

Parish Profile 2017

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, Parish Priest ; Fr Michael Stoney SJ; Fr Daven Day 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: 42 Ridge 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)

Mass on Demand

Mass on Demand goes online daily at approximately the following times (Australian Eastern Standard Time) Weekdays 8.30am, Saturdays 9.30am, and Sundays 3.00pm.

Society of Jesus, Australian Province – Sydney Office

The Jesuit Province maintains an office within the old St Mary's Presbytery. Therein is located

Fr Chris Gleeson SJ (Delegate for Formation); jcgleeson@siasl.org.au & Mrs Jennie Hickey (Delegate for Social Ministries & Education); jhickey@siasl.org.au

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 2017

Baptisms: 396, Reconciliation & First Holy Communion: 120, Confirmations: 122, Marriages: 102
Funerals: 63

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 St Ignatius' College, Riverview Marist College North Shore
St Aloysius' College Loreto, Kirribilli Monte S'ant Angelo

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 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 David Lukas via 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 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

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 lindacurtis1962@bigpond.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 our Parish community with timely and thorough situation assessments regarding refugees and asylum seekers. 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 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: taylor.judi@outlook.com

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 once each school term. Contact Claire Loneragan at clairel@sjparishnsw.org.au.

In 2017, the new INIGO Youth Group offers teenagers an avenue into friendship, outreach and faith development, meeting each Sunday before 6pm mass. The Spirit Band also offers young singers the chance to sing as part of the Youth liturgy every Sunday at 6pm. For Young Adults aged 18+, there is a community that gathers for a drink and dinner following the 6pm mass at St Mary's each fortnight. 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

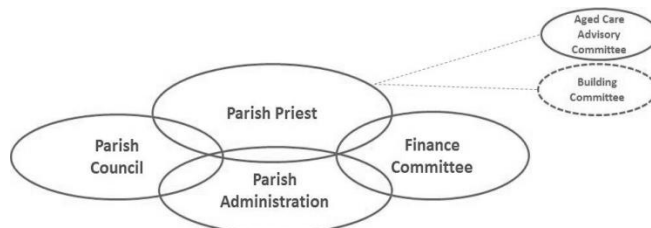
Social Manresa is a social group for over 55's, which meets monthly and organises outings and other activities. Contact Rosemary Crawley on 9955 2997

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 (imbardetta@gmail.com)

St Francis Xavier: Julian Gormly (juliangormly@windeyerchambers.com.au)

Our Lady Star of the Sea: Vicky Antaw (vickyantaw@gmail.com)

Parish Finances

The principle financial objective of the Parish is to ensure that it has sufficient income and reserves to fulfil its mission, support its ministries and maintain the churches and other properties. The Parish finances are administered by Fr Andy Bullen SJ with support from the Parish Finance Committee and the Parish administration.

The Parish financial accounts for the year ended 30 June 2016 have been audited and the Parish Financial Report submitted to the Archdiocese. The accounts are prepared in line with Archdiocesan accounting practices which differ from commercial accounting standards. During the year, the Parish had operating income of \$1,227,102 (Previous Year \$1,144,704) and expenditure of \$1,090,338 (PY \$1,258,053) resulting in an operating surplus of \$136,764 (PY deficit of \$113,338). The Parish's income is derived from collections & planned giving, rental income from Parish properties and carparks and interest received. Major expenses relate to staff costs, utilities, repairs & maintenance, Catholic Works Fund levies, IT/ audio-visual and insurance. The surplus in FY2016 was used to replace reserves depleted in FY2015. Non-operating items related to the St Mary's Primary School Levy and School Building Fund.

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.