



PARISH MATTERS

The Parish of Sydney 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.

4th/5th February 2023 | Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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St Vincent de Paul, Redfern

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Repairs & Maintenance
*Have you spotted an R&M
Issue?*

Please notify Ruth:
manager@citysouthcatholic.org.au
or via Parish Office

When making a report please note:

1. Date & Time you noted issue
2. Location (Church/Building & area within that space. E.g. St Joseph's Church, door to confessional from foyer).
3. When does problem occur? (All the time or intermittent?)
4. Where possible please take a photo of the damage.

If the issue is an immediate
Health & Safety Issue notify
Priest at Mass who will contact
me urgently.



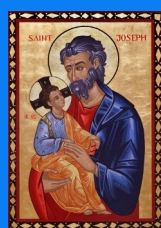
Dear friends,

After many years of talking and finally making the decision to start a new primary school at Rosebery it was a delight and joy to welcome the first students on Tuesday. The children and their parents were greeted with bubbles and a red carpet that led into an engaging and state of the art learning environment. The children were greeted by myself, Bernard and the staff as well as Sr Rosemary and Elizabeth. Each family was given a beautiful purple petunia. After a short while Mr Bernard Ryan called the children to the front and I prayed with the children and gave them a blessing as they began their first day. The learning has now begun. May we all dare to grow in love, truth and beauty.

Fr Paul



*Parish of Sydney City South
under the patronage of Our Lady,
St Joseph &
St Vincent de Paul*



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This Week:

Weekday Mass times:

Monday

Liturgy of the Word with Communion,

7.30am St Joseph's Rosebery

Tuesday

5pm Our Lady of Mt Carmel Waterloo followed
by Adoration

Wednesday

7.30am St Joseph's Rosebery

Friday

9.15am Our Lady of Mt Carmel Waterloo

Opening school Mass. **No 8am Mass**

Sunday Mass Times

Waterloo: 5pm Sat Vigil

Rosebery: Sunday 7.30am & 9.00am.

Reconciliation @ Rosebery 8.30am.

Redfern: 11.00am

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Principal: Katherine Zerounian

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Annette Thornton

Anniversary: Gloria Koromvokes (6/2), Mabel Toberty (6/2),
Bryan Gaffney (8/2)

Deceased: Allan Walker, Fr Dominic Ceresoli, Rachelda Verardo,
Raymond & Dorothy Blackman, Arthur & Janice Gray, Ethel &
George Gray, Bill & Pat Clarke, John & Eileen Dennett, Arthur &
Edna Dennett, Sydney & Violet Green, Hazel Holly, Arthur &
Rose Dennett, Gino Mio, Rosemary Cooley, Bill, Muriel, Marc &
Jamie Wickert, Shirley Turner, Sr. Patricia Wilkinson, Anna, Stanley
& Jim Atkins, Jay Rosenstrauss.

All Souls, especially those that have no one to pray for them, All
Souls of the Unborn, All souls in Purgatory.

Those who are sick: Emmi Moeljowati, Ignatius Suhadi Setio,
June Elliot, Theresa Flores, Lyndall Storey, Brian & Marilyn
Manton, Margie Humilde, Rafael Pastorza, William Gonzales, Nhia
Nguyen, Marina Fox, Jo-Anne Davies, Maureen Maher, Lidia
Freitas, Sr Dominic Furlong OSU, Ana Lucia Solorzano, Jack,
Ruby, Samsia, John Cooley, Christina O'Connor, John Gavan,
Geraldine Carrington, Therese Mullaney


**If you wish to be included in bulletin lists, please email the
Parish Office.**

**For Mass Intentions please email before 10am Friday.
Donations can be made via website or given to Fr Paul
directly.**

secretary@citysouthcatholic.org.au.

Rosters		Readers
5:00pm	This	Ika Sadeli
	Next	Bruce Strath
7:30am	This	Charlotte Buxton
	Next	Michael Burns
9:00am	This	Lisa Steel
	Next	Abbey K
11:00am	This	Ben May
	Next	Sr Esmey

***If you are not available on your rostered date, please
contact the Parish Office before 1pm on Friday so an
alternate reader can be organised.***



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Dates for your Diary

- ◆ Opening School Mass: 9.15am Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Waterloo, Friday 10th February— No 8am Mass
- ◆ Opening School Mass: 10am St Joseph Rosebery , Friday 17th February.
- ◆ Burning of the Palms after 9am Sunday 19th February
- ◆ Save the Date! 2023 Annual Parish Dinner Confirmed for Friday 2nd June 2023 6pm-10pm at The Tea Room QVB.

