition.
Contact Judi Taylor at taylor.judi@outlook.com

Women's Night of Spirituality

An annual Parish event, of more than 20 years standing, at which inspiring women share their spiritual journeys.
Contact Judi Taylor at taylor.judi@outlook.com

Aged Care

Xavier Terrace: 1-13 Mackenzie Street, Lavender Bay
A self care village of 31 units, managed by the Parish.
For further information contact the Parish office at olw@northsydneycatholics.com

James Milson: 4 Clarke Road, North Sydney
Offering 104 self care units, 58 hostel units and a 24 bed nursing home. Operated by the North Sydney Retirement Trust in which the Parish is a major stakeholder.
www.jmv.org.au

Social Manresa is a social group for over 55's, which meets monthly and organises outings and other activities. Contact Rosemary Crawley on 9955 2997

Environment The Parish Ecology Group is active in the development of our environmental conscience. In 2015, it was a strong advocate of Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment, Laudato Si. Contact Michael Gill at mjg60@internode.on.net

Youth

The Parish has a program for senior primary children called 'OMG' which involves food, supervised games in the Ron Dyer Centre followed by a period of reflection. OMG occurs once each school term.

For teenagers, the Inigo group offers an avenue into friendship, faith development and social outreach. It meets fortnightly on a Sunday prior to the 6pm Youth Mass during school terms.

Young Adults (18-35) meet fortnightly after the 6pm Mass at St Mary's for drink and dinner to discuss life, faith and all manner of issues.

The Spirit Band provides uplifting music to accompany the Youth Mass at St Mary's every week at 6pm.

For all youth enquiries contact Michael Paton at michaelp@northsydneycatholics.com or at Facebook or Instagram @northsydneycatholics

Lay Leadership

Fr Andy is assisted in the administration of the Parish by several advisory bodies: the Parish Finance Committee, a Social Investment Committee (advising on disbursements from the Parish charities trust) and the Aged Care Advisory Committee. In 2018, Fr Andy will be forming a new Parish Pastoral Council.

The Parish has a small staff which provides support for sacraments, ministries and general administration.

In addition, each Sabbath Mass community has a Pastoral Team which supports and nurtures the community through support of liturgies, pastoral events and hospitality. The leaders of these Pastoral Teams are:

St Mary's 9.00am:	Ignatius Mendonca (iggymen@bigpond.com)
St Mary's 11.00am:	Patricia Drummond (patriciamanueldrummond@gmail.com)
St Mary's 6.00pm:	Michael Paton (michaelp@northsydneycatholics.com)
St Francis Xavier Vigil & 9.30am:	Liz Kaye (elizabeth.kaye@syd.catholic.edu.au)
Star of the Sea 8.00am:	Vicky Antaw (vickyantaw@gmail.com)

Planned Giving

In effecting its mission, the Parish relies heavily on the financial support and generosity of the Parish community. If you are able to support the Parish financially through the planned giving program (via credit card, direct debit or envelopes) please contact the Parish office at olw@northsydneycatholics.com or 8918 4101. Donations attract a 50% tax deduction. 50% of all planned giving is directed to the Parish charities trust which disburses these funds in support of the works of the Jesuit social ministries and other social causes.

Finance

The Parish conforms with Archdiocesan accounting practices and its accounts are audited. For the year ended 30 June 2017, the Parish had an operating income of \$1,457,642 and an operating expenditure of \$1,311,221 resulting in a cash surplus of \$146,421. The surplus was primarily the result of bequests received during the year. Ordinarily, the Parish's income is derived from collections & planned giving, rental income from Parish properties and interest received. Major expenses are staff costs, repairs & maintenance, communications/IT, insurance and the Archdiocesan Catholic Works Fund levy.