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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 21ST/22ND AUGUST 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.

Mass will be livestreamed at 10am on Sunday.

Our Patron Saints



VACCINATION IS A SIMPLE BUT PROFOUND WAY OF PROMOTING THE COMMON GOOD AND CARING FOR EACH OTHER, ESPECIALLY THE MOST VULNERABLE.

POPE FRANCIS



Fr Paul Smithers

Parish Priest

& Rector of the Shrine of
Our Lady of Mt Carmel

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Sr Rosemary Mitchell RSJ Pastoral Associate



Christ Preaching to the Poor, Inspired by Rembrandt

Dear friends,

This beautiful painting, inspired by Rembrandt, captures in vivid colours Jesus preaching. Those who listen, seem captivated and hang on his every word. They take the position of student, sitting at the feet of the teacher. We are told in today's gospel that despite many people taking this position, some could not accept Jesus and rejected him. This reminds us that faith is not something that can be forced on us but always a gentle invitation. As we try to live our faith in the midst of a very secular and at times aggressive world, we need to start from the position of openness and stillness. We need to acknowledge that sometimes it's difficult to follow the Lord and we don't always get things right. Yet our vulnerability and struggles should not prevent us from trying to claim and reclaim our place with the Lord. Life is a pilgrimage, full of ups and downs, opportunities to laugh and grow. One of the gifts of the Holy Spirit is understanding. May the Lord help us to understand more fully his love for us and his invitation for each of us to grow deeper and deeper in love with him.

God Bless,

Paul
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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CITY SOUTH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Nathan Haley; Maureen Johns; Fr. Francis O'Shea; Fr. Max Barrett; Mrs Iva Delic; Mr Boze (Bob) Bazina; Sr. Pauline Balbi; Paul Bateman; Handoko Susantio; Ray Robertson.

Anniversary: Sonnie Silveira (21 Aug); Bennett Anthony Cotta (25 Aug); Clement Scott Murray, Lea Silveira (26 Aug)

Deceased: Rosemary Cooley; Joseph Mizzi; members of Mio & Verardo families; Joseph & Rose Lia; Carmen Bonello; Bonello Family; Bill, Muriel, Marc and Jamie Wickert; Shirley Turner; Sr. Patricia Wilkinson; Anna, Stanley & Jim Atkins; Robert Clarke; Elliot Bennett; Jay Rosenstrauss; Arthur & Janice Gray; Ethel & George Gray; Bill & Pat Clarke; Sydney & Violet Green; Arthur & Edna Dennett; John & Eileen Dennett; Arthur & Rose Dennett; Hazel Holly; All Souls, especially those that have no one to pray for them; All Souls of the Unborn.

Those who are sick; Vivienne; Janice; Mark Blackman; Karen Heggie; Evelyn C. Luga; John Cooley; Robert Townsend; Leonor Flores; Assis Quintal; Mariazinha Quintal; Marian Gray; Anne Adams; Christina O'Connor; Carlos Chua; Lee Frost; John Gavan; Milena Braganza; Sandra Truong; Geraldine Carrington; Rose Galea; Therese Mullaney; Fr Brian Egan; Allan Walker; Carolyn White; Marlic Erland; Ana Lucia Solorzano; Joan Kenny; Abrelita Aguillar; Pat Frost; Helen Abbey; Joan Buist; and all the housebound.

Birthdays: Maureen Flikas (21 Aug); Tamatiria Tuakeu (23 Aug); Owen Kosasih (24 Aug); Amelia Krslovic, Neil Lewis (25 Aug); Pilar Paredes (26 Aug).

Wedding Anniversary: Catherine & Colm O'Brien (21 Aug).

Please contact the Parish Office (by 10am Friday) with Mass Intentions. You can email or call, then make payment via our website or over the phone with credit card.

