



Parish Matters

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | 22ND/23RD 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

Monday 24 August - 7.00am
Communion Service Rosebery

Tuesday 25 August - 5.00pm Waterloo

Wednesday 26 August - 7.30am Rosebery

Friday 28 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,

If we are ever allowed out of Australia again I recommend you do the Scarvi Tour in Rome. The Scarvi takes you under St Peter's Basilica where the tomb of St Peter is found. It is a most amazing experience. I remember when I first did the tour and the tour guide announced towards the end of the tour "look over there and you will see the bones of St Peter." It caught me by surprise. In a quiet moment I began to weep because being so close to the bones of St Peter I felt close to Christ himself. I also wept as I thought of how starting with St Peter, the faith has been faithfully handed down through the generations until I heard it deep in my heart. It made me grateful for those who handed on the faith to me particularly my mother and her family. In today's gospel we witness Peter articulate and announce the Truth of who Jesus is. It is that Truth that would enable Peter to find hope and reconciliation after his betrayal. It would also inspire him to continue to follow Jesus in the most radical of ways as he led the early Church. It is from Peter and the other Apostles that we trace our baptismal lineage and it is our challenge to continue to pass on the beautiful Truth of who Jesus is to the people of our time.

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: Piero Mio; Sr Mary Paul; Fr. Donal Madigan; Robyn Linworth.

Anniversary: Maria Aprea; Norma T. Purcell; Eugenie Joseph (19 Aug); Bennett Anthony Cotta (25 Aug); Clement Scott Murray, Lea Silveira (26 Aug); Theodora Camilleri (28 Aug).

Deceased: Sr Kathleen Price; Sr Bridget O'Halloran; Joseph Zammit; Paul & Maria Nguyen-Bui; 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; 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: Tamatiria Tuakeu (23 Aug); Owen Kosasih (24 Aug); Amelia Krslovic (25 Aug); Pilar Paredes (26 Aug).

Anniversary of Ordination: Fr Gerard Woo Ling (24 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.
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.

JRS Appeal for Foodbank Donations

The Jesuit Refugee Service have collectively fed more than 5,000 women, children, and men who have lost jobs, been excluded from Federal Government financial support and cannot return home. Their stocks of rice, pasta, oil, tuna and long life milk are RUNNING LOW. If you can donate, please call 9098 9336 or email zoe.grant@jrs.org.au or amelia.savage@jrs.org.au

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.

Social Justice Statement 2020-21 -

To Live Life to the Full:

Mental Health in Australia Today.

Next Sunday 30 August is Social Justice Sunday.

The statement will be available to collect or you can view on www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

O Jesus, Saint Bartholomew's greatest desire was to know the truth. You said of him, "Here is a man in whom there is no deception." I ask him to pray against the deceptions that are influencing me and the people I know. Help us to experience Your affirmation when we are honest, give us courage to resist lying as a means of self-protection, and inspire our minds to recognize the truth when we hear it.

Saint Bartholomew, pray for us. Amen. (Feast Day 24 August)

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.

Commentary by John Chrysostom

Peter was to be entrusted with the keys of the Church, or rather, he was entrusted with the keys of heaven; to him would be committed the whole people of God. The Lord told him: "Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

Now Peter was inclined to be severe, so if he had also been impeccable what forbearance would he have shown toward those he instructed? His falling into sin was thus a providential grace to teach him from experience to deal kindly with others.

Just think who it was whom God permitted to fall into sin - Peter himself, the head of the apostles, the firm foundation, the unbreakable rock, the most important member of the Church, the safe harbour, the strong tower; Peter, who had said to Christ, "Even if I have to die with you I will never deny you"; Peter, who by divine revelation had confessed the truth: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

He fell into sin so that remembering his own fault and the Lord's forgiveness, he also might forgive others out of love for them.

The Gospel relates that on the night Christ was betrayed Peter went indoors and was standing by the fire warming himself when a girl accosted him: "You too were with that man yesterday," she said. But Peter answered: "I do not know the man."

Just now you said: "Even if I have to die with you," and now you deny him and say: "I do not know the man." Oh Peter, is this what you promised? You were not tortured or scourged; at the words of a mere slip of a girl you took refuge in denial!

Again the girl said to him: "You too were with that man yesterday." Again he answered: "I have no idea what man you mean."

Who was it that spoke to you, causing you to make this denial? Not some important person but a woman, a doorkeeper, an outcast, a slave, someone of no account whatever. She spoke to you and you answered with a denial.

What a strange thing - a girl, a prostitute, accosted Peter himself and disturbed his faith! Peter, the pillar, the rampart, could not bear the threat of a girl! She had but to speak and the pillar swayed, the rampart itself was shaken!

A third time she repeated: "You too were with that man yesterday," but a third time he denied it. Finally Jesus looked at him, reminding him of his previous assertion. Peter understood, repented of his sin, and began to weep. Mercifully, however, Jesus forgave him his sin, because he knew that Peter, being a man, was subject to human frailty.

Now, as I said before, the reason God's plan permitted Peter to sin was because he was to be entrusted with the whole people of God, and sinlessness added to his severity might have made him unforgiving toward his brothers and sisters. He fell into sin so that remembering his own fault and the Lord's forgiveness, he also might forgive others out of love for them.

This was God's providential dispensation.

He to whom the Church was to be entrusted, he, the pillar of the churches, the harbour of faith, was allowed to sin; Peter, the teacher of the world, was permitted to sin, so that having been forgiven himself he would be merciful to others.

On Saints Peter and Elijah: PG 50, 727-728



This year is the ten year anniversary of Mary's canonisation. During the challenging times we all face, please pray and support Mary MacKillop Today, so that we can continue to transform lives through our vitals works and carry on the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop of the Cross.

For more information please call 8912 2777 or visit marymackilloptoday.org.au

Liturgy of the Word



Entrance Antiphon

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

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all
the day long.

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 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8.

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.



“And so I say to you, you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my church.” (Gospel)

Vincenzo Catena

*Christ giving the Keys to Saint Peter
ca 1520*



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.