



# Parish Matters

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## SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS | 31ST OCTOBER / 1ST NOVEMBER

*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**

**& 9.30am Sunday**

*After that on demand*

### Saturday Vigil

**5.00pm Waterloo**

### Sunday

**7.30am Rosebery**

**9.30am Rosebery**

**11.00am Redfern**

### Weekday Mass This Week

**Monday 2 November - 7.30am Rosebery & 6.30pm - Waterloo**

Tuesday 3 November - 5.00pm Waterloo

Wednesday 4 November - 7.30am Rosebery  
*St Charles Borromeo*

Friday 6 November - 8.00am Redfern

### Baptism by appointment

#### PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will be open Monday 2 November 10am - 1.30pm, however it will be closed on Tuesday 3 November.

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Dear friends,

Until recently, most of us would have only associated Halloween with a particularly violent series of American movies of dubious (and varying) quality. It's surprising, then, to realise that the origins of Halloween are profoundly religious and very Catholic at that. In the Catholic Church, 1 November is commemorated as the Feast of All Saints (All Hallows). The Eve of All Saints (i.e. the night before) is known as "Halloween." In the Catholic Church, the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls (which we commemorate on 2 November) herald for us the beginning of the end of the liturgical year (which concludes with the Feast of Christ the King on 22 November). During the month of November, the readings in the liturgy turn their attention to "the last things" in anticipation of the time that God's Kingdom is finally realised at the end of time. November is also a time when Catholics are encouraged to remember those who have died and gone to their eternal rest.

This year, in particular, I have been amazed how, like the Christian feasts of Christmas and Easter, retailers have seized upon yet another opportunity to suck the meaning out of a significant Christian feast and replace it with something completely meaningless (and possibly Satanic in some cases) in order to make money. What, then, should we do? I think, for most children and young people, the celebration of Halloween is fairly harmless (although I do have real concerns about children fronting up to houses and people they do not know - there really might be a monster lurking within!) It would be a great shame, though, if we did not seize upon Halloween as an opportunity to reclaim something of the very Catholic meaning of the feast itself. Throughout November, then, we should all remember the call of the Second Vatican Council that "it is a holy and a wholesome thing to pray for the dead." During November, why not take the opportunity to remember a loved one who is no longer with us and say a prayer giving thanks for their life? Here is a prayer that St Ignatius of Loyola wrote that (I think) still speaks to us today:

*Receive, Lord, in tranquility and peace,  
the soul of St.  
who has departed this present life  
to be with You.  
Give him/her the life  
That knows no age,  
the good things that do not pass away,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen*

A final thought – we live in a society that hides much of the reality of death. I've noticed recently on radio that people no longer "pass away." Apparently, these days, they just "pass" (almost as though death is some kind of test!) Without being morbid about it, November can be a time to remind ourselves of one of the great doctrines of our faith – the Communion of Saints (a topic for a future article no doubt!). As Catholics, we really do believe that, as our funeral liturgy reminds us, "life is changed – not ended." There is great beauty and peace in that reality for all of us!

God bless,

## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CITY SOUTH PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Recently Deceased:** Maureen Long; Lorna Kane; Manuel Chua Junior; Jonathan Sandig; Estrella Lo Chua; Dale Dargin; Mary Pavlovic; Coral Thew; Little Sister Gertrude Vavine.

**Anniversary:** Emmanuel Nappa (21 Oct); Josephine Daniels (28 Oct); Richard Rozier (31 Oct); Patricia Ani (1 Nov); John Thornton (2 Nov).

**Deceased:** Di Cristo & Aprea Families; Mio Family; Verardo Family; Joseph Mizzi; 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:** Mariazinha Quintal; Lee Frost; Sue Ann Chua Cezar; John Gavan; Geraldine Marcellino; Milena Braganza; Sandra Truong; Geraldine Carrington; Rose Galea; Therese Mullaney; George & Juliet D'Souza; Fr Brian Egan; Allan Walker; Fr Emmanuel Seo; Carolyn White; Marlic Erland; Ana Lucia Solorzano; Joan Kenny; Abrelita Aguillar; Rosemary Cooley; Pat Frost; Helen Abbey; Joan Buist; and all the housebound.

**Birthdays:** Christie Thompson, Madeleine Malla, Millie Ng (1 Nov), Stephen Smith, Joseph Bezzina, Clive Farrugia (2 Nov); Sonny Jnr Ejess Pettybourne (4 Nov); Paul Farrugia, Rafael Khoe, Julieanne Borg (5 Nov).