Open Day at Coogee to honour

Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor



Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor is opening up Eileen's place for dedicated monthly Open Days to mark the Centenary of the death of Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor. For more information and to register visit: <https://eileenconnor.com.au/open-days>

DONATIONS USING QR CODE



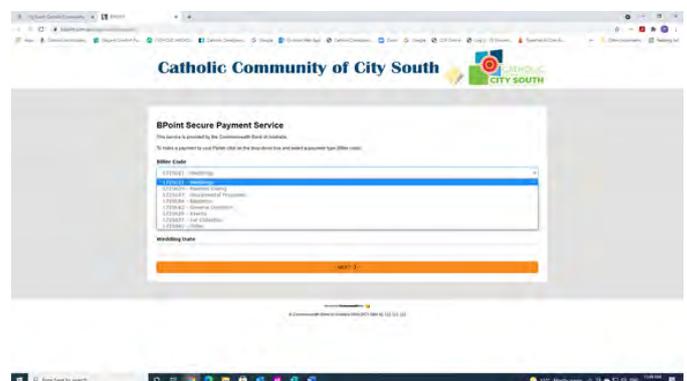
The Parish has new bank account details. If you would like to direct transfer into parish account, please contact the office for details. This does not affect those that use the 'support us' tab on website.

Supporting the Parish

Thank you to all who are supporting the parish financially during lockdown. These are anxious times, Nevertheless, some parishioners have increased their contributions and transferred to contributing by credit card. Online donations can be made through the Parish website. Alternatively please call the Parish Office with your credit card details.



Click on Support Us, then either 1st Collection or Other for 2nd Collection. *Thank you for your generosity.*



Dear friends,

Vinnies Sydney Night Patrol Service is an mobile outreach van that aspires to serve those experiencing disadvantage with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and work to shape a more just and compassionate society. The van usually offers support in Redfern Park, but at this time the van has been suspended due to COVID restrictions.

I have granted permission for this Vinnies group to utilise the St Vincent de Paul Church Redfern throughout the week to continue to support those experiencing hardship and give them a 'Hand Up'.

The daytime contactless service will be operated in collaboration with Redfern Youth Connect as we cater to those in need with a meal, blanket, self-care packs and referrals.

Those accessing this service are experiencing difficult circumstances as a result of the COVID lockdown and a range of challenges that have impacted on their lives such as the loss of their job, the death of the family breadwinner, family conflict or breakdown, mental health issues, financial difficulty, refugee status, domestic violence and/or victims of natural disaster.

The service will run in a COVID safe manner. If you wish to utilise the service, you must book in a timeslot. There will be a security guard on duty to ensure that all regulations are met. The police have also been notified that this service is in operation.

If you wish to donate pantry items such as canned food, canned fruit, milk, sugar, coffee, tea, pasta, soups, biscuits, they will be gratefully received.

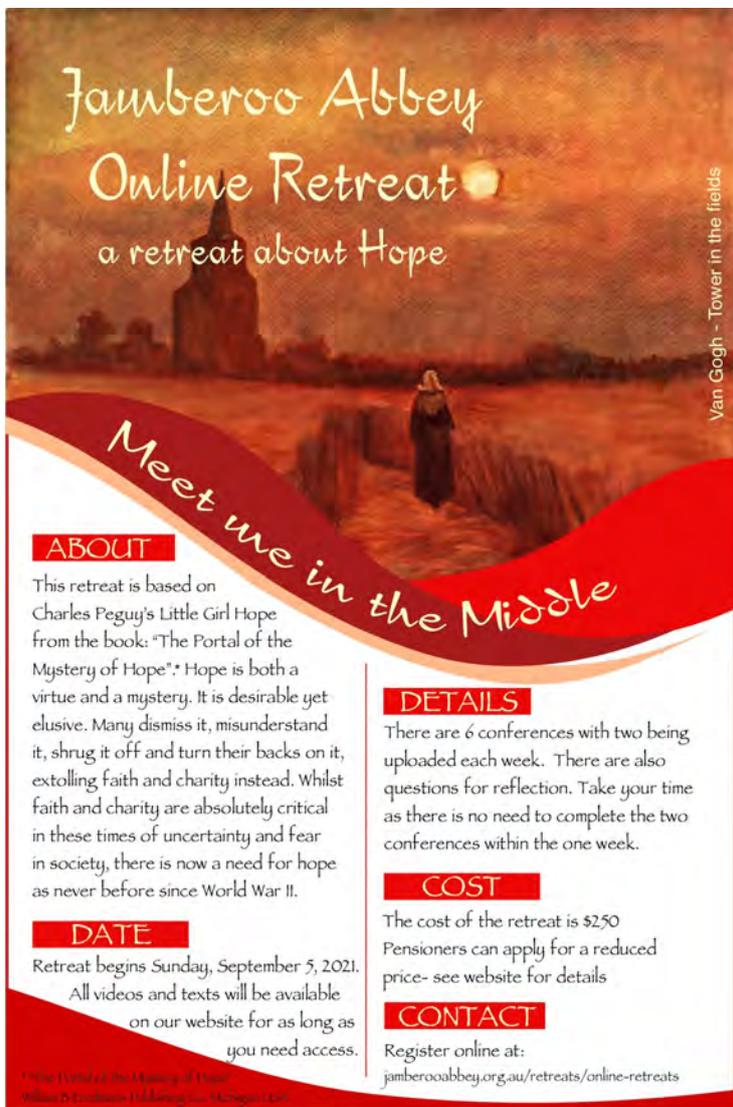
The service commenced Wednesday 11 August, will run Monday to Friday thereafter.

