



Parish Matters

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3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER | 25TH / 26TH APRIL 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.



Fr Paul will say Mass

Sunday 10am

Facebook Live

Catholic Community of City South

*At communion time recite the
Spiritual Communion prayer
on page 3*

Mass for you at Home

6am Sunday on



**Virtual Parish Gathering
Tuesday 5pm**



Dear friends,

During the week the priests of the Archdiocese had a Zoom meeting with the Archbishop. One of the topics was a report of how we are using technology to reach people. I, like most priests, are using a combination of tools to reach people. I am using Social Media, webpage as well as emailing and posting the weekly newsletter to those who want it. The Parish Office is also open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday for any face to face requirements such as Mass intentions, donations, to make an appointment with me, or any other enquiries.

The Archbishop reported that over one million people watched the telecast of Good Friday and Easter Sunday liturgies on Network 7 and had created lots of positive feedback. I for one thought the Archbishop spoke extremely well and congratulate him on his pastoral approach. Hopefully one day soon we will be able to gather again, but maybe the more frequent use of technology is one lesson we can take away from this moment as one more tool in our efforts to evangelise.

As the reported cases of Coronavirus decreases it might be worth the government considering allowing us to open our churches for at least private prayer. It is important that we feel confident to voice our views to our local member of parliament. I certainly will be. The use of the church for us can't be compared to another place of 'entertainment'. In our Catholic tradition the use of the church building is deeply connected to the way we express our Sacramental faith. To be able to use our church buildings is extremely important for us, as it is for the Orthodox Church and the Synagogue for Jews. However, we must also comply with government directives for the common good.

I am struck by the phrase "did not our hearts burn..." in today's gospel. This line captures well that sometimes the spiritual journey is long and full of misunderstandings. Yet when we persevere with the routine and desire to walk with the Lord we can reach a point where our hearts too will burn with so much joy and love. These days of self isolation are a great time to dedicate more time to reading, talking on the phone or computer in exploring our faith. Please join me for our first Zoom gathering this Tuesday at 5pm. Details on page 3.

Fr Paul Smithers | Parish Priest |
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“All the way to heaven is heaven, because Jesus said, "I am the way."
— *St. Catherine of Siena* (Feast Day 29 April)

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CITY SOUTH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Audrey Margaret McDonnell; Mark McDonnell; Mate Madunic; Jill Roessner (Raymakers); Eola Di Portelli.

Anniversary: Enid Crow; Heather Riach; Edgard Caffari; Ruben Peleo (26 Apr); Laurie Beach (28 Apr); Gavin Abbey (29 Apr); Joan Morgan, Veronica Haigh, James Morgan (30 Apr).

Deceased: Emanuel & Josephine Nappa; Mio Family; 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: Ron Hawkins; George & Juliet D'Souza; 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: Jeremy Leal (28 Apr); Mary Borg (1 May).

Wedding Anniversary: Paul & Sonia Farrugia (26 Apr).

For Mass Offerings please contact the Parish Office.

If you have Project Compassion boxes or envelopes, please consider giving online directly to Caritas at lent.caritas.org.au, where you can securely donate with your credit card, or you can send a cheque directly to Caritas Australia GPO Box 9830 Sydney NSW 2001. Alternatively please return your Project Compassion boxes/ envelopes to the Parish Office. Please ring before you come.

Understanding Parish Collections

The Catholic Church has a strong tradition of giving which has established and supported many worthwhile charities throughout its long history.

During this time, when the Church buildings are closed, we face a challenge that donations are low and so we cannot support our charities as we used to. We also rely on these donations to support the clergy and running of the parish.

The 1st Collection supports the needs of clergy which includes priests' monthly salary, housekeeping needs including food and care of elderly and retired priests.

The 2nd Collection supports the maintenance and running of the parish including administration, insurance and utilities. It also funds the Charitable Works Fund shortfall.

If you are in a position to be able to keep donating, please use one of the tools listed.

Thank you in advance for your continued generosity.

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

Rosebery

Account Name: Rosebery Parish Church Account
BSB: 062 784 | **Account No.:** 053 750 02

Redfern

Account name: Redfern Parish Church Account
BSB: 062 784 | **Account No.:** 208 450 00

Waterloo

Account name: Waterloo Parish Church Account
BSB: 062 784 | **Account No.:** 062 750 01

Whilst the Church building is closed, if you are still able to donate, especially to the first collection which supports our priests, please find methods of doing so:

- * Direct deposit into Church Accounts as listed above. Please email instructions of splitting your donation between 1st and 2nd collection.
- * 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.
- * You can place your cash donation in an envelope and leave in the Parish Office letterbox (74 Rosebery Ave, Rosebery) which is locked.
- * Come in person to Parish Office, however you must call first (in keeping with social distancing regulations). You can use the Tap N Go facility, pay cash or credit card.

Due to COVID-19, all rosters have been cancelled temporarily. However, our newsletter will still be published on our Catholic of City South Website <https://www.citysouthcatholiccommunity.org.au/parish-matters/>

If you would like a printed copy, please contact the Parish Office.

Virtual Gathering on Zoom

Please join Fr Paul on Zoom this Tuesday at 5pm. Zoom is a computer application which enables virtual meetings. To join the meeting you will need to open a Zoom account (zoom.us).

Then follow the following instructions:

Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android:

Click on this link to join:

<https://sydneycatholic.zoom.us/j/91830640295?pwd=ZlJnZmFFM1VuaN4SEFOTZlDWE1IQT09>

Password: 391932

You can also join from telephone Dial: (02) 8015 2088 (Sydney) (meeting ID: 918 3064 0295)



Prayer in time of Pandemic

In this challenging time Lord Jesus Christ, our true physician and healer, be merciful to us and bring us your aid in these troubled times. Heal all our sickness and every affliction of your people. Drive out our infirmities of soul and body; free us from all disease and especially from this pestilence. We place in your gentle Heart the elderly, the frail, people with disability, children, young people and families, our indigenous peoples, those who are poor, lonely and isolated. As you walk with us, free them from fear, and give them patience and hope together with our loving care. In your mercy deal also with the causes of our pitiful condition, that in curing our lack of faith and spiritual weakness, you may also remedy our bodily ills. We place our trust in you, the risen Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.



Anzac Day 2020 - Remember, O Lord, all those the brave and the true, who have died the death of honour and are departed in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life. In that place of light from which sorrow and mourning are far banished, give them rest, O Lord, thou lover of men. Amen.

Prayer Mantra:

*Did not our hearts burned as
he spoke to us*

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present
in the Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already here,
and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



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Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;

O sing to the glory of his name.

O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11.

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life. or (R.) Alleluia.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)
4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 24:13-35

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognised the Lord Jesus

in the breaking of the bread, alleluia.

Canice's Kitchen, are urgently seeking funds to support the roll out of COVID-19 response plan. The plan includes: Seven day a week take-away food service with strict social distancing protocols, phone call service for isolated community members needing support, access to toilets & showers, take-away toiletry and sanitary packs

If you can assist please follow the link <https://canices-kitchen-emergency-fund.raisely.com/>