Financial Update

Week Ending 29 January

First Collection	Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund	\$
Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program)	Supports the Parish	\$



Thank you to all who are supporting the parish financially.

Please use the QR code, Tap N Go, Support Us Tab from Website or contact the Parish Office to make a donation OR be set up for a monthly donation using your credit card.



Fr Josh

SPIRIT AND TRUTH

The Power of Christ Revealed

Lenten Companion 2023

Available in parishes and online
gomakedisciples.org.au

Lent starts on Wednesday 22 February. The Archdiocese of Sydney has produced an excellent resource to help our prayer life during Lent. It will be available next week.

ASH WEDNESDAY—22 FEBRUARY

Mass times

St Joseph - 7.30am & 7.00pm

OLMC - 9.15am

St Vincent - 12.00pm

22 February

Ruth and myself had a meeting during the week with architects who are converting the old admin school office into a community space for the parish and wider community. The space will include a medium size hall, and some smaller rooms for meetings as well as a kitchen. This project is an exciting opportunity to widen our services and formation programs.

Project Good Samaritan

Following a successful Christmas donation drive and a short break, we have re-engaged with the St Vincent de Paul Centre in Redfern to continue providing support and donations to families and individuals who access the Centre.

To kick us off in February, the Centre has identified a need to support families and individuals who own pets. Many of the vulnerable and senior clients of the Centre have a pet as a companion to provide comfort, offer emotional support and are there when they feel lonely. To support these clients, the Centre will hold a social event for them and their pets in early March, where they will pick up items for their pets. So for February, we ask for donations of pet food and accessories.

In March, our focus will be Easter eggs, large and small.

Please deposit donations in the baskets located at the rear of the Church.

Vanessa

All the earth proclaim the Lord, sing your praise to God! So says the refrain of the well-known hymn by Lucien Deiss. As an assembly of the faithful, we sing hymns before, during and after Mass as another form of prayer. These hymns are chosen after careful reflection on the readings for the day, along with consideration of particular feasts or special occasions.

The Responsorial Psalm follows the First Reading. Ideally, this song, which is normally taken from the Book of Psalms and sometimes a canticle, should be sung (cf. General Instruction on Roman Missal GIRM #61). When this occurs, it is customary for the cantor to intone the response after which it is repeated by the assembly. The cantor then sings the verses and the whole assembly sings the response after each verse.

Similarly, the Gospel Acclamation, which immediately precedes the reading of the Gospel, should be sung (cf. GIRM # 62). It is a song of praise welcoming the Lord who is about to speak to those gathered through the Gospel. As for the Responsorial Psalm, the cantor intones the Alleluia or Lenten refrain and this is repeated by the assembly. After the cantor sings the verse, the whole assembly repeats the Alleluia or refrain.

At Communion, if there is no singing, the Communion Antiphon may be recited by some or all of the assembly, or by a lector (cf. GIRM # 86,87). The priest may say it after he receives Communion, before distributing to the faithful. The Communion Antiphon is replaced by a sung antiphon or psalm or a suitable liturgical song at Masses where there is singing.

Singing the Parts of the Mass is an important element of the Mass. This is usually done at all Masses except the 7.30am Mass. The Lamb of God is started by the congregation and not the priest. It is started when the bread breaks the Host and not before.

Please contact the Parish Office or speak to Stephanie Holmes if you are interested in joining the music ministry, whether you sing or play an instrument. All are welcome!

Opening School Mass: An Invitation to All



**Friday the 17th of
February 2023 at 10:00am
St Joseph's Catholic
Church, Rosebery**



St Joseph's
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
ROSEBERY



**SYDNEY
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PARISH**

LENT

In a few weeks we begin the season of Lent. In preparation, we reflect with Pope Benedict XVI on the meaning of Lent, and the ancient Lenten practices of prayer, almsgiving, fasting and abstinence.

WHAT IS LENT ABOUT?

“Every day, but particularly in Lent, Christians must face a struggle, like the one that Christ underwent in the desert of Judea, where for 40 days he was tempted by the devil, and then in Gethsemane, when he rejected the most severe temptation, accepting the Father's will to the very end. It is a spiritual battle waged against sin and finally, against Satan. [...]

