



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.

11th/12th February 2023 | Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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*Have you spotted an R&M
Issue?*

Please notify Ruth:
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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,

I often hear people use the term 'the institutional Church' as a way of describing the Church and their association or lack of association with it. The term is generally used in a negative sense to describe a cold, out of touch, rule obsessed and distant Church. The reality is that there is only one Church. Part of that reality is that the Church needs to be organized and structured to function faithfully to the mission of Jesus Christ. A more authentic understanding of the Church can be drawn through our study of scripture and Tradition. At the centre of the Church is Christ, who draws us into his love and friendship. The Church can be described as a gathering of people. This concept finds its origins in the very meaning of the work *ekklesia*, the Greek word the New Testament used for the coming together of the community. Cardinal Avery Dulles identified six ways or models to describe and understand the Church's character: Institution, Mystical, Communion, Sacrament, Herald, Servant and in a later addition to the book, as Community of Disciples.

The early Church theologian, Hippolytus, uses this wonderful metaphor to describe the Church "the place where the Spirit flourishes". Flowing from the Holy Spirit I have always experienced the Church in terms of deep friendship and pilgrimage. The image of a pilgrim Church can be helpful in renewing our church life. The church as a place where bonds of friendship exist beyond blood are grounded in the words of Jesus himself: "Greater love has no man than to lay down his life for his friends," (Jn 15:13). St Allred takes these words seriously and adds "see how far love between friends should extend; namely, that they be willing to die for one another. This comparison can be read as a parallel to the Pauline counsel that husbands should love their wives "as Christ loved His Church," with all the forgiveness and self sacrifice that line implies (Eph 5:25)

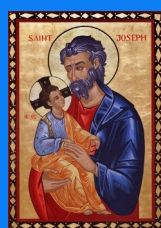
St Paul speaks of the church as the Body of Christ (1 Cor. 12:27), or as a living temple (1 Cor 3-6).

As we begin this new year I hope through our different ministries and initiatives we can explore, promote and live a deeper understanding and love of the Church.

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

8am Our Lady of Mt Carmel Waterloo

Sunday Mass Times

Waterloo: 5pm Sat Vigil

Rosebery: Sunday 7.30am & 9.00am.

Reconciliation @ Rosebery 8.30am.

Redfern: 11.00am

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Annette Thornton

Anniversary: Mulyadi Kosasih (12/2), Onefre Bernardo Viray (13/2), Dominic Burgher (14/2), Lie Hok Guan (15/2), Alonso Castro (17/2)

Deceased: Joseph Mizzi, Vincenzo Lovartti, Fr Terence Purcell , 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 Rosenstraus.

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	Bruce Strath
	Next	Therese Poulton
7:30am	This	Michael Burns
	Next	John Sciberras
9:00am	This	Abbey K
	Next	Amelia K
11:00am	This	Sr Esmey
	Next	Ana Vakauta

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: 10am St Joseph Rosebery , **Friday 17th February.**
- ◆ OLMC School community joining parish mass, followed by sausage sizzle, **Saturday 18th 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 5 February

First Collection	Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund	\$ 740
Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program)	Supports the Parish	\$ 713



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.

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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

THURSDAY MASS DURING LENT
7PM @
OLMC - 23 FEB & 16 MARCH
ST VINCENT - 2 & 23 MARCH
ST JOSEPH - 9 & 30 MARCH

Mass times
St Joseph - 7.30am & 7.00pm
OLMC - 9.15am
St Vincent - 12.00pm

22 February

Stations of the Cross during Lent

Throughout Lent, Stations of the Cross will follow the 5pm Tuesday Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel at Waterloo.

Almsgiving during Lent

If you are looking for a way to give alms during Lent, please support our Project Good Samaritan. Here is information from the project coordinator, Vanessa Madunic:

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

Help needed with washing

Is there anyone who is willing to wash three large tablecloths once a month after our first Sunday morning tea at Rosebery? No ironing required. If you would like to know more contact Elizabeth on 0491 939 577 or mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au Thanks!

