



Parish Matters

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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 8TH / 9TH FEBRUARY 2020

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.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 10/2

St Scholastica

7.00am Liturgy of the Word with
Communion, Rosebery

Tuesday 11/2

Our Lady of Lourdes

5.00pm Mass, Waterloo followed by
Adoration

RCIA 7.00pm

Rosebery Meeting Room

Wednesday 12/2

7.00am Mass, Rosebery

Thursday 13/2

7.00am Mass, Rosebery

Friday 14/2

8.00am Mass, Redfern

Sat 15/2

Waterloo

Adoration: 4pm, Rosary: 4.30pm,
Confession: from 4.30pm,
Benediction: 4.45pm
5.00pm Vigil*

Sunday 16/2

Rosebery

7.30am & 9.30am

Redfern

11.00am

Dear friends,

The rich mixture of cultures and races is at the heart of Catholicism. Diversity is natural to the Catholic, and exaggerated uniformity can stifle the spirit at the heart of our communities. Although it can be helpful and reassuring to encounter things we are familiar with, it can also be enriching to gain insights into other ways of prayer, worship and relating to God. We all tend to take ourselves as the norm, but this is not helpful. We should perhaps be more disposed to be challenged by our community than to be reassured.

Such considerations do not exclude stability, a minimum of which I believe is necessary for normal spiritual development. I am sure that most of you will have direct experience of how difficult it can be to build and strengthen a community, and a community grounded in faith and the Eucharist is no exception. The very effort of so doing is important and not something to be resented or simply tolerated, for building a community is based on the growth of the constitutive elements. The Pauline theology of the body is indispensable here: 'For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body", that would not make it any less part of the body...If the whole were an eye, where would be the hearing?...Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it' (1 Cor 12:14ff).

If the ecclesial community is usefully to be likened to a healthy living human body, it is certainly not to be considered a business. Although administration needs to be efficient and accountability regular and punctual, I believe it is undesirable that we replicate business models and roles in our parishes and church institutions. The objectives and frequently the values are quite different and often opposed. Jesus' expulsion of the vendors and money changers from the temple is one of the most vivid episodes of his ministry, and should never be forgotten. The temptation to commercialise religion has always been strong and we should remember that the means too must be morally good if the end is also to be good. As you know, there is much soul searching in Rome at this time precisely on this point, and I see no reason why we should be exempt from a little ourselves.

Taken from Parishes Without Parochialism - the Most Reverend Archbishop Paul Gallagher.

Fr Paul Smithers | Parish Priest |

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Sr Rosemary Mitchell RSJ Pastoral Associate

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to you,
Our Lady of Lourdes, Pray for us.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CITY SOUTH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Bob Evans.

Anniversary: Lisa Brooksby; Onefre Bernardo Viray (13 Feb); Dominic Burgher (14 Feb).

Remembered in the Masses and names recorded at the Archdiocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel: Urbicia Machado; Joao Machado; Manuel Pontes; Gino Mio; Margaret & Norm Fordward; Charlie & Carmen Vassallo; Arthur & Janice Gray; Ethel & George Gray; Bill & Pat Clarke; Sydney & Violet Green; Arthur & Edna Dennett; John & Eileen Dennett; Hazel Holly; Arthur and Rose Dennett; Carmen Bonello; Bonello Family; Bill, Muriel, Marc and Jamie Wickert; Shirley Turner; Sr. Patricia Wilkinson; Anna, Stanley & Jim Atkins; Therese & Alfred Scerri; Margaret & Joseph Fenech; Isabel Fenech; Joseph & Rose Lia; Robert Clarke; Elliot Bennett; Jay Rosenstrauss. All Souls, especially those that have no one to pray for them; All Souls of the Unborn.

Those who are sick: Fr Brian Egan; Allan Walker; Fr Emmanuel Seo; Carolyn White; Marlic Erland; Ana Lucia Solorzano; Mary Cunney; Joan Kenny; Abrelita Aguillar; Rosemary Cooley; Pat Frost; Helen Abbey; Joan Buist; and all the housebound.

Birthdays: Genevieve Walker (8 Feb); Usha Marrett (10 Feb); Alicia Adnan, Peter Popagianopoulos (11 Feb); Edward Pettybourne (13 Feb).

If you would like your name included in this section please email the parish office.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the
children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.



The National Pilgrimage of the Relics of Saints Therese, and her parents, Louis and Zelig, will be making their way around the Archdiocese of Sydney in February and March 2020. The relics will be at St Therese Mascot Tuesday 10 March 6.30am to 4pm.

Liturgical Life

Mass on Ash Wednesday 26 February.
Rosebery 7.00am & 7.00pm
Waterloo 9.00am
Redfern 12pm

Easter Sunday 12 April - As we only have one priest, the Easter Ceremonies will be shared between the three churches this year. This is an opportunity to come together as one community of faith. More details to come.

First Holy Communion 2020

The Celebration of First Holy Communion will be held this year on:

Saturday 21 November 5.00pm Vigil - Waterloo
Sunday 22 November 9.30am - Rosebery
More information will be given later in the year.

Waterloo Rosters		Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
5pm	This	Nathan G		Yvonne S., Mark B.
	Next	Redfern Ika		
Overhead Projector		Melissa, Wendy		
Cleaners		1		

Redfern Rosters	Readers	Extraordinary Minister of Communion	Commentators	Music
2 nd Sunday of Month 9 Feb	Jack C. / Geraldine M.	Sheila Q. / Ralph	Peter G.	Christine & Chris
3 rd Sunday of Month 16 Feb	The Tongan Community			
4 th Sunday of Month 23 Feb	Maria / Ralph	Christine & Chris	David	Helen

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

(electronic transfers only):

Thank you for your contributions towards our Parishes.

