



Parish Matters

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 1ST / 2ND AUGUST 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 4 August - 5.00pm Waterloo

Wednesday 5 August - 7.30am Rosebery

Friday 7 August - 8.00am Redfern

Funeral this week

Frank Balbi

Monday 3 August

10.30am Rosebery

(for those unable to attend funeral, please view on website after 4pm

www.FuneralVideo.com.au/FrankBalbi

Baptism by appointment

In keeping with health requirements please take this Newsletter home.



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 consecrated 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,

We are all aware that the coronavirus is still active in our community. Last week two Catholic Churches and a number of catholic schools in Sydney were closed because of coronavirus outbreaks. I encourage everyone to wear a mask to Mass to help stop the spread of the virus. This includes readers as small droplets can be emitted from your mouth as you speak. As requested by the NSW Government I have registered our COVID safe plan.

I will monitor the situation but we may for a short time, have to go back to Mass at Waterloo if the situation is escalated to high risk. If this is the case I will text you this information. If you choose to stay at home you can watch live stream Mass on our Facebook page. In the unfortunate case where I become infected or am forced to quarantine because of contact tracing or develop even mild symptoms I will have to close all the churches until further notice.

May Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

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: Frank Balbi; John Agius; Sr. Cathy Dean rsj; Christian Tayoun; Ilce Ribeiro Ferreira.

Anniversary: Peter & Marija Madunic; Michael Yusuf Pangestu (31 Jul); Maude E. Farrow (4 Aug); Giuseppe Siciliano, Fr Christopher Sheehy, Domingo Gabriel, Joseph Mizzi (6 Aug).

Deceased: 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; 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: Bernadette Sharon Setio (29 Jul); Inggra Kurniawan (30 Jul); Robert Balbi (2 Aug); Emmi Moeljowati (3 Aug); Kelly Balbi (4 Aug); Dominic Pettyborne, John Freitas (6 Aug); Jim Griffiths (7 Aug).

For Mass Offerings please contact the Parish Office.



Parish Morning Tea
to be held in the Parish Office from
10.30am to 11.30am on 12 August.

This date is now full.

**The next available date is
Wednesday 9 September.**

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.

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

(2nd Collection Jul \$1,694.55,

TapNGo \$450.00, Direct Deposit \$255.00)

Account Name: Rosebery Parish Church Account

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

Redfern

(2nd Collection Jul \$355.00, Direct Deposit \$110.00)

Account name: Redfern Parish Church Account

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

Waterloo

(2nd Collection Jul \$1,908.00, TapNGo \$125.00)

Account name: Waterloo Parish Church Account

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

If you are able to, please find ways of supporting the parish:

- * 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.

At the Transfiguration, Father, You showed Jesus in glory, a glimpse of what His disciples would see in His risen life. Bless us in our humanity, with an awareness of Your presence, leading us to share in Your divine life even in our daily struggle. Help us to deepen our knowledge of the Law and the Prophets, channels of Your grace throughout history, and signposts for our journey.

Amen. (Feast day The Transfiguration of the Lord 6 August).

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.

Appeal for Blankets

As winter is upon us, the Jesuit Refugee Service needs new blankets for their clients. If you are able to donate new blankets please contact Amelia Savage at amelia.savage@jrs.org.au or on 9098 9336.

CatholicCare Outreach to the lonely and isolated

CatholicCare, through its CCareline 13 18 19 number and the Parish Volunteer Program in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney, is working together as the 'hands and feet of Christ in the community' reaching out to those most in need in our parishes and beyond. If you are struggling and need help or support, or you are worried about someone else, please call CCareline on 13 18 19 today. To register or learn more about the Parish Volunteer Program call CCareline on 13 18 19.

Prayer Resources

- ⇒ It is recommended that the elderly and vulnerable and those with an acute health issue should **not** come to Mass during this time when the Coronavirus is in the community.
- ⇒ To fulfil ones obligation please see below some resources to support prayer at home during this time of crisis
- ⇒ Sunday Readings and commentary - www.livingwithchrist.us
- ⇒ Download the weekly newsletter from the Catholic Community of City South
- ⇒ Patron saints in time of sickness:
 - St Roch
 - St. Sabastian
 - St Corona she was a 2nd century martyr (Patron Against Epidemics)

Reflection

Jesus nourishes us. In a world that is fraught with meaninglessness, he offers purpose; to a world that is stumbling in darkness and confusion, he provides direction. He satisfies the hungry heart; he enlivens the drooping spirit. Those who follow Jesus will never be left to languish in the desert. If we but open our eyes, we will be amazed at the bountifulness of the nourishment that is provided for us. We will discover that God is magnanimous, even prodigal in giving, that God's generosity exceeds all of our expectations and also our understanding.

Furthermore, we are nourished by God through the ministry of each other, through the simple things of life, (distributing bread and gathering up the fragments): visiting the sick and consoling the grieving; caring for a child and giving aid to an elder; bagging groceries and directing a choir. If we but open our eyes, we will be astounded at how ordinary actions can satisfy our hunger and the hunger of others.

Most amazing of all is that this nourishment is given freely; there was no thought of requiring payment. God simply invites: Come! All we have to do is reach out our hands to receive and we will never be sent away to find nourishment for ourselves. We will discover that a bond is established that endures. Jesus is filled with compassion, a compassion that is not a fleeting emotion, but an enduring attitude. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ.

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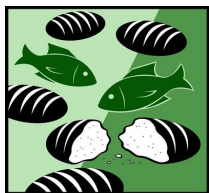
ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering

The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program is flexible, allowing you to participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group. **Aim:** To inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese and the world.

Cost: FREE **Registration:** Available now
Event Program: Available from Saturday 15th August, 2020 **Go to:** www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

***Catholic Weekly available again.** With all churches reopened for Mass across the Archdiocese of Sydney, the hard copy edition of the Catholic Weekly is available again in parishes this weekend for **\$2.00**. Purchase your Catholic Weekly as you leave Mass today and support our Archdiocesan newspaper.*

Liturgy of the Word



Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading Is 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:8-9. 15-18.

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 8:35. 37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick. When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he

said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

Communion Antiphon

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

Food for all

This miraculous feeding is the first of two such accounts in the gospel of Matthew. (It also appears twice in Mark and once in both Luke and John.) In this account, there are twelve baskets of leftovers. These baskets represent the twelve tribes of Israel. It is a metaphor for Jesus as the one who provides nourishment and satisfaction for the entire Jewish population. The imagery in the second story (Mt 15:32-39) emphasises that Jesus also feeds and satisfies the gentile people. Between them, the two accounts present Jesus as the one who provides spiritual food for all.

Working With Children check.

This is an ideal opportunity to check your records and ensure that your Working With Children is up to date. All parish volunteers require one, together with completed Volunteer Registration, Code of Conduct forms and Archdiocese SALT training.

If you require assistance or are unsure of process to follow please contact parish office.

Only those that have completed and submitted these forms to parish office will be eligible to volunteer in the parish.



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 through Christ our Lord. Amen.