



SYDNEY
CITY SOUTH
PARISH

Parish Matters

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
22nd & 23rd January 2022

The Parish of Sydney 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.

Dear friends,

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,

to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free,

to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

As we move further into Ordinary Time, so too, this Sunday, do we begin our journey with Luke's Gospel in Year C. To have a vision for life is so important. In today's Gospel reading Jesus articulates the vision of God and it's all about life, "yesterday, today and forever" (cf Hebrews 13:8). When we read from the Word of God, we are not reading a story from long ago. We are not reading something which is dead. Our reading of the Word of God is not leisure time. Rather, we read something which is alive. Whatever we read from the Word of God, we read the mighty acts of God here and now. Just as when we celebrate the sacraments we do not merely re-enact some past event. Rather, we are caught up in the action of God in the world now. Our celebration of any liturgy, our reading of the Word of God proclaims what happens today. This is why Jesus can say in the synagogue at Nazara but also to us here and now as we gather: "This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen."

On Wednesday we celebrate our national day (**note Mass is at 9.00am**). The Collect (opening prayers) refers to the cross that shines in our southern skies. This has been a marker for Indigenous people for over 60,000 years and was also a marker for the first settlers who came to Australia by ship. As Christians, it reminds us that our salvation comes through the cross and resurrection of Christ and he is indeed the light that shines on us all. In the light of salvation there is no difference between us, we are all loved by God. The Collect concludes that to Australia's 'people old and new' this saving grace can transform our lives. On Australia Day we also recognise the many people from all over the world who have made Australia their home. Our land is enriched to have so much diversity in culture and faith. The prayer over the offerings asks that the fruits of the earth, tended by our hands, will bring 'a blessing on our land and peace to all who dwell here'. Let us offer ourselves in the holy sacrifice of the Mass as a community who will work towards peace in Australia for all people.

God bless you and God bless Australia....

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**Parish of Sydney City South
under the patronage of
Our Lady, St Joseph &
St Vincent de Paul**



Weekday Mass Times This Week:

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Tuesday 25 January

5.00pm Our Lady of Mt Carmel Waterloo

Wednesday 26 January (public holiday)

9.00am St Joseph's Rosebery

Friday 28 January

9.00am Our Lady of Mt Carmel Waterloo:

All welcome for the special Teachers &
Catechists Mass

Sunday Mass Times

Waterloo: 5pm Sat Vigil

Rosebery: Sunday 7.30am & **9.00am.**

Reconciliation @ Rosebery 8.30am.

Redfern 11.00am

Schools in Our Parish:

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Redfern street will be closed Sunday (23rd) for a street festival organised by Sydney City Council. Fr Paul has spoken to the organisers who assure him that no loud music/band will play outside the church during the 11am Mass. This is a great initiative by the City Council to support local businesses. Walk or park your car in one of the side streets, as Fr Paul will have to do!

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Fr Peter Rankin SDB; Francisca Ortiz; Mrs. Gloria Fisher (Archbishop's mother); Esther Doyle; Bruno Trumpano; Sr. Patricia Harrison; Esther Rosalin; Olivio Mio; Fay Hayden.

Anniversary: Roberto Vilorio, Joseph Zammit (23 Jan); Margaret Nance (24 Jan); Francis Borg (26 Jan).

Deceased: Vicenzio Lovatti; 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 Rosenstraus; 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: Jack; Ruby; Samsia; Livia Mio; Fenglan Zhou; Giovanna Toppi; Bruce Wilson; Liam Ryan; Kazuyo Kawakami; Crystal Ling; Vivienne (Vivi) Chivers; Janice; Mark Blackman; Evelyn C. Luga; John Cooley; Robert Townsend; 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; Joan Buist; and all the housebound.

Birthdays: Emanuel Marrana (22 Jan); Justin Nonis (23 Jan); Joshua Cross (24 Jan); Imogen Foster (25 Jan); Rose & Madeleine Saliba (26 Jan).

Wedding Anniversary: Irena & Peter Kennedy (24 Jan).

I will be updating the Birthday and Sick List in February.

Please contact the Parish Office

secretary@citysouthcatholic.org.au, if you wish to be included in the Birthday/Wedding Anniversary List and also to remove/add any names from the Sick List. Many thanks Maria



Thank you to all who are supporting the parish financially.

Please use the QR code, Tap N Go, Support Us Tab from Website or contact the Parish Office to make a donation.

Become a Catechist or Helper in 2022

Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools. Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2022.

Starting off as a helper, you'll receive easy step-by-step lessons and hand out activity books in primary schools.

Contact the Parish Office if you are able to assist or see Sr Rosemary after Mass.

Office Hours - Update

Maria will be changing her hours and working Tuesday & Friday only, 9.30am - 2.30pm. Ruth will be in the office Monday - Thursday. Your phone or email enquiry will be attended to as soon as possible. Please do not contact the pre-school or OLMC for any parish enquiries.

Sydney Peace Prize

As we acknowledge Australia Day we can also look forward to another Australian event - the presentation of the Sydney Peace Prize on 17 March to Professor Megan Davis, Pat Anderson and Noel Pearson for the Uluru Statement from the Heart. This statement calls for a Voice to Parliament to be enshrined in the Australian Constitution which would give the Indigenous people of Australia the right and mechanism to advise the government on matters that affect them directly; the moment and our opportunity to support this will be given at a referendum, likely to take place in the next term of Parliament. This promises to be a significant moment in our history.

Much more information can be found on the website From the Heart - fromtheheart.com.au or wrnredfern.org.au then scroll to exploring perspectives.

Parts of the Mass

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.

Holy Holy (Sanctus Latin)

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Lamb of God (Latin)

Agnus Dei,
quitollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei,
quitollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei,
quitollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep’. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. **(R.)**
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. **(R.)**
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. **(R.)**
4. May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! **(R.)**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, ‘I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, ‘I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body’, would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body

was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I do not need you,’ nor can the head say to the feet, ‘I do not need you.’

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ’s body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
to proclaim liberty to captives
and to the blind new sight,
to set the downtrodden free,
to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’

Communion Antiphon

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.