



# Parish of Our Lady of the Way

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**Sunday 25 November 2018 – Christ the King**

## Not from the Pulpit: Fr Andrew Bullen SJ



This weekend the Church's liturgical year concludes, indeed culminates, with the Feast of Christ the King. That title might lead us to suppose that it is a very old feast, but in fact it was instituted in 1925 by the feisty Pope Pius XI to counteract the growing influence of secularism, especially communism, and nationalism; only in 1970 was it fixed in its present position.

In the parish office we had some trouble in finding an image that conveyed majesty but without too much emphasis on a crown. Not surprisingly the one here comes from the ancient Byzantine tradition, where the image was always placed high in the apse behind the altar, and so visible, in a shimmer of mosaic, throughout the church. Sometimes when I look at the half-dome space behind the altar in St Mary's, I wonder if the original design planned a modern version, also done in mosaics.

To find perhaps the earliest vision of what the feast celebrates, we can go back to the great hymn in the Epistle to the Colossians (1:15-20):

He is the image of the unseen God  
and the first-born of all creation,  
for in him were created  
all things on heaven and on earth:  
all things visible and invisible.....

## Parish Notices



### Healing Masses – Wed 28 Nov

The Sacrament of the Sick will be available at all Parish Masses and at 10.00am @ Ron Dyer Centre followed by the St Mary's School Musical, 'Odyssey' in the Marist Hall at 12.30pm. 1.30pm James Milson Village. All are Welcome.



### Last OMG for 2018! – Years 5 & 6 only

Fri 30 Nov @ 6.00 - 8.00pm, Ron Dyer Centre

OMG is about friends, fun and community. Hosted by students from St Aloysius, Loreto and Inigo Youth. Registration essential: [www.trybooking.com/ZMTB](http://www.trybooking.com/ZMTB)

### Manresa Group – Christmas Buffet

Tues 4 Dec @ 12.00pm, Harbourview Hotel, North Sydney

Cost: \$45pp. Early bookings appreciated call Rosemary 9955 2997. All are Welcome.



### Mary's House – High Tea

Thurs 6 Dec @ 10.30am, Northbridge Golf Club

Cost \$60pp - Bookings: [www.trybooking.com/YOVM](http://www.trybooking.com/YOVM)

### Christmas Breakfast @ St Francis Xavier

Sat 8 Dec, after 8.30am Mass



### Tidings of Comfort & Joy followed by Christmas Drinks

Wed 12 Dec @ 7.00pm, St Mary's Church & Garden

Reflections on the Advent Season, accompanied by Choir and Orchestra.

Please RSVP for catering purposes: [www.trybooking.com/YZWO](http://www.trybooking.com/YZWO)

### Catholics for Renewal - Synodality: the medium is the message

For Pope Francis, synodality is "not some of the bishops some of the time, but all the faithful all of the time".

Read the full article at: [www.northsydneycatholics.com](http://www.northsydneycatholics.com)



### Reminder - Working With Children Check

Renew your WWC and update your details with the Parish office: [olw@northsydneycatholics.com](mailto:olw@northsydneycatholics.com)



## Advent Reflection Evenings – The Grail Centre

Wed 5 Dec @ 7.30 - 9.00pm - Matthew's account of Jesus' birth (Matt 1:18-2:23)

Wed 12 Dec @ 7.30 - 9.00pm - Luke's account of Jesus' birth (Lk 1:26-56; 2:1-40)

RSVP by Friday 30 November to [grailsydney@ozemail.com.au](mailto:grailsydney@ozemail.com.au) or (02) 9955 3053.

### Christmas Timetable 2018

The 5.00pm Children's Mass on Christmas Eve will be celebrated in the Marist College Hall, 270 Miller Street, North Sydney. Parking available in the grounds of Marist and in the Ridge St, council car-park.

