



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.

25th/26th February 2023 | First Sunday of Lent Year A

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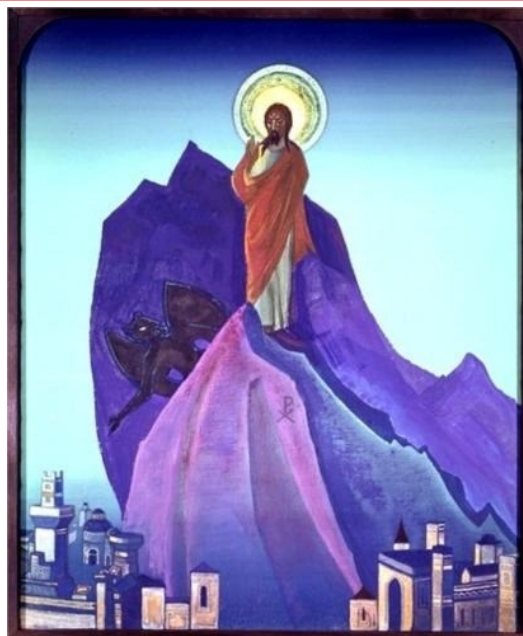
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The temptation of Christ, Nicholas Roerich.

The evil one tries to tempt Christ.

Dear friends,

Lent started last Wednesday and I was happy to see so many people turn up for Ash Wednesday Mass and to receive the ashes.

Lent prepares us for a new springtime, and even though in the Australia we are moving toward winter this holy season calls to mind the new life, growth, hope and change that should characterize this time of prayer, penance and conversion.

In these forty days of Lent, Mother Church vests herself simply in violet. We set aside many decorations such as flowers. After Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper until the Easter Vigil the Church will be completely bare. Then at the Easter Vigil as we gather in darkness we slowly come to experience and celebrate the new spring time, the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Lent is a good time to go to confession. Conversion of mind and heart starts with a good examination of conscience. Do not be afraid to embrace the merciful Lord in this sacrament.

Fr Josh will be away for the next two weeks.

Have a prayerful week...

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



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 Stations of the Cross (led by Fr Paul)

Wednesday

7.30am St Joseph's Rosebery

Thursday

7.00pm St Vincent de Paul, Redfern

Friday

8am Our Lady of Mt Carmel Waterloo
7.15pm Stations of the Cross, Redfern (led by lay
person)

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: Fr Brian Harris, Maria Elena Milson, Olive Burke, Hessel Hession

Anniversary: Bolivar Villavicencio (27/2), James Carey (28/2), Pedro Martinez (29/2)

Deceased: Rita Muffet, Jovita Basilio, Paiboon Pundmand, Domenico Verardo, 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	Lenette Carter
	Next	Bianca Rodrigo
7:30am	This	Stephanie Chow
	Next	Josette Merchant
9:00am	This	Terri Lumibao
	Next	Jenny Jago
11:00am	This	Sandra Truong
	Next	Sr Rosemary

*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

- ◆ **Stations of the Cross:** Tuesday after 5pm Mass at Waterloo (led by Fr Paul) & Friday 7.15pm at Redfern (led by a lay person)
- ◆ Saturday March 11 **Redfern Street Festival**, St Vincent's Church open 12pm -3pm
- ◆ **2023 Annual Parish Dinner Confirmed for Friday 2nd June 2023** 6pm-10pm at The Tea Room QVB. RSVP to Parish Office by 30th April.

Financial Update

Week Ending 19 February

First Collection	Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund	\$ 764
Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program/ does not incl tap& go)	Supports the Parish	\$ 650



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.



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





**Redfern Street
Festival
Saturday 11 March
St Vincent Church
open from 12pm-3pm**



Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box or set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations.**

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2023 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come.

As St Pope John Paul II said, **“The future starts today, not tomorrow.”**

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.



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COMPASSION**
FOR ALL FUTURE GENERATIONS



Stations of the Cross

“If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me”, Jesus said (Mt 16:24). As friends and disciples of Jesus it is important for us to contemplate how our own crosses relate to this call and to Jesus’ own Cross. An ancient devotion which helps us to do this is the Stations of the Cross. This practice originated from pilgrims to Jerusalem walking the “via Dolorosa” (way of sorrow) that Jesus walked from the place he was condemned to his place of execution. Throughout Lent you are invited to join us as Fr Paul leads us in an insightful meditation on the Stations of the Cross **after the 5pm Mass at Waterloo each Tuesday**. There will also be Stations of the Cross each **Friday at Redfern from 7.15pm** led by a lay person.

Altar servers

Last Sunday we welcomed two new altar servers, Roque Risteski and Alvaro Darmawan, serving at the 9am Mass at Rosebery. Thanks to our seminarian Mickey Rogers for his help training these two boys, Robert Balbi for all his guidance and support, and especially to both Roque’s and Alvaro’s parents for supporting their children’s interest in this ministry. Please keep Roque and Alvaro in your prayers as they enter into this important liturgical service. If you would like to know more about this ministry, please contact me on 0491 939 577 or mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au. Pax, Elizabeth



Hospitality roster – St Joseph’s ‘first Sunday’ morning teas

It is quite plain from the Gospels that Jesus thought it was very important to spend time with people over a meal where he shared not only food but friendship. So it has been a great joy to see more and more people put their hand up to support our monthly gatherings at St Joseph’s Rosebery after Mass on the first Sunday of the month. It is a great to welcome new people, reconnect with old friends, and be a true Christian family.

