



Parish Matters

Parish Office Hours: Tue & Fri 10am - 2pm, Wed 10am - 1pm

Office Phone: (02) 9353 6300

Secretary: Maria Awad

Office Address: 74 Rosebery Ave, Rosebery NSW 2018

Postal Address: PO Box 1067, Strawberry Hills NSW 2012

secretary@citysouthcatholic.org.au |

www.citysouthcatholiccommunity.org.au

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER | 9TH/10TH MAY 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 12 May 5.30pm*

zoom

Dear friends,

The Word of God is living and active. When we read or hear the Word of God it speaks to us and to our circumstances. Today's Gospel proves this notion. "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me". These powerful words challenge us to move beyond fear and anxiety to the reality that the Lord is with us. It's easier said than done but trusting is possible. This Gospel reminds me of the story of Jesus calming the storm. The Apostles were given a lesson in trust that day. Place yourself before this image and ask the Lord for the grace to let go and to trust in him.



Paul

Fr Paul Smithers | Parish Priest |
Follow on Instagram & Twitter: @frpaulsydney
Sr Rosemary Mitchell RSJ Pastoral Associate

O Most Holy Virgin Mary, Queen of the most holy Rosary, you were pleased to appear to the children of Fatima and reveal a glorious message. We implore you, inspire in our hearts a fervent love for the recitation of the Rosary. By meditating on the mysteries of the redemption that are recalled therein may we obtain the graces and virtues that we ask, through the merits of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CITY SOUTH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Audrey Margaret McDonnell; Mark McDonnell; Mate Madunic.

Anniversary: Nikola Maric (11 May); Patricia Ellery (15 May).

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: Therese Mullaney; 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: Catherine O'Brien (10 May); Daniel Wooden (11 May); George Cilia (14 May).

For Mass Offerings please contact the Parish Office.

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. Though the churches are closed the running of the parish continues and with this is the paying of bills that must be attended to.

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 consideration.

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

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, 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.

A Prayer in Gratitude for Our Mothers

Good and Gentle God, we pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women of theory who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly. Give them the faithful support of husband, family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.

Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood. Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.

- *Author Unknown*

Virtual Gathering on Zoom

Please join Fr Paul for the next virtual parish gathering on Zoom. **Please note the starting time is 5.30pm**

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

<https://sydneycatholic.zoom.us/j/98459923982?pwd=ZDZlZXZsT0o1ZXVDbU1YTUx02L0lMdz09>

Password: 680671

Join from telephone (meeting ID: 984 5992 3982):

(02) 8015 2088 (Sydney)

The link has also been emailed to those on our list. If you are not on the list please email the parish office.

Supporting our Seafarers during the Pandemic

Donations of personal hygiene products are urgently sought for Care Packages being put together for the thousands of seafarers trapped on ships coming into Sydney waters.

Chaplain to the Seafarers, Sr Mary Leahy, said donations of shampoo, body wash, toothpaste, deodorant, razors, knitted beanies and chocolates are desperately needed for the thousands of seamen currently stranded on ships on our waterfront due to the Coronavirus.

Sr Mary has spent the past 20 years helping those who earn a living on the seas and said she has never seen conditions so dire.

St Andrew Malabar, St Charles Borromeo Ryde/ Gladesville, Our Lady Star of the Sea Miranda, All Saints Liverpool and Mary Immaculate Waverley have agreed to be drop-off points for the donations. However if you would like to support the appeal and collect donations please contact journalist Debbie Cramsie at the Sydney Archdiocese on debbie.cramsie@sydneycatholic.org

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.



LIFE, FAMILY
AND OUTREACH
ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY



CATHOLIC
ARCHDIOCESE
OF SYDNEY

The Catholic Weekly is now available in a digital form at www.catholicweekly.com.au.

Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19.

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R.)**
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

The gospel of John

The gospel of John is very different from the other three 'synoptic' gospels. The other three have a very narrative style and can be seen together as different recounts of the same events. Whilst the gospel of John also has some beautifully narrated stories, it is better known as a more theologically reflective piece of writing. It assumes that the readers of this gospel are already familiar with one or more of the others, so it doesn't need to tell the story again. Rather, it presents a sweeping image of God, through Jesus, reaching out, in, through, and with love to the people.