Address by Br Peter Bray fsc

The Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem invites you to an address by the Br Peter Bray, fsc (Vice Chancellor, Bethlehem University) on **Thursday 16 February, 7:00pm – 8:00pm at the Ron Dyer Centre, 42 Ridge Street North Sydney**. Brother Peter Bray, FSC, EdD is a De La Salle brother and the 8th Vice Chancellor of Bethlehem University - the first registered university, and only Catholic one, established in Palestine, providing higher education to the people (both Christians and Muslims) in the West Bank. After almost fifteen years of living and working within the walls around Bethlehem, Br Peter is well aware of the curfews, travel restrictions and military checkpoints, and he will speak about the challenges of life in the Holy Land. All are welcome and attendance is free.

Sewing project for the homeless

Would you like to undertake a sewing project to look after the homeless? I have two large bags of knitted scarves which need to be sewn together into blankets (see photo). The blankets will be distributed in the inner city to those in need of some warmth. This is a collaboration with Our Lady of Mount Carmel School Waterloo. If you would like to know more contact Elizabeth on 0491 939 577 or mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au



Scripture Reflection

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbor.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.



The Mount Carmel Way – News from OLMC School, Waterloo

OLMC welcomed all our families and friends back to school for 2023. The children have had a fantastic start to the year consistently meeting the school expectations of being respectful, responsible and being their best self. The new uniform has marked yet another step forward in the new era for Our Lady of Mount Carmel! The students are loving the smart new look (and no, sunglasses are not part of the new uniform!)

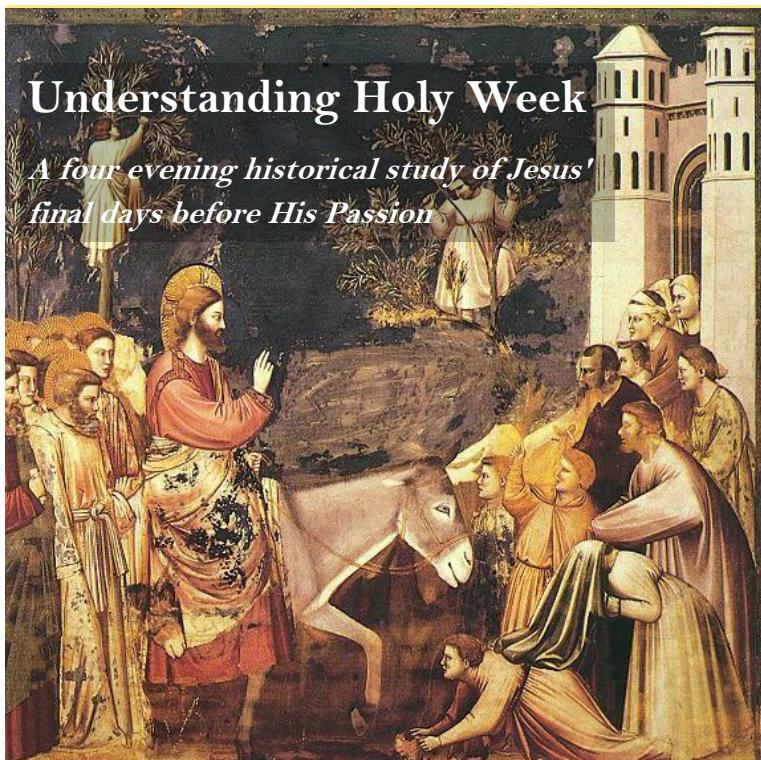


A visit from Fr Josh

We welcomed Fr Josh on Thursday and he enjoyed meeting the children. We look forward to working with Fr Josh this year.



On **Saturday 18th February**, our school community will be joining the Parish Mass at 5pm at The Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. We look forward to meeting parishioners afterwards for a sausage sizzle.



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)

Non-violence works

Why Civil Resistance Works – The Strategic Logic of Non-violent Conflict.
 Erica Chenoweth & Maria J Stephan, Columbia University Press, New York, 2011.
 Reviewed by Frank Vavasour.

