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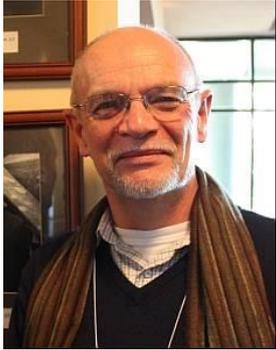
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WELCOME FROM FR ANDY



Parish life is in so many ways different from our professional and social experience. Whilst there is a busy calendar of events - in this parish particularly so - there are no objectives or forces pulling us, save for the promise of joy in the practice of our faith.

Every parishioner is on their own journey to find God, walking in the footsteps of Jesus. The parish - through liturgy, sacraments, celebration, mourning, outreach, contemplation and music - provides the inspiration and support for these individual journeys.

Over the course 2019, there were many pastoral and community events, bookended by 'Ignatius draws us to Jesus', a 10 week spiritual journey and 'Tidings of Comfort & Joy', an Advent celebration of carols followed by cocktails on the lawn at St Mary's. Between these there was 'From Promise to Joy', an Easter reflection of poetry and music, several book launches including Richard Leonard SJ's 'Hatch, Match & Dispatch, A Catholic Guide to the Sacraments'. To celebrate St Ignatius' feast day the youth and young adults of the parish staged a visual installation, 'Ignacio', led by Phil Moller SJ.

The parish community also rallied to debate the many challenges facing our church, to be presented (among those of other parishes) at the Australian Bishops Plenary Council in Adelaide in October 2020, an event which holds much promise for renewal.

During the year we adjusted our Mass timetable to create a more sustainable schedule of liturgies.

Nothing in this vibrant parish happens without the extraordinary generosity of our parishioners: giving their time, their skills and their financial support. From our catechists (who each week teach scripture to more than 500 primary and secondary students in local public schools) to the many hands in support of our social outreach ministries (at Teresa House, at Emerton, with the sick & housebound and with StVdeP) and the many welcomers, readers, acolytes, sacristans and musicians that bring our liturgies to life: a heartfelt thank you.

Several of our parish volunteers were recognized. John & Maureen Yates received a Companions Medal from the Jesuit Provincial, Ronnie Lewis received a Dempsey Medal from the Archbishop and Mark Quarrell was acknowledged with a North Sydney Community Award. Congratulations.

I am very thankful to Phil Moller SJ who was Acting Parish Priest during my sabbatical mid year, and also to my brothers in community, Michael Stoney SJ, Phil Crotty SJ, Jamie Calder SJ and Richard Leonard SJ who do much of the 'heavy lifting'. In September, we farewelled Daven Day SJ after more than 14 years service to the North Sydney parish community.

I wish you every blessing as we again celebrate the birth of Christ, and may his light guide and comfort you as you journey through 2020.

Andrew Bullen

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
Frs Michael Stoney SJ & Phil Crotty SJ.

In community and celebrating Masses when available: Frs Richard Leonard SJ, Jamie Calder SJ and David Braithwaite SJ.

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. The Safeguarding Code of Conduct can be found on the Parish website. www.northsydney Catholics.com

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS (253 in 2019)
Saturdays 9.30, 11.00am at SFX
www.trybooking.com

WEDDINGS (46 in 2019)
Friday 2.00pm - STM
Saturday 2.00pm & 4.00pm - STM
Sunday 2.00pm - STM
www.trybooking.com

FUNERALS (57 in 2019)
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday at STM, by arrangement with the Parish Priest.

1st RECONCILIATION – 27th May
1st HOLY COMMUNION - 21st & 28th June
Registration: www.trybooking.com/BHKHC

CONFIRMATION – 30th August
Registration: www.trybooking.com/BHLYN

LAY LEADERSHIP

Fr Andy is assisted in the pastoral administration of the Parish by several advisory bodies:

Parish Finance Committee
Contact: David Rothery
david.rothery@bigpond.com

Social Investment Committee (advising on disbursements from the Parish charities trust)
Contact: Natalie Hazel
natalie.reichel@gmail.com

Aged Care Advisory Committee
Contact: David Rothery
david.rothery@bigpond.com

Parish Plenary 2020 Coordinator
Michael Gill mjg60@internode.on.net

The Parish has a small staff which provides support for sacraments, ministries and general administration.
Enquiries: olw@northsydneycatholics.com