Lent reminds us, therefore, that Christian life is a never-ending combat in which the "weapons" of prayer, fasting and penance are used. Fighting against evil, against every form of selfishness and hate, and dying to oneself to live in God is the ascetic journey that every disciple of Jesus is called to make with humility and patience, with generosity and perseverance. [...]

Following in [Jesus'] footsteps and united to him, we must all strive to oppose evil with good, falsehood with truth and hatred with love.” (2006)

LENTEN PRACTICES

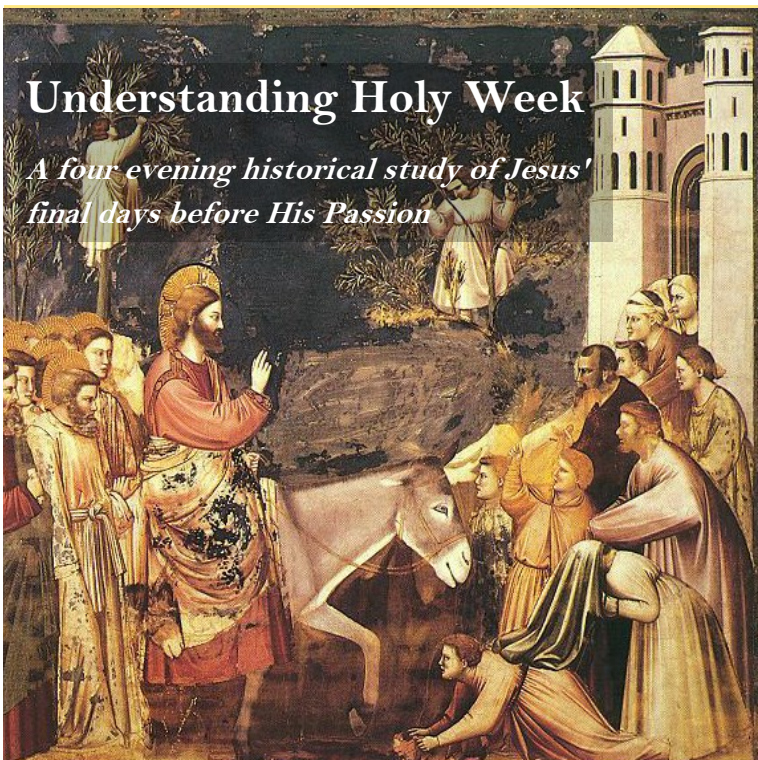
In 2006 Benedict XVI noted, “In the Church's tradition, this journey we are asked to take in Lent is marked by certain practices: **fasting, almsgiving and prayer.**

Fasting means abstinence from food but includes other forms of privation for a more modest life. However, all this is not yet the full reality of fasting: it is an outer sign of an

inner reality, of our commitment, with God's help, to abstain from evil and to live by the Gospel. Those who are unable to nourish themselves with the word of God do not fast properly.”

Almsgiving, Benedict reflected in 2008, is “a specific way to assist those in need and, at the same time, an exercise in self-denial to free us from attachment to worldly goods. The force of attraction to material riches and just how categorical our decision must be not to make of them an idol, Jesus confirms in a resolute way: “You cannot serve God and mammon” (Lk 16,13). Almsgiving helps us to overcome this constant temptation, teaching us to respond to our neighbor's needs and to share with others whatever we possess through divine goodness... In this way, inward cleansing is accompanied by a gesture of ecclesial communion, mirroring what already took place in the early Church.”

Pope Benedict XVI also meditated on the practice of **prayer** in Lent, “Prayer is a crucible in which our expectations and aspirations are exposed to the light of God's Word, immersed in dialogue with the One who is the Truth, and from which they emerge free from hidden lies and compromises with various forms of selfishness (cf. Spe Salvi, n. 33). Without the dimension of prayer, the human "I" ends by withdrawing into himself, and the conscience, which should be an echo of God's voice, risks being reduced to a mirror of the self, so that the inner conversation becomes a monologue, giving rise to self-justifications by the thousands. Therefore, prayer is a guarantee of openness to others: whoever frees himself for God and his needs simultaneously opens himself to the other, to the brother or sister who knocks at the door of his heart and asks to be heard, asks for attention, forgiveness, at times correction, but always in fraternal charity.” (2008)



Understanding Holy Week: A four evening historical study of Jesus' final days before His Passion

Jesus did very curious things during Holy Week. He cursed a fig tree, rode on a donkey, turned over tables in the Temple, and deliberately went into a place of great danger. Why? All these details are meant communicate very particular things to us. But without certain historical facts, we can miss out on the deeper meaning!