All enquiries, bookings and donations via:

Josie Charbel, Vinnies Metropolitan Van Services
Co-ordinator **m** 0490 282 121
Josie.Charbel@vinnies.org.au

Contacting Parishioners during Lockdown

Fr Paul and Sr Rosemary have been phoning those who had registered for Sunday Masses. It is an important outreach ministry and a chance to update our Parish census. Please remember those who are lonely or isolated in your prayers. Those of you that have requested to receive the bulletin via email or by post should now be on the mailing list and receiving them. If you know of anybody that wishes to receive the bulletin, please contact the parish office.



Jamberoo Abbey
Online Retreat
a retreat about Hope

Van Gogh - Tower in the fields

Meet me in the Middle

ABOUT
This retreat is based on Charles Peguy's Little Girl Hope from the book: "The Portal of the Mystery of Hope". Hope is both a virtue and a mystery. It is desirable yet elusive. Many dismiss it, misunderstand it, shrug it off and turn their backs on it, extolling faith and charity instead. Whilst faith and charity are absolutely critical in these times of uncertainty and fear in society, there is now a need for hope as never before since World War II.

DATE
Retreat begins Sunday, September 5, 2021.
All videos and texts will be available on our website for as long as you need access.

DETAILS
There are 6 conferences with two being uploaded each week. There are also questions for reflection. Take your time as there is no need to complete the two conferences within the one week.

COST
The cost of the retreat is \$250
Pensioners can apply for a reduced price- see website for details

CONTACT
Register online at:
jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats/online-retreats

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Towards the Plenary Council 33rd Assembly, October 2021
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/



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St. Vincent de Paul. Redfern Street. 1910

Interior St. Vincent de Paul Church. Redfern.
1955



Monsignor Collins with a group of young parishioners on their First Holy Communion Day
Year unknown

MAY 31, 1923.

FIFTY YEARS A PRIEST

“Carmelites” Celebrate.

HONORING MONSIGNOR COLLINS.

The parishioners of Mt. Carmel are making arrangements to worthily celebrate on the 24th June the fiftieth anniversary of the ordination of their beloved pastor, Rt. Rev. Monsignor Collins.

A meeting held for the purpose was representative of many who were associated with the parochial work of the district before the advent of the Venerable Archpriest, and reminiscences were exchanged of the identities who figured in the activities of church work half a century ago.

It is over forty years since the present pastor came to the parish, and from the eminence of the then ironically called “Hungry Hill” it is easy for those who are still attached to the parish to describe the points that circumscribed the area embraced in the parish of the period.

It is my function (representing the jubilee committee) to ask all parishioners (past and present) to also turn their eyes to the “hill” during the month of June, and co-operate in the carnival of “love and laughter,” either personally or by a message of greeting, or as representative of those who in “other days” found him a sharer of their joys and sorrows.

