

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.

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)

RON DYER CENTRE - 8918 4101
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BAPTISMS (237 in 2018)
Saturdays 9.30, 10.15 & 11.00am
Sundays 11.00am & 1.00pm (group baptisms)

WEDDINGS (107 in 2018)
Fridays 2.00pm
Saturdays 2.00pm & 4.00pm
Sundays 2.00pm

FUNERALS (39 in 2018)
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) 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.

RECONCILIATION & FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: (109 in 2018)

IMPORTANT DATES 2019

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

BOOKINGS

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

L A Y L E A D E R S H I P

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.

P A S T O R A L L E A D E R S

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,
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.

Y O U T H M A S S



Y O U T H

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.

Jesuit 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

JRS - Peace & Justice Group

Anne Nesbitt - anne.nesbitt@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. lindacurtis1962@bigpond.com

Liturgy & Music

Each of our Parish liturgies requires the support of our community as welcomers, readers, Eucharistic ministers, sacristans and collectors.

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.

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

Vincent de Paul

Supports the disadvantaged in the Parish and broader community through clothing banks and meals.

Aged Care

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

James Milson: 4 Clarke Rd, North Sydney
Offering 97 retirement living apartments and 127 residential aged care places, 58 hostel units and a 24 bed nursing home. Operated by the North Sydney Retirement Trust in which the Parish is a major stakeholder.

Manresa

A social group for over 55's, which meets monthly and organises outings and other activities.

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.

Women's Night of Spirituality

An annual Parish event, at which inspiring women share their journeys.

Teresa House

A shelter for homeless men and women in Redfern, which parishioners man each Sunday evening.

Sick & Housebound

Visitations of the sick and housebound and administering of the Eucharist.

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@bigpond.com

Meditation Groups

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

FINANCE

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 (prior) and an operating expenditure of \$1,352,675 (prior) resulting in a cash deficit of \$95,156 (prior).

The deficit was primarily the result of significant investment in St Francis Xavier for a new organ, and 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, repairs & maintenance, CWF levy, insurance and staff costs.

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:
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MINISTRIES DIRECTORY

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CLC & PARISH RETREAT - Kay Hooper kay.hooper@bigpond.com

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SICK & HOUS EBOUND - Peter Walden - peterchona@gmail.com

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YOUTH - Kieran Joel - youth@northsydneycatholics.com

WNS - Judi Taylor - taylor.judi@outlook.com

A Year in Review

In 2018, the Parish experienced growth within ministry partnerships reflected by the enthusiasm, participation and commitment of more than 350 registered Parish volunteers, across some 15 Ministries. There was noticeable participation in important events, such as the Plenary Council 2020 Forum and the newly formed Peace and Justice initiative, which highlights our values as an engaged community. In addition, parishioners displayed their generosity in a huge way in the 2018 Annual Appeals.

Social activities and special events have been well attended, Melbourne Cup Lunch, Manresa outings, book launches and most recently the Christmas Cocktail Party in St Mary's Garden. Also, the Parish Retreat and 'Ignatius Draws Us to Jesus', boasted full capacity with thirty attendees in each. Furthermore, we invited Prima Luce Polyphony choir to accompany us on a Lenten reflection in 'Darkness into Light'. Poetry from Fr Andy accompanied by candlelight action set the tone for Lent, and set us up for the welcoming light we see at Easter. We celebrated our life of St Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, with another service of music and prayers, A Lifelong Beginning. with orchestra, choir, homilies and prayers, we brought to life the significant events of Ignatius' life, and reflected on his impact in the future with music by Australian Jesuit Christopher Willcock SJ.

The Papal Encyclical *Laudato si'* brought to the forefront of our minds the importance of environmental education and care for creation. Furthermore, the Nangami Peace and Justice group in conjunction with Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and Sydney Alliance hosted a Table Talk. One hundred and ten people attended and listened to stories told by two resettled refugees. The goal is to find common ground in shared values and to build the capacity of the parish community to stand with refugees and people seeking asylum. The group plans to meet monthly.

We have just finished the Australian Church's Year of Youth, a year to celebrate and energise young people to engage with their faith on a deeper level. At the North Sydney Parish, we have built up 3 youth ministries, as well as our popular Youth Mass.

OMG, (Oh my God!) with average attendees of 25-30, is a quarterly gathering to give Year 5 & 6 students a chance to engage with their Church, and also do something great for their community. Inigo, for High School students, is a fortnightly gathering where young Catholics can come together to share their faith, participate in outreach, and find fellowship in a safe space. Our Young Adults group, for Catholics 18-35, is a fortnightly drink after the Youth Mass, where they catch up with each other, discuss hot topics, and share a prayer and a meal together. Our Youth Mass is now averaging congregation of 500 or more, with energy and life befitting the Eucharistic table.

Highlights this year include Fr Andy's Book Launch, 'Etiquette with Angels', Jubilee celebrations for Fr Michael Stoney SJ (50 years in the priesthood) and Jesuit Superior, Fr Richard Leonard SJ, (25 years in the priesthood). In addition, the inaugural Mass for 'Celebration of Women as Witness in a Modern Church' and the 'Women's Night of Spirituality', which will next year be celebrating 25 years, was very successful.

Finally, we celebrated Advent with 'Tidings of Comfort and Joy', with joyous arrangements of the carols we all love, as well as some new unheard music, and a story of a normal shepherd.