Come to these 4 sessions and you will receive amazing historical insights into the meaning of Holy Week and what God did for us through these events. You'll understand and experience Holy Week more deeply than ever.

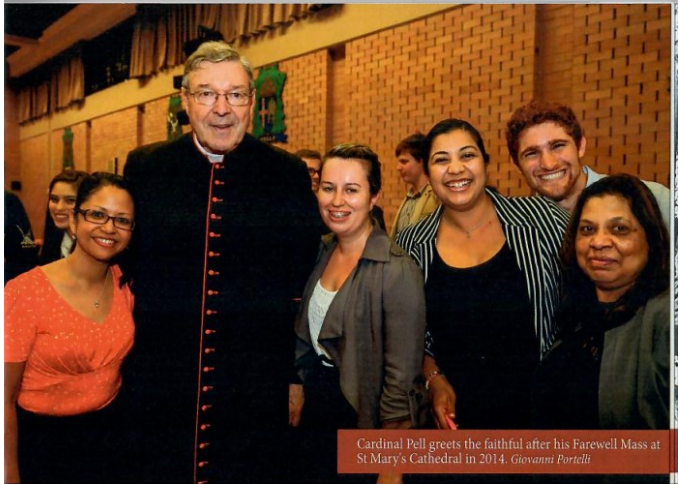
Details

Tuesday 28 February, 7, 14 & 21 March

In person session 10.30-11.15am (St Joseph's Meeting Room)
or online session 7.00-7.45pm (Zoom)

Remembering George Cardinal Pell

8 June 1941-10 January 2023



Cardinal Pell greets the faithful after his Farewell Mass at St Mary's Cathedral in 2014. Giovanni Portelli



Family portrait before George sailed for Rome. Top: David, George and Margaret with their parents Margaret and George Pell Senior and Aunt Molly Burke. 1963



Cardinal Pell is applauded by his brother priests at the conclusion of his farewell Mass at St Mary's Cathedral in 2014. Giovanni Portelli



Ordained a priest. Cardinal Agnani presents the chalice and paten for George Pell to touch with his anointed hands. St Peter's Basilica. 16 December 1966.

36th ANNIVERSARY PERE RECEVEUR MASS AT LA PEROUSE SUNDAY, 19 FEBRUARY 2023 at 11a.m.

This Mass is celebrated annually on the verandah of the La Perouse Museum near the grave of Fr. Receveur who died at Botany Bay on 17 February 1788.

He was a priest and scientist with the La Perouse expedition.

He may have been the first Catholic priest in Australia.

Everyone is invited to this outdoor Mass.

Shade, sound system and transportation of items, provided courtesy of Randwick City Council, sausage sizzle provided by Seaside Lions and refreshments by the Friends of La Perouse Museum.



What I would like to leave behind is a simple prayer that each of you may find what I have found—God's special gift to us all: the gift of peace. When we are at peace, we find the freedom to be most fully who we are, even in the worst of times. We let go of what is nonessential and embrace what is essential. We empty ourselves so that God may more fully work within us. And we become instruments in the hands of the Lord. Cardinal Joseph Bernardin

In our parish I have the right to feel safe and free from harm,
I have the responsibility to act appropriately with others.



Parts of the Mass

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

Penitential Rite

Lord Jesus, you became flesh. Lord have mercy.
You offer us salvation. Christ have mercy.
You lead us rejoicing to the Father. Lord have mercy.

OR

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say:

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
Then they continue:
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

Gloria

Gloria to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Nicaean Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Holy Holy (Sanctus Latin) Vigil Mass

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Hosanna in excelsis.

Lamb of God (Latin) Vigil Mass

Agnus Dei,
quitollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei,
quitollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei,
quitollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Communion Antiphon

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall have their fill.

In our parish I have the right to express my views openly and honestly in all matters affecting me,
I have the responsibility to respect other people's views.

Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**
2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**
3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. **(R.)**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to

philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

Gospel Reflection

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavoring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel. Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!