



Parish Matters

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 18TH/19TH JULY 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.



Saturday Vigil 5pm

After that on demand

From 4/5 July

Saturday Vigil

5.00pm Waterloo

Sunday

7.30am Rosebery

9.30am Rosebery

11.00am Redfern

Weekday Mass This Week

Tuesday 21 July - 5.00pm Waterloo

Wednesday 22nd July - 7.30am Rosebery

Friday 24 July - 8.00am Redfern

Funerals This Week

12pm Wednesday
For Bernadette Whitney
Waterloo

Baptism by appointment

*In keeping with health requirements
please take this Newsletter home.
Do not leave behind.*

Procedure for attending Mass from 4/5 July:

1. You must register by phone or email.
2. On arrival at the church sanitize your hands, get your name marked off and sit in pews with a green 'sit here' sign. Physical distancing is still required unless you live in the same house.
3. At the end of Mass before you leave you will need to wipe down the pew you were sitting in with the special hospital grade wipes provided.
4. If you are sick, have even mild flu/cold symptoms **DO NOT ATTEND MASS.**
5. Printed bulletins are for single use only. Take the *Parish Matters* with you.
6. The liturgy should be simplified in the ways previously directed eg no presentation of gifts, no singing.
7. Holy water removed from stoups.
8. Receiving Holy Communion by "making a throne for the king with our hands" (St Cyril of Jerusalem) remains normative in Australia in the ordinary form of the Latin Rite and is recommended during this COVID emergency; great care should be taken when exercising the option of Communion on the tongue; while clergy should receive Holy Communion under both kinds from the sacrifice confected at that Mass, the faithful shall only receive the Body of Christ.
9. Contact details of all those entering the church (name and phone number or email address of one adult in each family) must be recorded, either by registering online or signing up at the door.

Dear friends,

Today's gospel again presents the image of the seed and the possibility of growth. The journey of following Jesus is characterised by a commitment to conversion and growth. This is true of our personal journey and our communal journey. While we try to do our best at our personal commitment to faith, our communal response as a faith community also requires patience and support if we are to grow. In August we will start the journey of renewal and growth when the Early Learning Service at Rosebery begins construction. As a community we decided to invest our energy and resources in supporting young families and creating a truly Catholic environment. I am most excited to embark on this journey with you. It's like we have been given a small mustard seed and it is up to us to nurture it for future generations. Our communal actions will hopefully bear fruit very soon. Can I ask each of you to keep this project in your prayers? Over the next few weeks the parish admin team will be packing up and storing much of the items in the hall and other rooms in preparation for demolition.

Have a wonderful week...

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

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CITY SOUTH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Francesco Graziani; Harry Goodwin (husband of Beth); Bernadette Whitney; Katie Cuttajar; Michelle Williams; Peter McCahon, Doris Galea.

Anniversary: Herbert Ramus (10 Jul); Kiranawati Setio, John Daniels (13 Jul); Stephanie D'Souza (19 Jul).

Deceased: Eliza Strath; Mary Patricia Wilson; Raymond & Dorothy Blackman; Mio Family; Verardo 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 Rosenstraus. All Souls, especially those that have no one to pray for them; All Souls of the Unborn.

Those who are sick: Fr Donal Madidon; Geraldine Marcellino; Milena Braganza; Sandra Truong; Geraldine Carrington; John Agius; Rose Galea; 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: Suhadi Setio (11 Jul); Richard Allen, Jennifer Maher, Lisa Snashel (18 Jul); Patrick Steel (19 Jul); Daniel Ng (20 Jul); Julian Sommer, Rebecca Sciberras (21 Jul); Richard Cross (23 Jul).

Wedding Anniversary: Margaret & Rick Allen (18 Jul).

For Mass Offerings please contact the Parish Office.



Parish Morning Tea
to be held in the Parish Office from
10.30am to 1130am on 12 August.

**Numbers will be limited to 10 so bookings
are essential.**

Come in for a cup of tea/coffee, a cake and a chance to
connect with other parishioners.

Please call Maria 9353 6300 to book (no emails please).

In the current climate it is important that information is provided directly to you. To get the latest information about the Catholic Community of City South it is important that you provide your mobile number so you get the text messages from Fr Paul. If you haven't done so please provide the parish office your mobile number.

St Joseph's Early Learning Service

The City of Sydney has approved our application to build an early learning centre at Rosebery. It is anticipated that the community room, chapel and hall will be demolished in mid August.

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.

*Saint Mary Magdalene, woman of many sins, who by conversion became the beloved of Jesus,
thank you for your witness that Jesus forgives through the miracle of love.*

*You, who already possess eternal happiness in His glorious presence, please intercede for me,
so that some day I may share in the same everlasting joy.*

Amen. (Feast Day 22 July)

Catholic Engaged Encounter Marriage Preparation

We are open for a face to face marriage preparation weekend August 1-2 at St Joseph's Baulkham Hills. Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and married life. Spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. Further information and registration: www.engagedencounter.org.au

'Pastor Bonus' Dinner with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

A series of evenings for young men, 18-35 years, to discuss topics of Faith, Youth and Vocation Discernment. The evening promises to be an excellent opportunity of sharing and inspiration with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP.

