



# Parish Matters

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## 4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 30TH / 31ST JANUARY 2021

*The Catholic Community of City South acknowledge the Gadigal People, the traditional custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation of this land.*

Saturday 5.00pm  **LIVE** Sunday 9.30am

### Weekday Mass This Week

Monday 1 February 7.00am Communion Service  
Rosebery

Tuesday 2 February 5.00pm Waterloo  
*The Presentation of the Lord*

Wednesday 3 February 7.30am Rosebery

Friday 5 February 8.00am Redfern



### Procedure for attending Mass:

1. A new COVID Safe plan has been completed and submitted to the NSW Government.
2. The new guidelines allow for 1 person per 4 sq/metres, funerals and weddings are now also governed by this rule.
3. You must register by phone or email and check in by QR code when entering the church.
4. On arrival at the church sanitize your hands, get your name marked off and sit in pews with a green 'sit here' sign. Physical distancing is still required unless you live in the same house.
5. At the end of Mass before you leave you will need to wipe down the pew you were sitting in with the special hospital grade wipes provided.
6. If you are sick, have even mild flu/cold symptoms **DO NOT ATTEND MASS.**
7. Printed bulletins are for single use only. Take the *Parish Matters* with you.
8. Holy water removed from stoups.
9. Receiving Holy Communion by "making a throne for the king with our hands" (St Cyril of Jerusalem) remains normative in Australia in the ordinary form of the Latin Rite and is recommended during this COVID emergency; great care should be taken when exercising the option of Communion on the tongue; while clergy should receive Holy Communion under both kinds from the sacrifice consecrated at that Mass, the faithful shall only receive the Body of Christ.
10. **Wearing a mask during Mass is mandatory**, in line with health advice from NSW Government.
11. Sign of peace means a bow, wave or nod. Do not move around the church. Maintain physical distance at all times.
12. Mt Carmel Church will be open for person prayer (via code). You must sign in via QR code or paper.

Dear friends,

As we launch into a new year I thought it was worth reflecting on some aspirations or goals for the coming year. Our goal of course is to get to heaven! But in the interim, I base our goals on the vision described when I first came here in terms of **Truth, Beauty, Love.**

Truth -

- ◆ in 2021 the Community will explore and implement the Archdiocesan Mission Plan.
- ◆ Each of us will try to live out our Catholic faith with integrity, love and compassion nourished by prayer, sacraments and spiritual formation.

Beauty -

- ◆ Begin the process of renovation of Rosebery and Waterloo churches. It is important that our worship spaces mirror divine beauty that embody a noble simplicity, (GIRM 292), make use of honest materials and be a home for works of art that are worthy expressions of faith.

Love -

- ◆ The work of supporting families continues with the construction and completion of the Early Learning Centre in June. Planning will also continue on the re-establishment of St Joseph Primary School at Rosebery.
- ◆ Good pastoral care is providing love and care. Sr Rosemary and myself commit ourselves to your pastoral needs.
- ◆ St Thomas Aquinas defines love as "to will the good of the other". Therefore, to achieve a higher level of support and love for the community and based on the recommendations from Bishop Terry's visit last year, I am actively looking to employ another person to support me with the administration of the Community with particular focus on the maintenance plan, Child Protection Officer and manager of faculties.

Survey -

- ◆ I am interested in what support you need to grow as a Catholic? What support do you need in your ministry?
- ◆ Do you have ideas that would enable us to be more unified?
- ◆ Do you have any suggestions on how to improve the liturgy or parish life?
- ◆ Let me know [pp@citysouthcatholic.org.au](mailto:pp@citysouthcatholic.org.au)

God bless,

**Fr Paul Smithers**

Parish Priest

& Rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel  
Follow on *Instagram* & *Twitter*: @frpaulsydney

Sr Rosemary Mitchell RSJ Pastoral Associate

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CITY SOUTH PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Recently Deceased:** Anne Coffey; Vlatko Cepus; Fr Isidore Anantharaj; Seamus Crilly.

**Anniversary:** Luis Castro (5 Feb).

**Deceased:** Fr Dominic Ceresoli; Mio Family; Verardo Family; Carmen Bonello; Bonello Family; Bill, Muriel, Marc and Jamie Wickert; Shirley Turner; Sr. Patricia Wilkinson; Anna, Stanley & Jim Atkins; Robert Clarke; Elliot Bennett; Jay Rosenstraus. All Souls, especially those that have no one to pray for them; All Souls of the Unborn.

**Those who are sick:** Assis Quintal; Carlos Chua; Mary Borg; Vincenzo Lovatti; Anna Siciliano; Mariazinha Quintal; Lee Frost; John Gavan; Geraldine Marcellino; Milena Braganza; Sandra Truong; Geraldine Carrington; Rose Galea; Therese Mullaney; George & Juliet D'Souza; Fr Brian Egan; Allan Walker; Fr Emmanuel Seo; Carolyn White; Marlic Erland; Ana Lucia Solorzano; Joan Kenny; Abrelita Aguillar; Pat Frost; Helen Abbey; Joan Buist; and all the housebound.

**Birthdays:** Ethan Lobo (30 Jan); Renato Gabriel, Rose Moore (2 Feb); Harry O'Brien, Anita Borg (4 Feb); Gary Frietas, Susy Frietas Leal (5 Feb).

**Please place your Mass Intentions in the collection plate or contact the Parish Office.**



**Morning Tea @ Rosebery Parish Office**  
**Wednesday 10 February** 10.30am to 11.30am.  
Bookings essential - 9353 6300

If you are able to, please find ways of supporting the parish:

- \* *Direct deposit into Church Accounts. Please contact the Parish Office for details.*
- \* *Visit the parish website and click the Support Us tab.*
- \* *Credit Card donations - either a one off donation, or be set up to donate monthly. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.*
- \* *In person - leave in Office letterbox or visit Parish Office.*
- \* ***Planned Giving Envelopes - It is almost time to order the next financial year envelopes. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to join the system. To reduce printing costs, those that do not use their envelopes will be removed.***



On Wednesday Fr Paul celebrated Mass for the teachers and catechists of our community. May the Lord bless our teachers and catechists! Welcome back to school to the students.