**For Mass Offerings, please contact the Parish Office.**

### Procedure for attending Mass from 1 Nov:

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 confected 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 with office or signing up at the door.
10. Please wear a mask during Mass in line with health advice from NSW Government.
11. No congregational singing.
12. Sign of peace means a bow, wave or nod. Do not move around the church. Maintain physical distance at all times.



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

- \* Direct deposit into Church Accounts. Please contact the Parish Office for details.
- \* 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.
- \* Planned Giving Envelopes - please contact Parish Office for more details.

*Please do not donate foreign coins. We cannot cash them and they can jam the coin counting machine.*

*Catholic Weekly is available for \$2 - please remember to pay if you wish to take one.*

*Companions Matter* is a community program that assists people in reconnecting with the community by offering courses, workshops and social gatherings. We are looking for volunteer companions who could commit to supporting attendance at a course, attend morning teas after workshops or seminars, make a weekly phone call, catch up for a coffee and/or walk. For further information, you are invited to attend an online Zoom information session, on November 4, at 7.30pm.

To register, please contact [peter.carroll@catholiccare.org](mailto:peter.carroll@catholiccare.org)

**OUR PURPOSE - BUILDING ONE PARISH WITHIN THREE UNIQUE LOCATIONS TO REACH OUT TO INDIVIDUALS, FAMILIES AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY BY CREATING A PLACE OF WELCOME, RESPECT AND SUPPORT.**

## Construction Corner

### St Joseph's Early Learning Centre

In the near future there will be a blessing of the site as they plan to pour the foundations.

### Rosebery Church Renovation

The Sydney City Council has approved the renovation work proposed for the Rosebery church. The Project Control Group met during the week to review the budgetary considerations, timeline and tender process.

### Our Lady of Mt Carmel Waterloo

**School** - painting will begin shortly on the school administration building. The painting will occur over two weeks.

**Church** - After further consideration the project is going to tender again with work to hopefully occur in two stages over 2021.



### ONE MEAL WARD PARK

One Meal is a volunteer run dinner service reaching out to those in our community who are vulnerable or needy.

Every Saturday night, teams of volunteers cook and serve a nutritious meal to those who are doing it tough.

Could you help out?? If you would like to join one of our teams and provide or serve dinner at Ward Park on a regular basis that suits you, we'd love to have you on board. It's easy, anyone can do it and it's a great way to give back to the community in a very practical and real sense.

To join or to get some more info please contact Emma 0418451276 or [emma.williams75@bigpond.com](mailto:emma.williams75@bigpond.com).

## First Holy Communion 2020

The Celebration of First Holy Communion will be held this year on:

**Saturday 21 November 5.00pm Vigil - Waterloo**

**Sunday 22 November 9.30am - Rosebery**

**Tuesday 1 December 5.00pm - Waterloo**

**Saturday 5 December 5.00pm Vigil - Waterloo**

**Sunday 6 December 9.30am - Rosebery**

*Please keep the children in your prayers.*



Our Lady of Mt Carmel  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL WATERLOO



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### Parish Morning Tea

to be held in the Parish Office on  
**Wednesday 11 November 10.30am to 11.30am** and

**Wednesday 16 December 11am to 1pm.**

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

**Bookings essential - 9353 6300**

(under COVID regulations we can only have 10 people)

## November Mass Offerings

During the month of November the Church prays particularly for the Holy Souls. If you would like your loved ones remembered during November, please complete envelope (in legible writing) and return with your donation (recommended \$20 from Australian Catholic Bishops Conference) in either collection plate. Names will be placed on the Altar and remembered at all Masses during November.

**Mass on All Souls Day Monday 2 November**

**7.30am St Joseph Rosebery &**

**6.30pm Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church Waterloo** *(Doors open at 6pm for confession)*

*Both will be live streamed on Facebook*

On the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed the Church gathers in solemn suffrage for the souls in purgatory, and the liturgy should express this clearly. The faithful who visit a church or cemetery to pray for the faithful departed, saying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed, may gain a plenary indulgence once only under the usual conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion and Prayer for the Pope's intentions.

Through prayer, this indulgence may be given over to the Holy Souls.

## Forming a New Parish

Dear friends,

Contained in this weeks newsletter is a letter to Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP seeking to formally make Rosebery, Redfern, and Waterloo a single parish. Please prayerfully read my letter to Archbishop Anthony.

