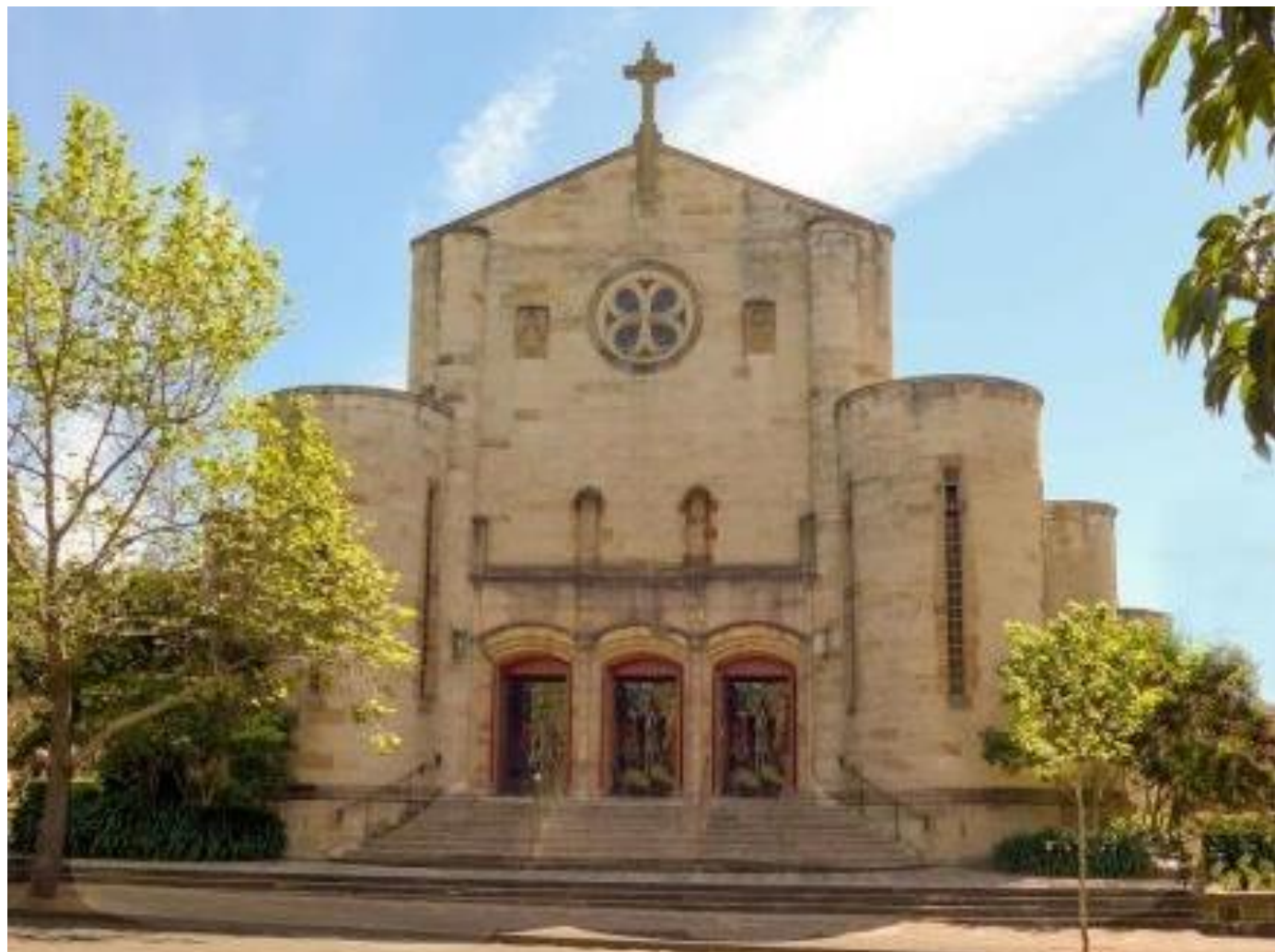


Parishes of Our Lady of the Way

Parish Profile 2016





Parishes of Our Lady of the Way North Sydney | Lavender Bay | Kirribilli



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Our Mission

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.

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 Parish has had since effectively operated as a single parish.