<b>WED 12 DEC</b>		
7.00pm	Tidings of Comfort & Joy	St Mary's Church
8.00pm	Christmas Drinks	St Mary's Garden
<b>TUES 18 DEC</b>		
7.00pm	Reconciliation	St Francis Xavier
<b>MON 24 DEC - Christmas Eve</b>		
5.00pm	Children's Mass	St Mary's
6.00pm	Mass	St Francis Xavier
6.30pm	Mass	Star of the Sea
7.00pm	Youth Mass	St Mary's
12.00am	Midnight Mass	St Mary's
<b>TUES 25 DEC - Christmas Day</b>		
8.00am	Mass	Star of the Sea
9.30am	Family Mass	St Francis Xavier
10.30am	Mass	St Mary's
<b>WED 26 DEC- Boxing Day</b>		
7.00am	NO MASS	St Francis Xavier
12.10am	NO MASS	St Francis Xavier
5.30pm	Mass	St Mary's
<b>SUN 30 DEC, 6 JAN, 13 JAN</b>		
9.00am	NO MASS	St Mary's

### CAN YOU HELP?

#### Christmas Gift for Holy Family Parish, Mt DrUITT

The Ride-on Mower at Holy Family has recently given up and needs replacing.

The cost to replace the mower is \$3,500. Cash donations no matter how large or small will be gratefully accepted. Please contact the Parish Office if you are able to assist. [olw@northsydney Catholics.com](mailto:olw@northsydney Catholics.com) or 8918 4101.



#### Ignatius Draws Us to Jesus – SAVE THE DATE

Commences Mon 11 Feb – Mon 15 April, 2019

More information to follow next week.

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Individual Confession) – St Mary's

Weekdays after 5.30pm Mass until Fri 21 Dec.

#### Death Announcement – Fr Victor-Luke Odhiambo SJ

Please keep in your prayers, Fr Victor-Luke who was killed in an attack on a Jesuit community in the South Sudan. He was Principal of the teacher's College there. The other members of the community are safe.

#### Sunday's Readings

##### First Reading

[Dn 7:13-14](#)

Vision of the son receiving kingship, dominion and glory.

##### Responsorial Psalm

[Ps 92:1-2, 5, R.v.1](#)

The Lord is king;

he is robed in majesty.

##### Second Reading

[Rv 1:5-8](#)

The Lord is the Alpha and the Omega.

##### Gospel Acclamation

[Mk 11:9, 10](#)

##### Gospel

[Jn 18:33-37](#)

Pilate questions Jesus about his identity.

#### In Our Prayers

##### Baptisms

Lucy Ellen Turner, Sophia Isabelle Paro-An, Eliza Rose Copping, Frances Jane Shore, Sienna Anne Mavis Bryant

Elizabeth Fiona Beasley

##### Weddings

##### Sick

Sr Natalina Todeschini, Brian McClosky, Rosa Maria Santos, Sandra Tsui, Mary O'Connor, Josephine Rowe, Lew Smith, Helen Hlavac, Will Wise (12 yrs), Helen Kong, Daphne Dunne, Doug Haywood, Grace Spencer, Fleur Marks, Helen Trew, Anne Stayner, Fran Herd, Russ Mills, Ian Haylen, Joan Brennan, Ian Johnston, Liliana Feher (22 months), George Bidder, Mark Shore, Olivia Harrison (4yrs), Rex Alvarez, Ashley Xu (6yrs), Peter Kennedy, James Russell, Alex Noble (current student St Ignatius' College), Helen Goddard, Frank Burrows, Michael Gill

##### Recently Deceased

Patricia Heath, Virginia Rossi Fay, Rob Johnson, Pete George, Leone Westneat, Elizabeth Borger, Audrey Bubb, John Prouster, Dr Brian Ferguson, Teresa Anna Todaro Resifa, Sr Anne Andersen IBVM, Scott Mitchell, Fr Victor-Luke Odhiambo SJ, Mary Mahoney, Alan Quinn

##### Anniversaries

Christine Ritchie, Fr Peter Quinn SJ, PP, Robert William Quarrell, Francis Victor Quarrell