



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 March 2023 | Third Sunday of Lent Year A

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Dear friends,

During the week I attended along with Bernard Ryan, Principal of St Joseph, and representatives from Sydney Catholic Schools a construction update. The new school building is progressing and should be complete at the end of November. When it is complete the parish will have access to the parking in the basement of the school. More information will be provided when the school opens. Until then I ask for your patience in the car park, courtesy and manners also helps. If you have a concern please see myself or Ruth. I want to encourage a safe place for all. When the school is complete it will have a hall and kiosk which will be available for parish use outside of school times. I am working on a plan with Sydney Catholic Schools for the kiosk as an evangelization opportunity.

Ruth and I also had a meeting with the architects as we plan for the refurbishment of our new Parish Centre at Waterloo, previously school admin building. We are also looking at some minor landscaping behind the church. The refurbishment will include a medium size hall and small meeting spaces to encourage hospitality and small groups. The building will be available for hire for approved groups and gatherings and catholic agencies.

In today's gospel the Woman at the Well speaks to us of our inner thirst for God. To understand the passage we need to consider the discrimination women faced. It is worth considering how much our world has change in regards to attitudes towards women. In a recent book called Awakening, by Joan Chittister:

“The fact is that two-thirds of the poor of the world are women, two-thirds of the illiterate of the world are women and two-thirds of the hungry of the world are women. Oppression of half the human race cannot be explained by accident. ... Women are most of the poor, most of the refugees, most of the uneducated, most of the beaten and most of the rejected of the world.”

“Moreover, Chittister highlights an irony that generally goes unrecognized and, worse still, is often used to camouflage our failure to accord women equal status. Here's the irony. Many of us nurture, consciously or unconsciously, an attitude that might aptly be called a romantic feminism wherein we over-idealize and over-exalt women and, ironically but understandably, by that very token end up denying them full equality. This is how Chittister puts it: “on no other class, surely has so much poetry, so much music, so many flowers, so much adulation, so much tolerance, so much romantic love and so little moral and intellectual, spiritual and human respect been lavished.” In essence, an over-idealization of women, tells them: you're so special and wonderful that you shouldn't be treated in same way as men!” (Ron Rolheiser OMI). As we marked International women's day during the week let us remember God created male and female in his image (Gen 1:27)



Have a happy week

Paul



*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

7.30am St Joseph, Rosebery

7.00pm Our Lady of Mt Carmel Waterloo

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: Sr Cecilia Keating rsj, Christina O'Connor, Warren Saunders, Joyce Jolley (sister of Sr Sheila Quonoey), Marie Murphy, Jan Corcoran

Anniversary: Francesco Cassaniti (14/3), Raymond Blackman (15/3), Graham Twitchings (16/3)

Deceased: Paola & Tony Conte, James Flowers, Domenico Verardo, Thelma, 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, John Cooley, John Gavan, Geraldine Carrington, Therese Mullaney, Manolito Agnilar


**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	David McConachie
	Next	Steven Belcastro
7:30am	This	Charlotte Buxton
	Next	Michael Burns
9:00am	This	Lisa Steel
	Next	Abbey 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.



Christina Mary O'Connor

September 27, 1925 - February 23, 2023

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 11th March**—Redfern Street Festival, St Vincent’s Church open 12pm-3pm
- ◆ **Sunday 19th March** – Parish and Preschool combined celebration for the Feast of St Joseph
- ◆ **Friday 2nd June**—6pm-10pm at The Tea Room QVB. RSVP by 30th April.
- ◆ **Sunday 10th September** – Parish Retreat Day. Save the date!

Financial Update

Week Ending 5 March

First Collection	Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund	\$ 730
Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program/ does not incl tap& go)	Supports the Parish	\$ 975



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.



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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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.

Parish Retreat Day – Save the Date!