It is proposed to celebrate the occasion by a gala day for the children on Saturday, June 23, in the park adjacent to the church, with a re-union and felicitations from friends.

On Sunday, 24th June (jubilee day) there will be High Mass, followed by a dinner in the Town Hall, at the rear of the church. His Grace the Archbishop will preside at both ceremonies.

On Monday, the 25th June, a concert (free) will be held at the Waterloo Town Hall.

It is a poor reward for the devotedness of a life time: assit to make it more worthy; 'tis a duty, you owe the dear dead.

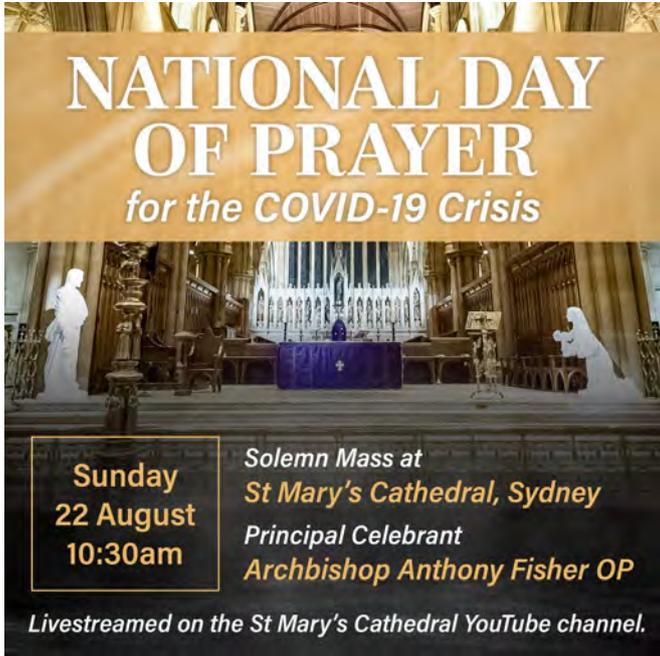
M. DONNELLAN.

From The Catholic Weekly 1923

Monsignor Collins was Parish Priest of Waterloo from 1886 to 1926. He oversaw the building of both Rosebery and Redfern churches. He was much loved by the people.



The Holy Father, Pope Francis and our Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, encourages everyone to get vaccinated against COVID 19. It is safe, and morally and ethically appropriate . Please consider the common good. Get vaccinated!



**NATIONAL DAY
OF PRAYER**
for the COVID-19 Crisis

**Sunday
22 August
10:30am**

*Solemn Mass at
St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney
Principal Celebrant
Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP*

Livestreamed on the St Mary's Cathedral YouTube channel.

Pray for Afghanistan

In union with many communities around the world and throughout Australia, we are in prayerful solidarity with our sisters and brothers in Afghanistan. We are painfully aware that this is not the only place of suffering in the world at present and we acknowledge that the government here has held Afghani refugees in detention centres for years. We pray from within our tradition, extending solidarity outwards to all Afghani families and individuals, especially to girls and women in Afghanistan. We value human freedom, democratic rights, and access to education and social protection. We use our imaginations to contemplate the fear of so many who have struggled for so long.

A Spiritual Act of Communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

Sign the No Euthanasia Petition to prevent state-sanctioned killing in NSW, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is urging all Catholics to sign an e-petition to prevent the NSW parliament passing laws that sanction the killing of vulnerable human beings. There is never a good time to introduce laws such as this, but to do so in the middle of a pandemic and amidst lockdowns adversely affecting the lives and livelihoods of millions is unconscionable.

Our sick and elderly have already suffered 17 months of increasing isolation and right now that is being intensified. Meanwhile, people are losing their jobs, businesses are going under, families are under the pressures of schooling and working from home, people's movements are severely restricted, and depression rates are up. The last thing we need to hear from our leaders in this situation is a pro-suicide message. Please sign this petition, calling on the Government to keep us focused on the present challenges and once they have been met, let us focus on medicine at its best and not its most lethal.

https://www.no euthanasia.org.au/protect_life_nsw

Lasting Joy

The opening prayer tells us what to consider in our reflection on the readings: “the values that will bring us lasting joy in this changing world.” What are our values? What is important to us? To put it another way: Who or what is our god?