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 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)

Greenwich Hospital

Fridays 4:00pm

Healing Masses

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

The Parish also provides Mass on Demand which is available on the Parish website each day from 10.00 am and on Sundays from 1.00pm

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@sjparishnsw.org.au for information on Parish and Jesuit Province programs in 2016.

Sacraments in 2015

Baptisms: 374, Reconciliation & First Holy Communion: 140, Confirmations: 119, Marriages: 104
Funerals: 58

Our Ministries

Liturgy & Music

Each of our Parish liturgies requires the support of our community as welcomers, readers, Eucharist ministers, sacristans and collectors. If you can assist please contact the Parish office at olw@sjparishnsw.org.au or 8918 4101

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

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 S'ant Angelo, North Sydney

Catechists are also working at North Sydney Demonstration, Cammeray Public, North Sydney Boys, North Sydney Girls, Cammeraygal High and ANZAC Primary (2016)

Outreach Programs

- St Vincent de Paul Supports the disadvantaged in the Parish 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@sjparishnsw.org.au
- Mary's House A refuge in North Sydney for women and children escaping domestic violence, established by, and supported by, the Parish community. Contact Liz Mackinlay at lizmackinlay2013@gmail.com
- Sick & Housebound Visitations of the sick and housebound and administering of the Eucharist. Contact Peter Walden at peterchona@gmail.com

Jesuit Ministries

- 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
- 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 our Parish community with timely and thorough situation assessments regarding refugees and asylum seekers. Go to www.jrs.org.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. Contact Felicity Flynn at fjflynn42@optusnet.com.au
- Meditation Groups The Parish has a number of meditation groups, providing opportunities for personal reflection in the Christian tradition. Contact Judi Taylor at palmy@ozemail.com.au

Women's Night of Spirituality

An annual Parish event, of more than 20 years standing, at which inspiring women share their spiritual journeys. Contact Judy Taylor at palmy@ozemail.com.au

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 in St Mary's Church. OMG occurs twice each school term. For further information contact Claire Loneragan at clairel@sjparishnsw.org.au.

For young adults, the Spirit Band (Sundays 6pm) offers an avenue into music, friendship and faith development. Contact Michael Paton at michaelp@sjparishnsw.org.au

Aged Care

Xavier Terrace: 1-13 Mackenzie Street, Lavender Bay
A self care village of 31 units, managed by the Parish. Contact olw@sjparishnsw.org.au

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. See more at 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

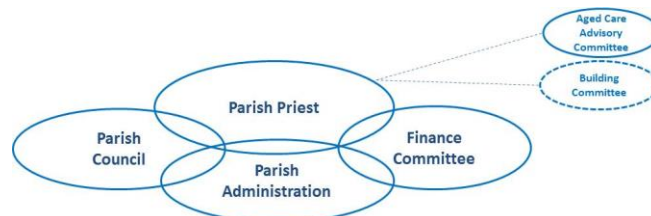
The Catholic Women's League meets monthly and works in supports of local causes. Contact Leonie Green at 9646 1559.

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

Lay Leadership

Fr Andy and the Parish priests are assisted in the administration of the Parish by several advisory bodies: the Parish Council, the Parish Finance Committee and the Aged Care Advisory Committee. The Parish has a small staff which provides support for liturgies, sacraments, ministries and general administration. These bodies operate symbiotically in support of the Parish priest and community.



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

St Mary's: Julianne Bardetta (jmbardetta@gmail.com)
St Francis Xavier: Paul Heywood (ph1911au@yahoo.com.au)
Our Lady Star of the Sea: Vicky Antaw (vickyantaw@gmail.com)

Finance

The Parish conforms with Archdiocesan accounting practices and its accounts are audited. For the year ended 30 June 2015, the Parish had an operating income of \$1,144,704 and an operating expenditure of \$1,258,043 resulting in a cash deficit of \$113,338. This deficit was primarily the result of preliminary outlays relating to the St Francis Xavier presbytery redevelopment, costs associated with the Pathways consultancy and some non-recurring staff costs. 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 and insurance. In the current financial year (2015/2016) the Parish has budgeted a modest surplus and is operating in line with this.

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@sjparishnsw.org.au or 8918 4101.