### Baptism



We congratulate Finian & Cillian being baptised at Rosebery  
God bless you and your family.

### Parish Dinner

I am hoping that in October we will be able to gather for our first combined parish dinner at Doltone House in the City, which was postponed from last year. Date to be advised.

### Open Days at Coogee to honour Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor



Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor is opening up its home at 35 Dudley Street, Coogee to visitors for monthly open days throughout 2021 to allow Sydneysiders to pray at the tomb of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor and learn more about this 'saint in waiting'. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, numbers will be limited to 12 visitors at any one time. The next open day will be held on Sunday 7 February and you can register online at the new Eileen O'Connor website: [eileenconnor.com.au/open-days](http://eileenconnor.com.au/open-days)

## Lent 2021

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Lent starts on Ash Wednesday 17 February.

Masses for Ash Wednesday are as follows:

Rosebery: 7.30am

Waterloo: 9.00am (limited places with years 3 - 6)

Redfern: 12.10pm

Rosebery: 7.00pm

The Congregation for Divine Worship has issued a Note concerning the Imposition of Ashes in this time of pandemic.

From a practical point of view, it proposes a Covid-safe distribution of the blessed ashes:

- ◆ The priest says only once “Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel” or “Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return”, rather than repeating the formula to each person;
- ◆ The priest puts on a facemask and sanitises his hands before distributing the ashes;
- ◆ The priest **sprinkles** the ashes on the heads of the faithful who come forward;

The act of putting on ashes symbolises fragility and mortality, and the need to be redeemed by the mercy of God. Far from being a merely external act, it symbolises that attitude of internal penance to which all the baptised are called during Lent.

The placing of ashes on top of the head is the more ancient practice;

It is the common method in many parts of the world;

In time of Covid-19 it has the advantage of not requiring the priest to contact the skin of many people one after another, risking inadvertent infection;

The fact that the ashes are not readily visible to others is of no concern, since they are principally intended as a sign for the person receiving them and not for others.

## Stations of the Cross

There is a custom in Rome of making the Stations of the Cross in a different church each week. This year I invite you to make a pilgrimage Stations of the cross:

Friday 19 Feb: 7.00pm Waterloo followed by Adoration

Friday 26 Feb: 7.00pm Redfern followed by Adoration

Friday 5 March: 7.00pm Rosebery followed by Adoration

Friday 12 March: 7.00pm Waterloo followed by Adoration

**Friday 19 March: 7.00pm Rosebery Mass for the Feast of St Joseph (no Stations).**

Friday 26 March 7.00pm Redfern followed by Stations of the Cross

## Lenten Resources

This year I am making two Lenten resources available:

- ◆ Look to Jesus: 52 Daily Reflections for Lent and Easter (from Evangelisation Brisbane).
- ◆ Lenten Program: Comfort (from the Diocese of Wollongong).

If you would like to be part of a Lenten reflection group please ring or email the parish office. If you would like to lead a group please also let us know.

## Easter Liturgies (to be confirmed)

Depending on Covid restrictions and presuming that some restrictions will still be in place, the following *may* be the timetable:

Holy Thursday: 7.00pm Waterloo

Good Friday: 3.00pm in all three churches (on the basis I can find another two priests)

Easter Vigil: Waterloo

Easter Sunday: usual times

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## Annual Catechists Mass at St Mary's Cathedral

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The Mass will take place on Sunday 7 February, 2:30pm at St Mary's Cathedral. Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. Long serving catechists will be acknowledged and awarded for 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50 years of catechetical service.

Under COVID-19 restrictions, attendance at the Mass will be limited to no more than 500 people. St Mary's Cathedral will be livestreaming the Mass via its You Tube channel for those unable to attend in person, via this link: [https://youtu.be/myqi2nC\\_SpQ](https://youtu.be/myqi2nC_SpQ)

# Liturgy of the Word



## Entrance Antiphon

Save us, O Lord our God!  
And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.

## First Reading Dt 18:15-20

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.9

**(R.) If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **(R.)**

## Second Reading 1 Cor 7:32-35

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:16

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Mk 1:21-28

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

## Communion Antiphon

Let your face shine on your servant.

Save me in your merciful love.

O Lord, let me never be put to shame, for I call on you.

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## Thinking About Priesthood?

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A Seminary Open Day will be held at on Sunday 14 February 2021 at the Good Shepherd Seminary, 52-58 Abbotsford Road, Homebush starting with Morning Prayer at 9 am and a public Mass at 10:00 am. The day will include prayer, conversations with seminarians and priests, talks with information about the studies required of men training for the priesthood and a guided tour around the Seminary. Brunch will be provided.

For registration or more information visit us at [vocationcentre.org.au](http://vocationcentre.org.au) or contact us at the Vocation Centre on 02 9307 8424 or email [vocations@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:vocations@sydneycatholic.org). Please RSVP by Friday 5 February.

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## Archdiocesan Marriage Preparation Course Of Life and Love

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1. Saturday 27 February commencing at 10 am and then Thursday evenings 4, 11, 18 March 2021
2. Saturday 14 August commencing at 10 am and then Thursday evenings 19, 26 August & 02 September 2021

To Book Online - <https://www.trybooking.com/BMTLF>

For further information, please contact - The Life, Marriage and Family team on (02) 9307 8480 or e-mail [steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:steven.buhagiar@sydneycatholic.org).