



Parish Matters

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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 25TH / 26TH 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

Saturday Vigil

5.00pm Waterloo

Sunday

7.30am Rosebery

9.30am Rosebery

11.00am Redfern

Weekday Mass This Week

No Masses this Week

Fr Paul on retreat

Funeral

Frank Balbi

Monday 3 August

10.30am Rosebery

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 confectioned 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,

The Holy See (Vatican) issued a very interesting Instruction during the week entitled: *The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelising mission of the Church.* I encourage you to read the Instruction as it has something to offer us as we consider many of the suggestions and challenges posed in the Letter. The Letter offers us an opportunity to consider how best the modern parish can be 'salt and light of the world.' It says that as parish we must find 'new forms of accompaniment and closeness'. It goes on to say that "In view of what has been said so far, it is necessary to **identify** perspectives that allow for the renewal of 'traditional' parish structures in terms of mission". This renewed mission could be characterised in terms of promoting ongoing catechesis, a rediscovery of fellowship and greater use of technology.

It affirms that the parish is a geographical space that is rooted where people live. But it says that we must also consider the 'existential territory' dimension of the parish such as using technology. "Any pastoral action that is limited to the territory of the Parish is outdated, which is something the parishioners themselves observe when their Parish appears to be more interested in persevering a nostalgia of former times as opposed to looking to the future with courage." Continue on page 3...

Fr Paul Smithers | Parish Priest |
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CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CITY SOUTH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Frank Balbi; Christian Tayoun; Bernadette Whitney; Angela DiLosa.

Anniversary: Harold McCarthy (27 Jul); Miguel Francisco (30 Jul).

Deceased: Fr Terence Purcell; 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; John Gavan; 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: Lachlan Bornor, Laura Connors (29 Jul); Piera Cassaniti (30 Jul).

Wedding Anniversary: Martha Fierro & Manuel Lascano (30 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).



Baptism

We congratulate George being baptised this
weekend at Redfern.

God bless you and your family!

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.

O blessed St. Martha, your faith led Jesus to proclaim, "I am the resurrection and the life"; and faith let you see beyond his humanity when you cried out, "Lord I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God." With firm hope you said, I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him, and Jesus called your brother Lazarus back from the dead. With pure love for Jesus you welcomed him into your home.

Friend and servant of our Saviour, I too am "troubled about many things." Pray for me that I may grow in faith, hope and love, and that Jesus, who sat at your table, will bear me and grant me a place at the banquet of eternal life.

Amen. (St Martha Feast Day 29 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

Feast Day Mary MacKillop 8 August

On the Feast Day of Mary MacKillop, Saturday 8 August, Mary MacKillop Place North Sydney will be CLOSED. Mass in the Memorial Chapel will be livestreamed at 10am. The details will be posted on the website marymackillopplace@mmp.org.au. Prayer reflections suitable for prayer at home will be posted on the website on August 6th, 7th and 8th. The Chapel is open for private prayer only from 9am to 1pm Monday to Friday.

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The Letter recommends that any conversion takes time and must be done gradually and sensitively (36).

The main thrust of the document is to invite priest and lay people to consider ourselves and our parishes as missionary. "In effect, the whole community, and not simply the hierarchy, is the responsible agent of mission, since the Church is identified as the entire people of God. Parish Priests have the task of keeping this dynamic alive..." (39).

The Letter gives considerable space to pondering on the question of grouping parishes together and supressing parishes to create a new one (46-61) thereby becoming more dynamic and missionary.

The Letter outlines in detail the different roles within parishes such as parish priest, the laity, consecrated men and women and several bodies of ecclesial responsibility such as the finance council.

Regarding my role as PP it says: "Precisely because of the relationship of familiarity and closeness that is required between a pastor and the community, the office of Parish Priest cannot be entrusted to a juridic person (that is to say) to a group composed of clerics and lay people. Consequently, appellations such as "team leader" which conveys a sense of collegial government of the Parish, are to be avoided. (66)"

"The Parish Priest is ipso jure the legal representative of the Parish. He is the administrator responsible for the parish goods... (67)"

"Because of a shortage of priests or other circumstances, the care of a number of neighbouring Parishes can be entrusted to a single Parish Priest (70)."

On the role of the laity it states: "The lay faithful are called upon in our present age to make a generous commitment to the service of the mission of evangelisation, first of all through the general witness of their daily lives, lived in conformity with the Gospel, in whatever environment they are in and at every level of responsibility; in a particular way, they are called to place themselves at the service of the Parish community. (86)"

The Letter also highlights the importance of a number of ecclesial bodies which support the missionary efforts of the parish. These include finance council and pastoral council.

On finance councils, to stream line administration I formed one finance council in 2018 where the finances of all three parishes are discussed (which is permitted as outlined in #104 of this Letter). This Letter promotes the idea of making available each year a financial report (107) which I have done verbally each year since the start of my term as Parish Priest.

On the issue of pastoral councils, in our initial years of formation as a Community I have formed an advisory council made up of parishioners, appointed by me, from a wide range of backgrounds, ages and experiences to offer pastoral advice. Pope Francis reminds us that the purpose of a pastoral council "should not be ecclesiastical organisation but rather the missionary aspiration of reaching everyone".

In conclusion the Letter highlights "the urgency of a this type of renewal, presents the canonical norms that establish the possibilities, the limits, the rights and the duties of pastors and the laity, so that the Parish might rediscover itself as a fundamental place of evangelical proclamation, of the celebration of the Eucharist, a place of fraternity and charity, from which Christian witness can shine for the world. The Parish, that is, "must remain a place of creativity, of relationship, of motherhood. It is there that this inventive capacity is realised; and when a parish moves forward this way, it achieves what I call 'the parish on the move'".

May the Holy Spirit move us on our journey to be more missionary. May the Holy Spirit inspire in us a desire to co-operate with one another so we can continue to build the Kingdom of God here on earth. May the Holy Spirit give us the courage to let go of what is not essential in our parishes so that we can be more missionary. May the Holy Spirit fill me with His grace so that I may lead like the Good Shepherd.

God bless you...



Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading 1 Kgs 3:5.7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130.

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **(R.)**
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **(R.)**
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **(R.)**
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

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 13:44-52 (or shorter form Mt 13:44-46)

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and

sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.



*We fly to your protection,
O Holy Mother of God.
Do not despise our petitions in our
necessities,
but deliver us always from all dangers,
O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.*

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