LITURGY COORDINATORS

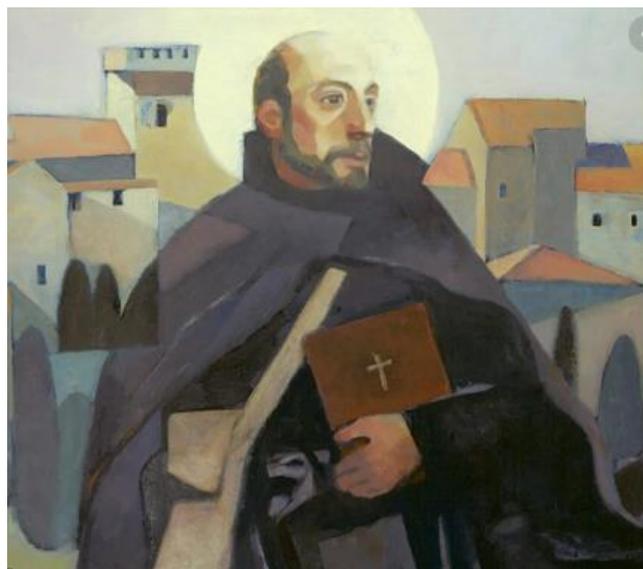
St Mary's 9.00am
Ignatius Mendonca
(iggymen@bigpond.com)

St Mary's 6.00pm
Keiran Joel/ Cormac Lennon
(youth@northsydneycatholics.com)

St Francis Xavier - Vigil
Claire Loneragan
(clairel@northsydneycatholics.com)

St Francis Xavier - 10.30am
Judy Tusino
(judyt@northsydneycatholics.com)

Star of the Sea - 8.00am
Vicky Antaw
(vickyantaw@gmail.com)



SPIRITUALITY

The Parish follows the charism of St Ignatius.

Again in 2020, Fr Andrew Bullen SJ and Ms Alex Gorman will present ***Ignatius draws us to Jesus***, a ten week course designed to present participants with the key foundations and practices of Ignatian Spirituality.

Monday nights from February 3rd to April 6th 2020 7.30-9.30pm.

Participants will be invited into meditation, reflection, journal writing and discussion through an "Ignatian Process" and in a confidential environment.

The course will cover the life of its founder, St Ignatius, Ignatian images of God, our response to God, types of Ignatian Prayer, the Daily Examen, Gifts and Talents, Dreams and Desires, Detachment and Discernment.

Participants will also be introduced to the links between Ignatian Spirituality and Positive Psychology in order to build greater flourishing.

Participants will have the opportunity to reflect on their own spiritual journey in relation to the key Ignatian constructs in the hope of building greater love, joy, peace and gratitude in the lead up to Easter.

Registration: www.trybooking.com/BHCNE

YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS



The Parish and the Cardoner Project (a Jesuit initiative for the formation of young leaders) have entered into a partnership whereby the Cardoner Project will progressively assume pastoral and operational leadership of the various youth programs within the parish.

Building on the vibrancy of the current programs, this collaboration will help the parish community build contemporary and sustainable pathways of faith and service for youth and young adults. Faith formation will be developed and overseen by Jesuits within the Cardoner, the Parish and beyond.

Liaison with the Catholic schools within the Parish will be a key element of the Cardoner engagement. It is also envisaged that in 2020, the Cardoner will be available to periodically support Parish catechists with RE programs within the local public schools.

OLW Youth Minister: Keiran Joel
youth@northsydney Catholics.com

Formation Coordinator: Lachie Mitchell
lachie.mitchell@thecardonerproject.org

The youth and young adult programs within the parish comprise:

For years 5 & 6, 'OMG!' Food, supervised games and a period of reflection in the Ron Dyer Centre. In 2020, monthly throughout the school term, commencing 21 February.

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.

Starting in 2020, for years 11 & 12, the Young Ambassador's Program aims to equip participants to become young Ignatian leaders. In real terms this involves quarterly workshops on a "leadership principle" followed by Mass and a BBQ dinner.

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.

MUSIC

Music brings joy and energy to Parish liturgies.

All Sabbath Masses are supported with musicians and cantors offering a broad spectrum of music, from traditional to contemporary.

The Spirit Band accompanies the Youth Mass each week at St Mary's at 6pm.

The Feast Day Choir assembles during Lent and Advent to support Easter and Christmas liturgies.

Contact: Henry Wright, Music Minister:
music@northsydney Catholics.com

Please help if you can

MINISTRIES

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 Liturgy Co-ordinators.

Jesuit Social Services

The Parish supports the work of JSS at Emerton through donations of groceries and cash for the Food Store.

Patricia Martin

patricia_c_martin@hotmail.com

Sick & Housebound

Visitations of the sick and house bound and administering of the Eucharist.

Peter Walden

peterchona@gmail.com

Jesuit Mission

The Parish supports the various programs of JM through two annual appeals and the Indian Bazaar.

Meg Morrison

engagement@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. New for 2020, a 'hands on' program Welcome, Protect, Promote, Integrate.

Carolina Gottardo

jrsreception@jrs.org.au

JRS – Nagami 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.

Linda Curtis

lindacurtis1962@bigpond.com

Aged Care

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

Paul Hartigan

paulh@northsydneycatholics.com

James Milson: 4 Clarke Rd, North Sydney

Offering retirement living apartments, residential aged care and advanced care. Operated by the North Sydney Retirement Trust in which the Parish is a 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](tel:99552997)

Environment

The Parish Ecology Group is active in the development of our environmental conscience. It is 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.

25th Anniversary

Tues 26th May @ St Mary's.