Notice the title is not ‘How civil resistance works’, but ‘Why’ it works. In a researched comparison of violent and non-violent campaigns, Chenoweth and Stephan show that non-violent campaigns are more successful (63%) than violent ones and although some violent ones are successful (25%) almost all break down into further conflict within 5-10 years. In contrast successful non-violent campaigns, generally change to, or lead to more stable governance.

While many campaigns are analysed and discussed in the book, there are four detailed case studies:

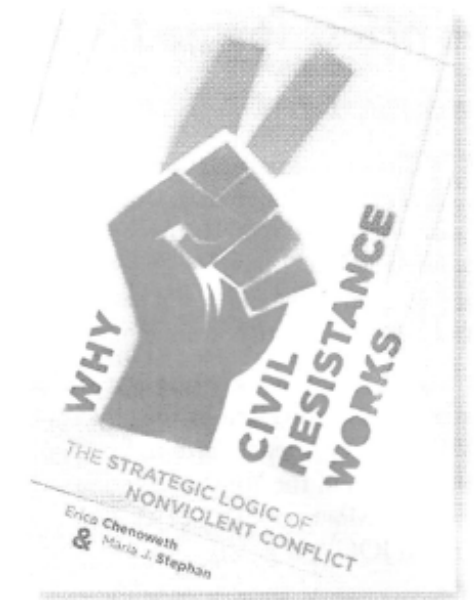
1. The Philippines’ ousting of President Marcos is a particularly good account.
2. A non-violent campaign in Iran succeeded too, though in an exception to the rule, led to less democracy because a group of radical clerics came to power bringing their repressive theocracy which killed 20,000 in the post-revolutionary period.
3. The first Intifada between Palestine-Israel was a winning, rated ‘partial success’, which unfortunately broke down into factionalism after Abu Jihad, Arafat’s deputy of the PLO and by far the most popular leader, was

assassinated by Israeli commandos. In 1988 there were more than 30 different organisations active in Israel to protest Israel’s violent repression of the uprising.

4. In Burma the reliance on only one leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, weakened resistance planning so that students and ethnic groups took to armed struggle, and the government regime was able to divide them through treaties.

There follows interesting data about the effects of oppositional violence and suppression inside a nation and international influence. The authors draw on evidence that non-violence, “continues to be effective, regardless of how powerful the opponent State is.” The strength of the internal opposition or external factors have an influence, but are not insurmountable to success. Those who claim that their use of violence is “a last resort” really have not tried it. It is instructive for policy makers to note too, that a violent regime’s repression reduces its chances of success by 35%.

The authors provide reasons for and analysis of many campaigns that don’t succeed. However, when there are plenty and varied types of resistance, mass mobilisation, adaptability, sustained pressure, multiple levers in action, a



dislodgement of a regime from its political, economic, social and even domestic military pillars of support, then non-violent campaigns are unstoppable.

There is a ten-page Table of the outcome of 100 non-violent and over 200 violent campaigns in the appendix (available online: Erica Chenoweth’s website).

A section on the primacy of participation in street demonstrations is included as is a section on role of the Catholic Church and grassroots organising which was crucial in the Philippines. While Cardinal Jamie Sin is commended, overall people-power triumphed, with the church being an important channel. The church’s stance also drew people away from the violent New People’s Army struggle. ☺

**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.

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

Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

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

Glory 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) 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 (Agnus Dei) 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

God so loved the world

that he gave his Only Begotten Son,

so that all who believe in him may not perish,

but may have eternal life.

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 book of Ecclesiasticus

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.

He has set fire and water before you;

put out your hand to whichever you prefer.

Man has life and death before him;

whichever a man likes better will be given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;

he is almighty and all-seeing.

His eyes are on those who fear him,

he notes every action of man.

He never commanded anyone to be godless,

he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **(R.)**

2. You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.

May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **(R.)**

3. Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.

Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **(R.)**

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.

Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **(R.)**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel


A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'



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**We haven't seen an earthquake of this magnitude for a long time...
We must do all that we can to support.”**

Sally Thomas,
Caritas Australia's
Humanitarian Emergencies
Lead for the Middle East.

www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey

The background image shows a damaged church building with rubble in the foreground, and people in blue uniforms working among the debris.