I seek to consult you on the request to become a new parish. There are many ways to consult but I believe this is the best way given the current circumstances. It also gives people time to reflect and pray over the proposal.

It is important to note that any bequests or other benefits held for a specific purpose in either parish will be used for that purpose. To date the only bequest received was for Waterloo and the money will be used in the renovation of the Waterloo church. Otherwise the assets of parishes will be combined. The Code of Canon Law (Church Law) says that the competent authority to establish, suppress or alter a parish is the Diocesan bishop. In doing so he is required to consult the council of priests.

After I have received your feedback I will send a short report indicating the results of the consultation as well as proposing a name for the new Parish. I ask you to complete the consultation page and return via the Sunday collection, email, post, or drop it into the letterbox at the Office in Rosebery.

Let me assure you, all three churches will remain open and operational.

Each Church will keep its saints name. However, we need a new patron saint for what will be The Parish of City South. I propose the following (all the following are new saints and no parish in the Archdiocese has adopted any of them):

### St John Henry Newman



John Henry Newman was born on 21st February 1801 the eldest son of a London banker. His family were ordinary church-going members of the Church of England. His choice to convert to Catholicism meant he was ostracized by his family and friends. Undeterred, he set out to study for the priesthood and he was ordained a priest in Rome. He returned to England and founded the first Oratorian Congregation in Birmingham, with a second in London and established the Oratory School in Birmingham. In 1851 the Bishops of Ireland decided that there should be a separate University for Catholic students. John Henry became its founder and first Rector, establishing what is known today as University College Dublin. On his return to England, John Henry faced much opposition, misunderstanding, suspicion and resentment by some in authority, and many of his projects including a Catholic magazine, and a new translation of the Bible met with failure. He was man of great learning highlighting the importance of reason and truth. He was also a man of deep prayer and loved the liturgy. He also accompanied the lost and abandoned.

### St John Paul II

Born Karol Wojtyła on May 18, 1920, in Wadowice, Poland. In 1978, John Paul made history by becoming the first non-Italian pope in more than four hundred years. As the leader of the Catholic Church, he travelled the world, visiting more than 100 countries to spread his message of faith and peace. He established World Youth Day, spoke eloquently when visiting Australia about the Indigenous people. He was a man of prayer, leadership and vision.

### St Teresa of Kolkata

Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu, the future Mother Teresa, was born on 26 August 1910, in Skopje, Macedonia, to Albanian heritage. Her father, a well-respected local businessman, died when she was eight years old, leaving her mother, a devoutly religious woman, to open an embroidery and cloth business to support the family. After spending her adolescence deeply involved in parish activities, Agnes left home in September 1928, for the Loreto Convent in Rathfarnham (Dublin), Ireland. But later after a conversion dedicated herself to the poor and established the Missionaries of Charity. She speaks to us of social justice and the helping the poor.



### Eileen O'Connor

Eileen was born in Melbourne in 1892 and moved to Sydney in 1902. When she was 3 Eileen fell from her pram and severely damaged her spine. Despite several operations nothing could be done to alleviate the terrible pain she endured. Eileen attended church and school at Waterloo. She established Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor and cared for the poor and dying poor. She speaks to us about care for the most abandoned, deep love for prayer and the Mass and Our Lady.



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St Joseph's, Rosebery

Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Waterloo

St Vincent de Paul, Redfern

Your Grace,

**RE: Canonical Amalgamation Request**

As pastor of the Catholic Community of City South, I have been grateful to witness the diversity and ever changing nature of the parishes that form this true 'community of communities'.

In reflecting on the changing community participation and engagement in each of the parishes of Rosebery, Redfern and Waterloo, the changing demographics of the local community, including associated schools, and the opportunities for strengthening collaboration between these Eucharistic communities, I would like to formally request your consideration of a formal merger of these three parishes into a single parish by way of canonical amalgamation.

I have been slowly working towards the growing unity and collaboration of these parishes since I was appointed to them in December 2017. I now view a canonical amalgamation to be opportune at this time and in the best interests of each of the three parishes.

To date within the Catholic Community of City South I have been able to re-organise Mass times so I, as the only priest of the parish, can seek to best meet the spiritual needs of the three communities. In addition, I have put in place one administrative office located at Rosebery but in service of all three parishes, and I have formed an Advisory Committee made up of members from each of the parishes to provide input and recommendations to me on matters of pastoral significance.