Date: **Tuesday, 4 August 2020**

Where: **Cathedral House**

Registration: **FREE *Registration is essential**

RSVP by 28 July: vocations@sydneycatholic.org or 9307 8424 www.catholic.org.au

Places are extremely limited, as this is an invitation only event.

Stewardship

During the closure of our churches, I encouraged online donations, especially to first collection which supports the clergy. I would like to thank those that did this. Together with your support and my frugality, I am happy to report that in the quarter April to June, there was a surplus which I was able to transfer to the Archdiocese to support the other clergy including retired priests.

I encourage you, if you are in a position to do so, to continue to do online donations to alleviate risk associated with cash handling.

In regard to the second collection, I wish to thank those who continued to donate. I understand if you had to cut back or withdraw all together. Thanks be to God the community was able to secure the government support.

The COVID-19 crisis has reminded us that we are better together. This message is equally true of our Catholic Community as we look at becoming one canonical parish in the near future.

Fr Paul.

Plenary Council Opinion - Fr Josh Miechels: *Good ideas and a few howlers in Plenary papers*

The six discernment papers for the Plenary Council have been published and they provide interesting insights into who we think we are and what we think God is and the Church is.

It is obvious that the papers include input from wildly different theological views. Drawing these together must have involved skillful management and patient guidance. To the Chairs – kudos!

There are good things in the proposals. The attention and space dedicated to the poor and those 'on the margins' is one of the more significant examples. The proposal for a marriage catechumenate to address the crisis in marriage is another.

There are also some howlers. The more exciting non-starters include discussion on women priests, the uncaring push for general Third Rite confession (which still requires First Rite anyway), and 'collaborating' with priests by removing them – from preaching, weddings, baptisms, funerals, and administering parishes.

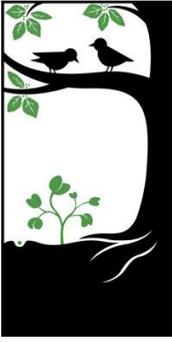
What is troubling is that a main response common to all six papers to the problems of the Church's disassociation from youth, lack of vocations, plummeting Mass numbers and lack of fruitfulness is – what? An ocean of bureaucracy. Committees and councils and consultations for every diocese and every single parish. In short a new permanent political ("laity are elected") and bureaucratic hierarchy.

Given most people find bureaucracy as attractive as a wizard's armpit, and that this bureaucratic approach was trialled extensively in the 70s and 80s and with a few exceptions wound up (or died) in the 90s – surely we can finally try something new. It's good to see public recognition of Vatican II's universal call to all of us to conversion and mission. But that call is not to a single state of life. On the contrary, Vatican II quite clearly recognises that there are at least three different states of life – lay, consecrated and clerical – with very different roles and responsibilities. Part of the poverty of the bureaucratic option is the intolerance of difference and the scant attention paid to the new communities the Holy Spirit has already raised up – full of examples of how differing states of life can work together in ways that already work.

One thing is for sure: young people and young families, and most people really, are not going to come back to the Church because they have a seat at a committee meeting, or because the bureaucracy has pushed back the clergy. I mean, if that's what the Church is – why would you join? As any priest can tell you – people's profound preoccupations are: How can I cope with suffering? Where is an antidote to atheist pointlessness? Where can I find that joy my soul desires? Who will free me? What is my identity? What is the point of my life? How can I peacefully be by myself? Who will love me in a flawless and unending manner?

These are the questions all of us – lay, consecrated and clergy – have the task to answer in a life of missionary holiness. People join the Catholic Church because they see saints. It is the cultivation of saints – of a flood of devout families, prayerful missionary young people, joyful consecrated brothers and sisters, holy priests and courageous bishops – not bureaucracy, that will save the Church, and crucially, save the souls of all of those outside of her – who long for what we already have.

Liturgy of the Word



Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading Wis 12:13.16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16.

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)
2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. (R.)
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 13:24-43 (or shorter form Mt 13:24-30)

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do

you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'" He put another parable before them, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.' In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Communion Antiphon

The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.

Living the Gospel – Agents of change

We often hear that to fully live out the kingdom message of Jesus is to be counter-cultural. These parables are a perfect example of that call. Jesus himself acted in contrast to his cultural context and often used examples in his teaching that flew in the face of cultural expectation. What does it mean to be counter-cultural today? Our world is driven by an emphasis on the individual; an emphasis on acquisition; an emphasis on consuming. The kingdom parables of today's gospel call us to be the agents of change that 'irritate' in our own small way to make a difference in the world.