Friends, please keep **Sunday 10 September 2023** free for our parish retreat day which will take place at St Joseph’s church and preschool after the 9am Mass. Stay tuned for exciting announcements coming up about speakers and program! Pax, Elizabeth

Gathering at Waterloo – thanks!

Last Saturday evening we had a wonderful gathering at Waterloo, welcoming new parishioners Amy and Chris, seeing old friends, and celebrating Ross’s birthday. Thanks to all who came and who helped to prepare and make everyone welcome. If you would like to join our hospitality ministry at Waterloo, please contact me on mission@sydneycitysouth.org.au or 0491 939 577. Pax, Elizabeth



Holy Week in Depth

Last week our two groups met again to study the history of Holy Week. In this session we looked at Holy Wednesday (also known as “Spy Wednesday”) and Holy Thursday, when the Passover was prepared and celebrated by Jesus and his disciples. As we approach Holy Week, if you would like to undertake this two-hour program, I will be offering an intensive version over two nights in or just before Holy Week. Contact me if you would like notification of the dates: mission@sydneycitysouth.org.au or 0491 939 577. Pax, Elizabeth

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.



Easter Triduum Singers Needed!

For the first time since 2019, we can assemble to rehearse hymns and responses for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil.

Rehearsals will be held in St Joseph's Church, Rosebery, on Wednesdays starting at 7:30pm. Ability to read music is helpful but not compulsory. All are welcome!

Last Sunday's morning tea - Rosebery

Last Sunday we had our 'first Sunday' morning teas at Rosebery after the 7.30am Mass, and the 9am Mass where we welcomed families from St Joseph's school. It was wonderful to see so many families and school staff join us that day. Our hospitality ministry did an absolutely marvellous job providing delicious food, and serving and welcoming the many who gathered after Mass. We also had some newcomers to our hospitality ministry who did a really fine job helping us to make our parish what it is – a spiritual family and a place of real friendship. Thanks to all who came along and who served. If you would like to join our hospitality ministry at Rosebery, please contact me on mission@sydneycitysouth.org.au or 0491 939 577. Pax, Elizabeth



Project Good Samaritan

March's call for donations to support
St Vincent De Paul, Redfern

Easter Eggs – large and small

Please deposit your eggs in the hampers at the back
of the church.



St Joseph's Preschool & Long Day Care
invite you to our

Parish Brunch

Sunday March 19 starting with 9am mass
Celebrating the Feast Day of
St Joseph

Brunch will follow at our centre
1A Kimberley Grove, Rosebery

We look forward to celebrating our community



DONATIONS NEEDED FOR 2023 PARISH EASTER RAFFLE!



Donate an Easter egg, bunny, bilby or a bottle of wine/bubbly
for our 2023 Easter Raffle. Raffle to be drawn at Easter Vigil
and all proceeds to go to Parish Outreach programs. Drop
your donation off at the Church during Mass time or to
Parish Office. More info? Call Parish Office 9353 6300.

Baptisms

We congratulate **Leo** and **Levi** on
their baptisms at Rosebery on Sunday and **Lucas** on
his baptism at Redfern on Sunday.

God bless each of you and your families.



It was great to see so many of you for our first Open Day/Meet the Teacher. Many thanks to Father Paul, who joined us in welcoming current and prospective families. A particular thanks to our student tour guides, who did an amazing job on the day. Our students are our best advocates, and it was great to hear them speak with such passion about their school. We have another Open Day coming up on Thursday 23rd of March, between

9-11am. Don't forget to mention us to your friends and neighbours.

The Mount Carmel Makeover:

The Mount Carmel school makeover has progressed with the painting and display boards of the interior stair. The bars have finally been removed from all the windows, and additional CCTV has been installed. We had a visit from Council last week regarding our application for the playground and general site upgrade. The Council visitors were very positive about the plans and we are looking forward to a successful outcome.

