



# Parish Matters

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

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## 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 8TH / 9TH 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 11 August - 5.00pm Waterloo

Wednesday 12 August - 7.30am Rosebery

Friday 14 August - 8.00am Redfern

Saturday 15 August - 9.00am Waterloo

*(Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)*

### Baptism by appointment

The Parish Office will be closed next  
Wednesday afternoon and  
Thursday.

*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,

A pictorial reflection on this weeks gospel (cf 1570)



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

**Recently Deceased:** Frank Balbi; John Agius; Sr. Cathy Dean rsj; Christian Tayoun; Daniel Joseph Crawford.

**Anniversary:** Ernesto Quintal; Manda – Ivan Cepus; Alice Haggar, Steve Estrada (12 Aug).

**Deceased:** Patrick & Helen O'Connor; 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:** Sue Ann Chua Cezar; John Gavan; 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:** Paul Dedden, Mario Silveira (9 Aug); Nita Breen (11 Aug); Mary Cunney, Hannah Lupton (14 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 im-  
portant 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.

### 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](mailto:amelia.savage@jrs.org.au) or on 9098 9336.

### 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 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.

### Baptism

We congratulate Aoibheann Rose being baptised this  
weekend.

God bless you and your family!

*"No one in the world can change Truth. What we can do and should do is to seek truth and to serve it when we have found it. The real conflict is the inner conflict. Beyond armies of occupation and the hecatombs of extermination camps, there are two irreconcilable enemies in the depth of every soul: good and evil, sin and love. And what use are the victories on the battlefield if we are ourselves are defeated in our innermost personal selves?"*

— St. Maximilian Kolbe

## Our Lady's Nurses Coogee

Due to the Corona Virus, the Fete (usually held in October) will not be held this year. Thank you to those that usually support this event and hopefully it will be back next year.

## 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.

### 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.

## Reflection - St Augustine

Look at Peter, who in this episode is an image of ourselves; at one moment he is all confidence, at the next all uncertainty and doubt; now he professes faith in the immortal One, now he fears for his life.

Think, then, of this world as a sea, whipped up to tempestuous heights by violent winds. A person's own private tempest will be his or her unruly desires. If you love God you will have power to walk upon the waters, and all the world's swell and turmoil will remain beneath your feet. But if you love the world it will surely engulf you, for it always devours its lovers, never sustains them.

If you feel your foot slipping beneath you, if you become a prey to doubt or realize that you are losing control, if, in a word, you begin to sink, say: "Lord, I am drowning, save me!" Only he who for your sake died in your fallen nature can save you from the death inherent in that fallen nature.

Sermon 76:1. 4. 5. 8. 9: PL38, 479-483

## From the Parish Priest

Dear friends,

The NSW Government has recommended parishioners wear face masks when attending religious services as an additional safeguard to help combat the spread of COVID-19. I will be wearing a mask at different points in the Mass.

This Saturday is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As we live in the midst of a pandemic and the Archbishop has given a dispensation from attending Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation this year there will only be one Mass at 9.00am for the feast of the Assumption at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Waterloo.

More than ever what we need now is hope. I offer some inspiration from the book *The Wounded Healer* by Fr Henri Nouwen on why hope is so important." The hope we're talking about is not based on self confidence or on specific expectations for the future, but on a "promise given to each one of us. This promise not only made Abraham travel to unknown territory; it not only inspired Moses to lead his people out of slavery; it is also the guiding motive for any Christian who keeps pointing to new life even in the face of corruption and death... Christian hope is grounded in the historic Christ-event".

God bless,



## Construction Corner

### Rosebery Church renovation update:

The first meeting of the Project Control Group (PCG) was held on Wednesday. The agenda of the meeting focused around reviewing the current design and scope review, cost estimate and budget, and construction and delivery options. It was noted at the meeting that the DA has been submitted to Sydney City Council and we await the outcome of that application which could take up to six months to be known.

### Early Learning Centre, Rosebery update:

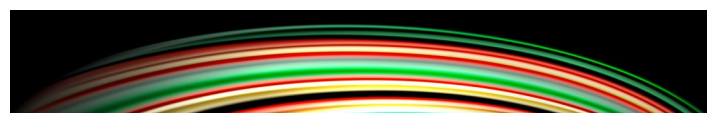
The project manager will arrange a site meeting with Fr Paul to review the site and how disruption to the parish will be minimised. All announcements regarding construction will be made in this newsletter.

### St Joseph's Primary School, Rosebery:

A media release was issued announcing the proposed opening of a Catholic primary school in Rosebery. DA has been submitted by Sydney Catholic Schools to the City of Sydney.

### Waterloo Church Maintenance update:

Fr Paul is working with Mr Sean Williams, Heritage Specialists, in finalising the scope and documentation for the maintenance project for Sydney City Council approval.



# Liturgy of the Word



## Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord,  
and forget not the life of your poor ones  
for ever.

Arise, O God, and defend your cause,  
and forget not the cries of those who  
seek you.

## First Reading 1 Kgs 19:9,11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 84:9-14.

**(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

## Second Reading Rom 9:1-5

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

## Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Mt 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there

was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

## Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,  
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



Lluís Borrassà, Jesus Supports  
Saint Peter on the Water. 1411



## Prayer for the Beatification of Eileen O'Connor

Great and Merciful God,  
through the maternal love of the Blessed Vir-  
gin 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 though Christ our Lord. Amen.