The Israelites were tempted to serve other gods, for they were in a new land occupied by the worshipers of idols. Joshua challenged them to serve only Yhwh, and they accepted the challenge: “Far be it from us to forsake the Lord for the service of other gods.”

Jesus challenged his followers to believe in the one, true God: “Does it shake your faith?” he asked them. Peter responds for the others, saying that they will not forsake Jesus, who has the words of eternal life.

Jesus challenges us also to remain faithful to the one God. There are many in the world who worship other gods: power, money, pleasure, comfort, security, self-interest. Our prayer is that “all these attractions of a changing world serve only to bring us the peace of your Kingdom which this world does not give.” We want to say with Joshua and his people: “We will serve the Lord.”

If certain forms of modern ‘imperialism’ were considered in the light of these moral criteria, we would see that hidden behind certain decisions, apparently inspired only by economics or politics, are real forms of idolatry: of money, ideology, class, technology.

Pope John Paul II,

Sollicitudo Rei Socialis, 1987: 37

Gerald Darring

299. The parish, founded on the pillars of the Word of God, the sacraments and charity, which in turn presuppose a network of services, ministries, and charisms, offers “an obvious example of the apostolate on the community level inasmuch as it brings together the many human differences within the boundaries and merges them into the universality of the Church” (AA 10). Parishes manifest the face of the people of God who opens himself to all, without preference of persons. They are “the usual place in which the faith is born and in which it grows. They constitute, therefore, a very adequate community space for the realisation of the ministry of the word at once as teaching, education and life experience.”

301. Parishes today are engaged in renewing their relational dynamics and making their structures open and less bureaucratic.

303. The need for a renewed impulse of evangelisation justifies the decision to rethink in a missionary vein all the pastoral activities of the Christian community.

For renewal we should consider several aspects:

1. community of missionary disciples: At the heart of the parish are a community of people with a living experience of the risen Christ who live out new relationships generated by him.
2. Missionary mentality: a movement from maintenance to missionary involves developing a new vision of parish with an openness to the action of the Risen One and of his Spirit who always leads the way for his people.
3. Formative offerings inspired by the catechumenate: The [arish should offer pathways of formation that make it possible to accept and to explore the *kerygma* (how to proclaim the Word of God) tasting its beauty.

Directory for Catechesis (2020)

“If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze!” St. Catherine of Siena

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day
long.

Penitential Act

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins,
and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred
mysteries.

A brief pause for silence follows.

The Priest then says:

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

The absolution by the Priest follows:

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life.

The people reply:

Amen.

(V.) Lord, have mercy.

(R.) Lord, have mercy.

(V.) Christ, have mercy.

(R.) Christ, have mercy.

(V.) Lord, have mercy.

(R.) Lord, have mercy.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

At the words that follow, up to and including and became man, all bow.

*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary,
and became man*.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Jos 24:1-2, 15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.' The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 33:2-3. 16-23.

R. v.9 (R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. (R.)
3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)
4. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)
5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his

wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before? 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him. Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

CWF & PRF Appeals

Due to the challenges and lockdown, the Charitable Works Fund & Priest Retirement Fund Appeals that were scheduled have been postponed: 26 September CWF; 24 October PRF; 21 November CWF.

As you can appreciate, the need to support many agencies on the front line - such as Catholic Care, the Ephpheta Centre, the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry and many others - are crucial for our community's well being, of whom many are suffering from isolation and mental health issues.

If you can donate to any of these vital services, please contact the parish office.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



"The effective protection of minors and a commitment to ensure their human and spiritual development, in keeping with the dignity of the human person, are integral parts of the Gospel message that the Church and all members of the faithful are called to spread throughout the world." Chirograph of His Holiness Pope Francis for the Institution of a Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors [22 March 2014].