Rosebery (2nd Collection Jan \$4,165.80)

Account Name: Rosebery Parish Church Account

BSB: 062 784 | **Account No.:** 053 750 02

Redfern (2nd Collection Jan \$715.40)

Account name: Redfern Parish Church Account

BSB: 062 784 | **Account No.:** 208 450 00

Waterloo (2nd Collection Jan \$1,674.85)

Account name: Waterloo Parish Church Account

BSB: 062 784 | **Account No.:** 062 750 01

The Tap N Go facility is an alternate way of giving to the 2nd Collection. It is not a payment to enter the Church. We thank those who use this facility and remind you that the funds go to 2nd Collection which is for the upkeep of the Church and administration expenses. Please continue to give to the 1st Collection plate which supports the Priests.

Safeguarding and Ministerial Requirements

All volunteers in the Archdiocese of Sydney require a Working With Children Check (WWCC) and the Archdiocese Training (SALT). We also require a Volunteer Registration Form and a signed Code of Conduct form. In reviewing our records we have come to the realisation we do not have all volunteer details. Please provide details on form attached with Volunteer Registration form and return to parish office. If you have not received this via email, please collect an envelope from Church foyer, complete and return to the Parish Office or place on collection place (in envelope). If anybody requires assistance with online training, please contact the Parish Office.

The link for WWCC

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check>

and for Archdiocese Training

<https://bit.ly/2ZvKdfl>

At this stage approximately 85% of volunteers have completed the online training and submitted their WWC.

We will slowly work towards getting to 100% in the coming months.

- Current Working with Children Check (WWCC)
- Complete the online Salt Training
- Complete the Volunteer Registration form
- Complete the Code of Conduct form
- Volunteer details

Mass to celebrate the Cause for the Beatification and Canonisation of Eileen O'Connor St Mary's Cathedral Thursday 20 February 5.30pm.

Prayer for the Beatification of Eileen O'Connor

Great and Merciful God,

through the maternal love of the Blessed Virgin Mary, you inspired your servant Eileen O'Connor, to care for the sick and dying poor and to serve your Church through spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Listen graciously to our prayers, and grant that Eileen may be raised to the glory of your altar. We ask this though Christ our Lord. Amen.



Eileen O'Connor (1892-1921), Servant of God, attended Mass at Redfern and Waterloo and attended Our Lady of Mt Carmel School Waterloo. May she pray for us in our journey to unity and our desire to build a Church of welcome, respect and support.

Health Warning

In response to the Corona Virus it has been suggested by Health Authorities that parishioners who wish to minimise the risk of transmission are free not to put their fingers in the holy water stoop, not to shake hands at the Sign of Peace, not to receive Holy Communion on the tongue (only in the hand), and/or not to receive Holy Communion from the Chalice.

This also applies if you have symptoms of cold or flu.

There is hand sanitiser in the church which is encouraged you use.

Thank you.

Rosebery Rosters		Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
7:30am	This	Volunteer & Michael B.	John S
	Next	Patricia M. & Josette M.	Charlotte B.
9:30am	This	Pilar P. & Nancy P.	Lisa S & Nancy P
	Next	Abbey K. & Amelia K.	Pilar P. & Nancy P.
Counters	This	N & P & A Paredes	
	Next	M. Cunney, C. O'Brien	

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Is 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 111:4-9.

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour **(R.)**
2. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

Please keep in your prayers 6 young men who will enter the First Year at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd Homebush: Pablo Parajo, Julian Masielo, Jordan Vance, Andrew Haddad, Lukasz Golab, and Menard Gaspi.

Thinking About Priesthood? 'Come And See' Seminary Open Day 2020

A Seminary Open Day will be held on
Sunday 23 February
at the Good Shepherd Seminary, 52-58 Abbotsford Road,
Homebush

Morning Prayer at 9am 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 or contact us at the Vocation Centre on 9307 8424 or email vocations@sydneycatholic.org.
Online Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/jnLAJibjzNRpvPR7>

Please RSVP by Wednesday 19 February 2020.

Footsteps of Jesus Pilgrimage 6 - 16 June 2020 Accompanied by Fr Paul

Watch the Gospels come alive on this most authentic faith journey. Visiting Bethlehem, Masada, Jericho, Nazareth, Cana, Sea of Galilee, Mt Beatitudes, Mt Tabor, Mt Carmel, Haifa, Jerusalem.



Option to extend to Jordan or Oberammergau.

More details in brochures in church foyers, or contact Harvest Journeys
1800 819 156 / harvestjourneys.com

The bushfire emergency has taken the lives of 33 people and over a billion animals, it has destroyed over 3000 homes and farms, feed and the futures of many Australian families.

It is in solidarity with each other and this poor burnt country that we come together as a community and reflect on this in light of the beautiful Papal encyclical, *Laudato Si'*: On Care for Our Common Home.

WHAT: *Laudato Si'* and the bushfire emergency – what it means and what we are willing to do in response.

WHEN: Thursday 13 February, 6-7.30pm

WHERE: Level 8, Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool Street, Sydney

WHO: Fr Peter Smith, Promotor of Justice and Peace, Felicity Wade, Pacific Calling Partners, a member of the RFS, other speakers to be confirmed.

Please RSVP to jpointo@sydneycatholic.org or 0400 925 217.