Marg Holles, Principal



INVITATION TO OUR ST JOSEPH'S FEAST DAY MASS



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



St Joseph's
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
ROSEBERY



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CITY SOUTH
PARISH**

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

On this Sunday and the next two Sundays, we break from reading the Gospel of Matthew to read from John's Gospel. The Gospel of John is the only Gospel not assigned to a particular liturgical year. Instead, readings from John's Gospel are interspersed throughout our three-year liturgical cycle.

In today's Gospel, the dialogue between Jesus and a woman from Samaria is among the most lengthy and most theological found in Scripture. The most startling aspect of the conversation is that it happens at all. Jesus, an observant Jew of that time, was expected to avoid conversation with women in public. The animosity between the Jews and the Samaritans should have prevented the conversation as well. The woman herself alludes to the break from tradition: "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" Yet Jesus not only converses with the woman, he also asks to share her drinking vessel, an action that makes him unclean according to Jewish law.

The initial conversation between Jesus and the woman is better understood if we consider the importance of water, especially in the climate of Israel. At first, the woman understands Jesus' promise of "living water" in a literal sense: "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." With no running water, the daily trip to the well by the women of the community was of paramount importance. The women of the town would have traveled to the well in the early morning, but this woman came to the well at noon, the hottest time of the day. The timing of her visit is a clear sign that she is an outcast within the Samaritan community. We learn in her conversation with Jesus that she is an outcast because of her "many husbands."

Behind the conversation lies the animosity and rivalry between the Jews and the Samaritans. Samaritans shared Jewish ancestry, but Samaritans had intermarried with foreigners when they lived under the rule of the Assyrians. Samaritan religion included worship of Yahweh, but was also influenced by the worship of other gods. When the Jews refused Samaritan help in the building of the Temple at Jerusalem, the Samaritans eventually built a temple for themselves at Mt. Gerizim (the same mountain mentioned by the woman at the well). Like the Jews, the Samaritans believed that a Messiah would come.

The high point of the conversation is when Jesus reveals himself to her as the Messiah. His answer to the Samaritan woman's questions about worship is meant to predict a time when worshiping in truth and spirit will become the way to worship.

After the conversation, the Samaritan woman becomes a disciple. Even though she is an outcast and not a Jew, she returns to her town to lead others to Jesus and to wonder whether she has found the Messiah. The Samaritan townspeople return with her to meet Jesus for themselves, and many are said to come to believe in him.

The significance of the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman has many levels. The first is personal: The woman is herself converted to belief in Jesus as Messiah because he knows her sin but speaks with her just the same. The second is social: Having come to know Jesus as the Messiah, the Samaritan woman becomes an evangelist to her own people.

The third level of the story is educational: Jesus uses his encounter with the Samaritan woman to teach his disciples that God's mercy is without limit. The disciples return from their shopping quite confused to find Jesus talking with a Samaritan, and a woman at that! But the conversion of the Samaritan townspeople is a foretaste of the kind of open community that will be created among those who believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

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Parts of the Mass

Entrance Antiphon

My eyes are always on the Lord,
for he rescues my feet from the snare.
Turn to me and have mercy on me,
for I am alone and poor.

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

For anyone who drinks it, says the Lord,

the water I shall give will become in him

a spring welling up to 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 Exodus

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

Responsorial Psalm

**(R.) If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' **(R.)**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world;
give me living water, that I may never thirst again.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and

Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

'If you only knew what God is offering
and who it is that is saying to you:

Give me a drink,

you would have been the one to ask,

and he would have given you living water.'

'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied:

'Whoever drinks this water

will get thirsty again:

but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give

will never be thirsty again:

the water that I shall give

will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.'

'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said:

'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming

when you will worship the Father

neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem.

You worship what you do not know;

we worship what we do know;

for salvation comes from the Jews.

But the hour will come – in fact it is here already –

when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth:

that is the kind of worshipper

the Father wants.

God is spirit,

and those who worship

must worship in spirit and truth.'

The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.'

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'