2020 Guest speakers:

- Dr Fiona Wood
- Catherine McGregor
- Natasha Shar

Judi Taylor taylor.judi@outlook.com

Plenary Council – 2020

In October 2020, the Catholic Church in Australia will gather for the first Plenary Council to be held since the second Vatican Council.

The Parish community is joined in this process. For more info contact Michael Gill mjg60@internode.on.net

St Vincent de Paul Society

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

Gerard Walsh gerard.walsh@bigpond.com

Teresa House

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

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. A new 'drop in' centre in Neutral Bay will open early 2020.

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.

Michael Gray gray654@gmail.com

Parish Retreat (organized by CLC)

A four week program for men and women of all ages.

Gracelyn Vega vegagr@yahoo.com.au

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

Catechists

Over 500 students in local government schools attend weekly Special Religious Education led by a committed team of 25 trained Parish catechists. Volunteers are always needed to teach, assist or provide relief at North Sydney Demonstration School, Cammeray Public School, ANZAC Park Public School, North Sydney Girls High School, Cammeraygal High School and North Sydney Boys High School.

Please contact Maree Curry
mareec@northsydneycatholics.com

EDUCATION

(Catholic Schools within the Parish)

St Aloysius' College

A Jesuit primary & secondary school for boys
www.stalloysius.nsw.edu.au

Loreto Kirribilli

A primary & secondary school for girls
www.loreto.nsw.edu.au

Monte Sant' Angelo

A secondary school for girls
www.monte.nsw.edu.au

Marist College North Shore

(incorporating St Mary's Primary)

Co-ed primary and secondary (enrolling girls in Year 7 from 2021) www.maristcollege.com

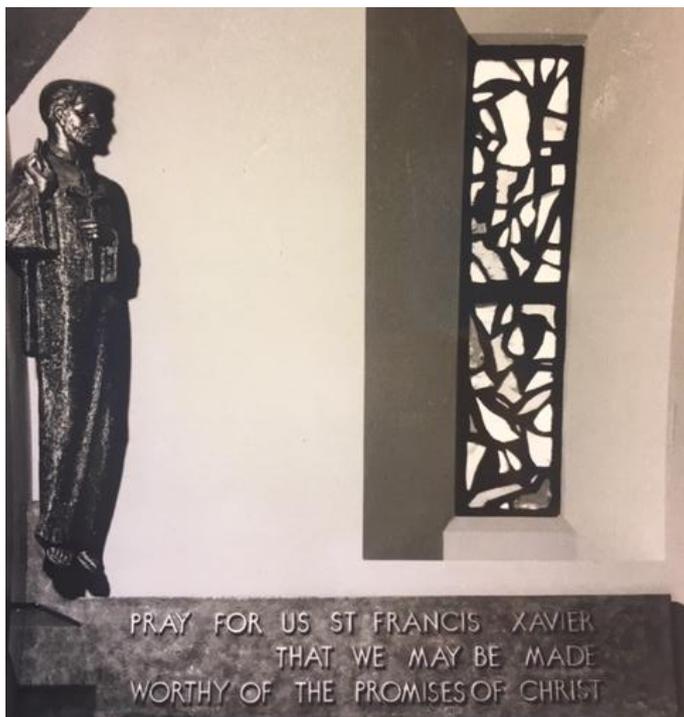
PLANNED GIVING

In effecting its mission, the Parish relies heavily on the financial support and generosity of the Parish community. Thank you. 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. The remaining 50% is used to support the administration and upkeep of the Parish. In the year ended 30 June 2019, the Parish charities trust received \$221,109 from Planned Giving and distributed \$220,792. Contact the Parish Office:
olw@northsydneycatholics.com

PARISH FINANCES

The Parish conforms with Archdiocesan accounting practices and its accounts are audited. For the year ended 30 June 2019, the Parish had an operating income of \$1,164,945 and operating expenditure of \$1,143,022 resulting in a surplus of \$21,923. The primary sources on income were property rentals, carparking and Planned Giving. The major expenses were staff costs, utilities & insurance, R&M and CWF levies.



OUR CHURCHES

St Mary's (STM)
264 Miller St, North Sydney

St Francis Xavier (SFX)
17 Mackenzie St, Lavender Bay

Star of the Sea (SOS)
44 Willoughby St, Kirribilli

MASS TIMES

WEEKDAYS

7.30am – SFX (and on demand))
12.00pm - STM
5.30pm (Fridays) STM Communion Service

SABBATH

5.30pm (Vigil) & Sun 10.30am - SFX
Sun 8.00am & 10.00am (Polish) - SOS
Sun 9.00am (Family) & 6.00pm (Youth) - STM

HEALING MASSES

Last Wednesday of month 10:30am
(Ron Dyer Centre) & 1:30pm (James Milson)
Greenwich Hospital each Friday 3.00pm

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.

PARISH OFFICE

Ron Dyer Centre:

Mon – Fri 9.30am - 3.30pm

42 Ridge St, P.O. Box 1409, NSW 2059

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