

Parish Profile

OUR 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 JESUITS

Fr Andrew Bullen SJ, Parish Priest
Fr Daven Day SJ
Fr Michael Stoney SJ
Fr Phil Crotty SJ

Also in community and celebrating Masses when available: Fr Richard Leonard SJ - Superior Jesuit Community

OUR CHURCHES

St Mary's, 264 Miller St,
North Sydney (STM)
St Francis Xavier, 17 Mackenzie St
Lavender Bay (SFX)
Star of the Sea, 44 Willoughby St,
Kirribilli (SOS)

PARISH OFFICE

Ron Dyer Centre: M - F 9.00am - 3.30pm
42 Ridge St, P.O. Box 1409, NSW 2059
Web: www.northsydneycatholics.com
Email: olw@northsydneycatholics.com
Tel: 8918 4101

BAPTISMS

Saturdays 9.30, 10.15 & 11.00am
Sundays 11.00am & 1.00pm
(group baptisms)

WEDDINGS

Fridays 2.00pm
Saturdays 2.00pm & 4.00pm
Sundays 2.00pm

FUNERALS

Weekdays - By arrangement with the Parish Priest

SAFEGUARDING

Our Lady of the Way Parish is committed to creating and maintaining a safe, supportive, caring and nurturing environment for children and young people. Read the Jesuit Province's Code of Conduct at: www.northsydneycatholics.com

MASS TIMES

WEEKDAYS

7.00am & 12.10pm - SFX
5.30pm - STM

WEEKENDS

Sat 8.30am, 5.30pm (Vigil) - Sun 9.30am - SFX
Sun 8.00am & 10.00am (Polish) - SOS
Sun 9.00am (Family), 11.00am & 6.00pm (Youth) - STM

HEALING MASSES

Last Wednesday each month 10:30am
(Ron Dyer Centre) 1:30pm (James Milson Village)
Greenwich Hospital Fridays 4:00pm

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.

IMPORTANT DATES 2019

1st Reconciliation - 28 May
First Holy Communion - 29 & 30 June
Confirmation - 25 August

BOOKINGS

The Parish uses trybooking.com for registrations and Parish social events.

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

PASTORAL LEADERS

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: Keiran Joel -
(youth@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)

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.

YOUTH MASS



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 drinks 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.

Ministries , Outreach Programs

Jesuit Social Services

The Parish supports the work of JSS at Emerton through donations of groceries and cash for the food store.
patricia_c_martin@hotmail.com

Jesuit Mission

The Parish supports the various programs of JM through two annual appeals and the Indian Bazaar.
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. 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.
Linda Curtis
lindacurtis1962@bigpond.com

Liturgy

Each of our Parish liturgies requires the support of our community as welcomers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans and collectors. If you can help please contact the Pastoral Leaders

Music

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.
Henry Wright
music@northsydney Catholics.com

Aged Care

Xavier Terrace: 1-13 Mackenzie Street, Lavender Bay. A self care village of 31 units, managed by the Parish.
olw@northsydney Catholics.com

James Milson: 4 Clarke Rd, 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

Manresa

A social group for over 55's, which meets monthly and organises outings and other activities.
Rosemary Crawley 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.
Michael Gill
mjg60@internode.on.net

Women's Night of Spirituality

An annual Parish event, at which inspiring women share their journeys. Judi Taylor
taylor.judi@outlook.com

Sick & Housebound

Visitations of the sick and housebound and administering of the Eucharist. Peter Walden
peterchona@gmail.com

Finance, Planned Giving

Catholic Schools in the Parish
St Aloysius' College
St Ignatius' College
Loreto Kirribilli
Monte Sant' Angelo
Marist College, North Shore
St Mary's Primary

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

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

Teresa House
A shelter for homeless men and women in Redfern, which parishioners man each Sunday evening.
olw@northsydneycatholics.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. 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
Contact the Parish Office:
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.
info@maryshouse.com.au

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. Kay Hooper
kay.hooper@bigpond.com

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

FINANCES

The Parish conforms with Archdiocesan accounting practices and its accounts are audited. For the year ended 30 June 2018, the Parish had an operating income of \$1,257,519 and operating expenditure of \$1,352,675 resulting in a deficit of \$95,156. The deficit was primarily the result of significant investments in upgrading audio visual equipment and parish vestments. Ordinarily, the Parish's income is derived from collections & planned giving, rental income from Parish properties and interest received. Major expenses are church utilities, R & M, CWF levies, insurance and staff costs.

2018 -The Year in Review

2018 was a vibrant and fulfilling year for the Parish thanks to the enthusiasm, participation and commitment of our Parish community. Our liturgies, sacraments, festivals, outreach programs and social activities have all been well supported.

None of this would have been possible without the than 350 volunteers working across our many ministries. Thank you.

The year began with “Ignatius Draws Us to Jesus”, a move from our busy lives into the spiritual journey of St Ignatius.

The Lenten reflection, “Darkness into Light”, set in the candle-lit. St Mary’s and accompanied by the Prima Luce Polyphony Choir, set us up for the welcoming light of Easter.

109 children received their Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

We were especially blessed to see the ordination of two Jesuits, Frs Alan Wong SJ and Nico Lariosa SJ at St Mary’s.

Several hundred parishioners and others celebrated Mass in Spanish. We honoured the First Nations with a NAIDOC Mass, and in July we gave thanks for the life of St Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, with a service of prayer and music by Christopher Willcock SJ.

The anniversary of the Papal Encyclical *Laudato si'* brought our minds to the importance of our environment and care for creation.

We held two special events for the women of our church: at St Mary’s, for the 24th year, the “Women's Night of Spirituality” and at St Francis Xavier’s, an inaugural Mass “Celebrating Women as Witness in a Modern Church”.

Jesuit Mission hosted the Melbourne Cup High Tea and Calcutta.

2018 - The Year in Review

102 young adults affirmed their faith through the Sacrament of Confirmation.

More than 200 parishioners came together to discuss the Parish's response to the 2020 Plenary Council, a forum discerning the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

We celebrated the jubilees of Fr Richard Leonard SJ, (25 years in the priesthood) and Fr Michael Stoney SJ (50 years in the priesthood).

And then we welcomed Advent with "Tidings of Comfort and Joy" with thirty six musicians and cantors from the Conservatorium, followed by a cocktail party on the lawns of St Mary's.

2018 was also the Australian church's Year of Youth, a year to celebrate and energise young people to engage with their faith. Within the Parish, we now have three youth ministries, spanning ages 12 through young adults, as well as the popular Sunday evening Youth Mass, at which we also welcomed the Loreto, Marist, St Aloysius and St Ignatius school communities.

During the year we baptised 237 infants into the Christian faith and 107 couples took their wedding vows.

And week in, week out the parish community generously contributed, not just financially but in kind and most all with their time. At Emerton, at Teresa House, at Mary's House, through St Vincent de Paul and the Sick & Housebound ministry, in the local public schools (where our catechists share our faith with more than 600 students), and across many other ministries. Thank you.

A busy place indeed. A happy place. Sharing the joy of the Gospel.

Andrew Bullen,
