



# Parish Matters

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## 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 15TH / 16TH 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

Saturday 15 August - 9.00am Waterloo  
*(Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary)*

Monday 17 August - 7.00am  
Communion Service Rosebery

Tuesday 18 August - 5.00pm Waterloo

Wednesday 19 August - 7.30am Rosebery

Friday 21 August - 8.00am Redfern

### 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,

I received a letter this week from the Archbishop informing me the **Mr Kevin Lupton** of Rosebery has been selected to receive the Dempsey Medal. The Dempsey Medal seeks to encourage and to recognise outstanding contributions and service by members of the Sydney Archdiocesan community to the local Catholic Church or the wider society. Kevin was selected by the Archbishop because of his long and dedicated service to St Joseph's Rosebery in many different roles including assisting the parish in the area of finances, reader and his leadership after the death of Fr Chris in 2011. Due to COVID19 the Archbishop has asked me to present the medal to Kevin and this will be done on Sunday 6 September during the 7.30am Mass.

I have always found Kevin to be a man of integrity, kindness and a gentle guardian of the history of Rosebery Parish. Congratulations once again to Kevin.

God bless you,

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:** Fr. Donal Madigan; Robyn Linworth.

**Anniversary:** Sonnie Silveira (21 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 Rosenstrauss. 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; 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:** Josephine Wong (15 Aug); Joseph Luce (17 Aug); Alex Jackson (18 Aug); Barbara Smith, Mark Balbi (19 Aug); Stephanie Lobo (20 Aug); Maureen Flikas (21 Aug).

**Wedding Anniversary:** Mary & George Cilia (20 Aug); Catherine & Colm O'Brien (21 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

**Wednesday 9 September.**

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

On Wednesday, those that attended enjoyed some sweet treats, tea/coffee and a game of bingo!

Bookings essential - 9353 6300

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.

### Appeal for Blankets

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.

*Thank you to those that donated to the "Lebanon Explosion" appeal last weekend. Through your generosity, \$980 was raised which together with funds raised by the Archdiocese of Sydney will assist the people of Lebanon.*

### 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 Edward being baptised this weekend.

God bless you and your family!

*There are those who seek knowledge for the sake of knowledge; that is curiosity. There are those who seek knowledge to be known by others; that is vanity. There are those who seek knowledge in order to serve; that is Love.*

*St Bernard*

## 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.

## 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.

Congratulations to Monsignor Greg Flynn former parish priest of Waterloo who celebrated his 49th anniversary of priesthood on Thursday and Fr Greg Morgan former administrator of Rosebery who celebrated his 25th anniversary. May the Lord continue to bless their ministry and lives.

## Construction Corner

### Waterloo Church Maintenance update:

Fr Paul is reviewing the scope and documentation for the maintenance project prepared by Mr Sean Williams for Sydney City Council approval.

### Early Learning Centre, Rosebery update:

Fr Paul has engaged Makinson d'Apice Lawyers to arrange the legal documents for the lease deed with Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services (SCECS).

### Rosebery Church renovation update:

The first meeting of the Project Control Group (PCG) was held on Wednesday 5 August. The agenda of the meeting focused around reviewing the current design and scope review, cost estimate and budget, 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.

### 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.

## Reflection - St John Chrysostom

*O woman, great is your faith! (Mt 15:28).*

The Canaanite woman whose daughter was tormented by a devil came to Christ begging his help. Most urgently she cried out: "Lord, have pity on me. My daughter is grievously tormented by a devil."

Notice that the woman was a foreigner, a gentile, a person from outside the Jewish community. What was she then but a dog, unworthy to obtain her request? "It is not fair," said the Lord, "to take the children's bread and give it to the dogs."

Now would you like proof that we shall gain more by praying ourselves than by asking others to pray for us?

Nevertheless, by perseverance she became worthy; for Christ not only admitted her to the same noble rank as the children, dog though she was, but he also sent her away with high praise, saying: "Woman, you have great faith. Let it be as you desire."

Now when Christ says: "You have great faith," you need seek no further proof of the woman's greatness of soul. You see that an unworthy woman became worthy by perseverance.

Now would you like proof that we shall gain more by praying ourselves than by asking others to pray for us?

The woman cried out and "the disciples went to Christ and said: give her what she wants—she is shouting after us." And he said to them: "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But when the woman herself, still crying out, came to him and said, "that is true, sir, and yet the dogs eat what falls from their master's table," then he granted her request, saying, "let it be as you desire."

Have you understood?

When the disciples entreated him the Lord put them off, but when the woman herself cried out begging for this favour he granted it.

And at the beginning, when she first made her request, he did not answer, but after she had come to him once, twice, and a third time, he gave her what she desired. By this he was teaching us that he had withheld the gift not to drive her away, but to make that woman's patience an example for all of us.

Now that we have learned these lessons, let us not despair even if we are guilty of sin and unworthy of any favour. We know that we can make ourselves worthy by perseverance.

Homily on Phil 1:18, 12-13: Bareille 5,495-496



# Liturgy of the Word



## Entrance Antiphon

*(said as bell is rung and priest walks from sacristy)*

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

## Penitential Act

Priest: Have mercy on us, O Lord.

All: For we have sinned against you.

Priest: Show us, O Lord, Your Mercy

All: And grant us your salvation

## First Reading Is 56:1.6-7

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8.

**(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!**

1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

## Second Reading Rom 11:13-15. 29-32

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. **Alleluia!**

## Gospel Mt 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

## Communion Antiphon *(said when priest drinks from chalice)*

With the Lord there is mercy;  
in him is plentiful redemption.



Jean Colombe, "The Canaanite Woman" 1485-89



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 though Christ our Lord. Amen.