Thanks to the many generous people who have now agreed to be part of a roster for this ministry. Our next morning tea is on the **first Sunday of the month, 5 March**. The roster is as follows:

SET UP	FOOD
Bob Kanginan	Gina Saliba, Lisa Snashel, Catherine Thamrin, Andrew Kosasih, Mei Lin Chee
SERVE	PACK UP
Cristina Leontini Jenny Jago Mei Lin Chee	Cristina Leontini Jenny Jago Mei Lin Chee

And don’t worry, even though it’s not on the roster, Sr Rosemary will be there with her scones!

We’re always looking for people to join this ministry so please contact me if you would like to help out a few times a year with setting up, packing up, serving food, or bringing morning tea to share. 0491 939 577 on mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au. Pax, Elizabeth

Understanding Holy Week

A four-evening historical study of Jesus’ final days before His Passion

It’s not too late to register for our Lenten program in which we explore the historical and biblical meaning of what Jesus did each day from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday. We have two groups, one in person during the day and another at night on Zoom.

Tuesday 28 February, 7, 14 & 21 March 10.30-11.15am (St Joseph’s Meeting Room) **OR** 7.00-7.45pm (Zoom). Series is free. Registration essential. Registration/enquiries: Elizabeth on 0491 939 577 or mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au

Easter Raffle Donations Wanted!

Donate an Easter egg/Bunny/Bilby (etc.) or bottle of wine for our 2023 Easter Raffle. Donations will be made into hampers for a prize draw at Easter. Donations can be dropped off at the office or left at Mass. Queries? Call Ruth or Michelle at the parish office on 9353 6300 or email us at secretary@citysouthcatholic.org.au.



Project Good Samaritan

Items to donate in March: Pet food and accessories. Place donations in the wicker hamper at the back of the church.

2023 Annual Parish Dinner



Tickets are now available to purchase for our Annual Parish Dinner!

You will find registration forms at the rear of each church, it would be appreciated if you could fill out and return to the Parish Office or in a clearly marked envelope during collection at mass. Please RSVP by 30th April.

The Parish Dinner is subsidised so all can attend. Suggested contribution is \$50pp however we only ask you donate what you can afford. If you would like to contribute an additional donation to assist with costs this is also very welcome. Refer to the registration form for payment details.

We are looking forward to a wonderful night celebrating our parish and community.



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



Baptisms

We congratulate **Ella**, **Svea** and **Koah** on their baptisms at Rosebery on Sunday.

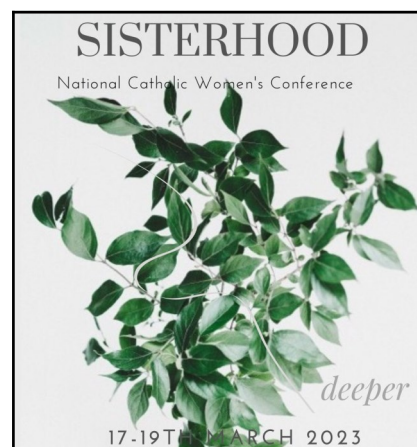
God bless each of you and your families.



Sisterhood Catholic Women's Conference

The Sisterhood conference is a weekend for women aged 18 + to grow in their faith and encounter a community of like minded Catholic women committed to their faith.

The conference will be held at The Tops Conference Centre at Stanwell Tops 17-19th March. This is a live in weekend. Places are limited. For more information visit www.sisterhood.org.au email info@sisterhood.org.au



Gospel Reflection

In each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke), after Jesus' baptism by John, Jesus is reported to have gone to the desert to fast and pray for 40 days. In each case, while in the desert, Jesus is tempted by the devil.

Matthew and Luke give more detail than Mark does, but each one tells how the devil tempts Jesus in the desert. In Matthew, as in Luke, the devil presents three temptations to Jesus. The devil tempts Jesus to use his power to appease his hunger; he tempts Jesus to put God's promise of protection to the test; and he offers Jesus all of the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will worship the devil. In each case, Jesus resists the temptation, rebuking the devil with words from Scripture.

The account of Jesus' temptation in the desert is filled with allusions and parallels to the Old Testament, including the story of the people of Israel. The Israelites spent 40 years wandering in the desert in Exodus, for example, and Jesus spends 40 days in the desert. As the Israelites were tempted during the Exodus, so too is Jesus tempted.

Each temptation offers insight into both God and the human condition. Jesus' rejection of the temptations shows that he will not put God to the test. Grounding himself on the word and authority of Scripture, Jesus rebukes the devil, confident in God's protection and faithfulness.

As we start our journey through Lent, our Sunday readings call us to adopt the same confidence that Jesus had in the face of temptation: God's word alone will suffice; God's promise of protection can be trusted; God alone is God.



OPEN DAYS

1 March 2023 3-5.30pm

23 March 2023 9-11am



OPEN DAY

2 March 2023

9.30am-11.00am

4.00pm-5.00pm



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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

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
I will deliver him and give him glory,
I will grant him length of days.

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

One does not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of
God.

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 Genesis

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death"?' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **(R.)**
3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **(R.)**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge,

and they will support you on their hands

in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,

and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.