Andrew Bullen

Andrew Bullen is currently Parish Priest at Our Lady of the Way, North Sydney/Lavender Bay-Kirribilli.

Andy was previously Socius to the Provincial from 2010.

Andy was born at Bridgend, Glamorgan, in old South Wales, in 1947, the eldest of four children. He was educated at the parish school and then at the Poor Clares' Convent School in nearby Porthcawl. Shortly after beginning his secondary education at the local state school, he was diagnosed with cancer and his right leg was amputated. This ended the plan to attend the Benedictine Boarding School at Douay Abbey, and so he completed five years of secondary schooling in the excellent Bridgend Grammar School.

In 1964 Andy's family migrated to Australia and he finished the last year and half of his schooling at Saint Aloysius' College, Milsons Point. He joined the Society of Jesus in 1967. While undertaking the usual course of ecclesiastical training, he finished a degree in Arts at Monash University, Melbourne and then undertook an MA that focussed on religious poetry in Australia.

After his ordination in 1979, Andy did four years teaching and chaplaincy at Xavier before doing his 'tertianship' in 1985. He then began six years as rector at St Ignatius' College, Riverview, for the first time. In 1992, Andy returned to Melbourne and, after two years as Socius to the Provincial for the first time, he was made rector of Jesuit Theological College. For the next nine and a half years, he was responsible for the training of new Jesuits, and was also editor of 'Madonna', a magazine for prayer and spirituality. Then it was back to Riverview in 2003, again as rector for seven years.

In addition to his interest in literature and his occasional writing including poetry, Andy has a long time interest in the visual arts. In 2010 he was one of the three judges for the Blake Prize for religious Art.