Since these arrangements have been put in place, I have observed that parishioners are increasingly identifying as one community and many are quite comfortable and drawn to moving between the parish churches for the celebration of Mass, according to their activities of a weekend. There is then an increasing and natural sense of the local connection between the communities, gathered around one Eucharist.

I have also observed that some new people are starting to attend Mass and participate in the life of the Church which is a great encouragement. It also augurs well for increasingly united efforts of evangelisation between the communities. Practically speaking and in service of evangelisation in each community, I believe a canonical amalgamation would enable each of the three parishes to minimise duplication and opens pastoral opportunity for common activity and to initiate forms of outreach that each parish could not realistically undertake alone.

Over time, I would hope that new relationships would be formed between the communities and their associated groups, and fresh possibilities for pastoral life and evangelisation could emerge.

On the 30 September 2020, I proposed to the Advisory Committee that we formally approach you as Archbishop with the request to form one new parish through an amalgamation. This Advisory Committee expressed its support of this next step in our journey as a community of communities.

In essence, the three parishes have come to realise over the last three years that we are better together. I believe enormous opportunity presents itself for the current and future pastor and people of these communities to be co-responsible for renewing the Church in this part of Sydney. Our evangelisation efforts can be more fruitful if all three parishes were merged and a new parish formed. This view was endorsed by the Advisory Committee with the proviso that each location continues to honour its history and tradition in the vision and mission of the new parish. I have also formed a number of focus groups from the three parishes that have expressed the opinion that it is better for us to be together as one parish.

I also believe that if a new parish is formed, consideration should be given to modifying the boundaries of the new parish to reflect more accurately our community and change in this part of Sydney. It is my view that the new territory should take in the areas bordering Cleveland Street along Abercrombie Street, left along Ivy Lane to Little Eveleigh and Eveleigh Street (now part of Broadway), and Cleveland Street between Young Street and South Dowling (now part of Surry Hills parish). These areas are considered to be a part of Redfern proper.

I have been in touch with Daniel Ang, Director of the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, and he has offered support in my intention that this opportunity, which I regard in the best interests of each community, can be a moment for a fresh chapter of evangelisation in the neighbourhoods and communities of City South.

Given our connection to Servant of God Eileen O'Connor, I would like to suggest that the new parish be named after her. However, other options could include St John Henry Newman, St John Paul II and St Teresa of Calcutta (patron of the poor).

With my sincere gratitude for your consideration of this request and for your pastoral solicitude for the communities of City South.

Yours faithfully in Christ,



**Rev Fr Paul A Smithers, M. Theol.**

Parish Priest

# Consultation Process

I support the request made by Fr Paul to Archbishop Anthony, as outlined in the attached letter, to become one parish.

Comments:

Please tick one box below indicating your preference for a new patron saint of the Parish of City South

St John Henry Newman

St Teresa of Kolkata

St John Paul II

Servant of God, Eileen O'Connor.

I have some reservations regarding the request made by Fr Paul to Archbishop Anthony, as outlined in the attached letter, to become one parish.

Comments:

Name:

*Please return this page on or by Sunday 15 November*

# Liturgy of the Word

## Entrance Antiphon

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

Let us all rejoice in the Lord,  
as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints,  
at whose festival the Angels rejoice  
and praise the Son of God.

## First Reading Rv 7:2-4. 9-14

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:1-6. R. see v.6

**(R.) Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.**

1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm **(R.)**
2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. **(R.)**
3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **(R.)**

## Second Reading 1 Jn 3:1-3

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are.

Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see

him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

## Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened,  
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Mt 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:

they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:

they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:

they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:

theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

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

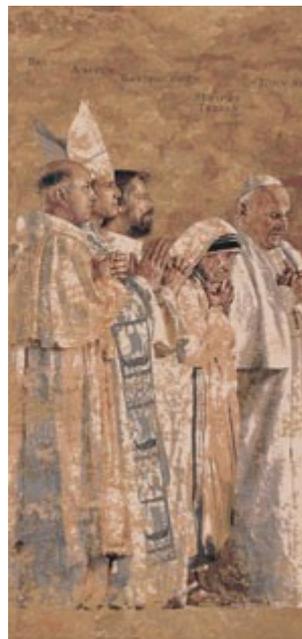
Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.



## Communion of Saints

This picture shows a section of the beautiful tapestry in LA Cathedral by John Nava. In the tapestry the saints all point in the direction of the altar which is the great encounter with the Risen Lord. All the saints are in a solemn procession to encounter their Lord. May we too process together to the altar of God inspired by the witness of the saints.

*Fr Paul*