



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.

18th/19th March 2023 | Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A

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Dear friends,

The Feast of St Joseph is usually held on the 19 March and is not included in the Lenten fast. This year the liturgical feast has moved to Monday (which means an exception from fasting too!). However, we will celebrate one of our patrons on Sunday as we gather for Laetare Sunday which appropriately means *to rejoice*. The vestments for this Sunday are rose which evokes a sense of rejoicing.

Pope Francis wrote in his letter *Patris Corde* (with a fathers heart) that St Joseph was:

- ◆ A beloved, tender, obedient father
- ◆ Welcoming the will of God
- ◆ A creatively courageous father, example of love
- ◆ A father who teaches the value, dignity and joy of work
- ◆ A father “in the shadows,” centred on Mary and Jesus

May we find inspiration in St Joseph. May he pray for us.

After the 9am Mass our pre-school will be hosting a brunch in the learning spaces. Please join us if you can.



Please take note of the Holy Week and Triduum liturgies. As one parish I encourage you to come to where the liturgy is being held. Because larger crowds gather on Good Friday, the 3pm Liturgy of the Passion will be held in all three churches in the parish. There will be one parish Holy Thursday liturgy and one Easter Vigil liturgy. The Holy Week liturgies express in word, music and gesture the great mysteries of our faith. They are beautiful and rich, so come and participate in them. *But* know that they are long, especially the Easter Vigil. The liturgies will not be rushed and please don't say to me 'they are so long'. Jesus suffered for us, the least we can do is gather to remember his love allowing the beauty of the liturgy the time it needs.

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 St Vincent de Paul, Redfern (followed
by Reconciliation until 8pm)

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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Director: Lidia Krslovic

Jarjum School (Jesuits) Redfern
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PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Liz Galea, Sr Cecilia Keating rsj, Christina O'Connor, Warren Saunders, Joyce Jolley,

Anniversary: Alric Vokal (15/3), Nick Di Campli (18/3), Kenneth O'Halloran (18/3), Lisa Walsh (19/3), Jane Kerr (19/3), Rita Muffet (20/3), Ernesto & Rollee Lopez (24/3)

Deceased: Gino Mio, 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, 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	Steven Belcastro
	Next	Ika Sadeli
7:30am	This	Michael Burns
	Next	John Sciberras
9:00am	This	Abbey K
	Next	Amelia K
11:00am	This	Ana Vakauta
	Next	Sandra Truong

***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.



Rest In Peace

Alric Vokal

Born

7th August 1981

Born into Eternal Life

15th March 2022

Financial Update

Week Ending 12 March

First Collection	Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund	\$ 1026
Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program/ does not incl	Supports the Parish	\$ 912

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.

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)
- ◆ **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!

Baptisms

We congratulate **Lilly** and **Charlie** on their baptisms at Rosebery on Sunday God bless you both and your family.

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday 6 April:

7pm St Jospheh Church, Rosebery

Good Friday 7 April:

10am Stations of the Cross St Joseph's, Rosebery

3pm Liturgy of the Passion St Joseph's, Rosebery

3pm Liturgy of the Passion St Vincent de Paul, Redfern

3pm Liturgy of the Passion Our Lady of Mt Carmel Waterloo

7.30pm: Tenebrae Liturgy, Our Lady of Mt Carmel Waterloo*

Easter Vigil 8 April:

6.30pm Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Waterloo

Easter Sunday 9 April:

7.30am & 9.00am St Joseph's, Rosebery

**Tenebrae means 'in darkness' and is a prayer of the Church during the Triduum which uses candles, psalms and hymns to respectfully keep praying during the Easter Triduum. This liturgy will be celebrated for the first time on Good Friday at Our Lady of Mt Carmel Waterloo.*

Parish Retreat Day – Announcement!!!

It's my joy to let you know that our parish retreat day is going to be given by the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia. Back in 2008, the Dominican Sisters came to Sydney for World Youth Day. They made a big impact on the young people in Sydney and were asked to stay and begin a convent in Sydney. Since then, the community has grown, with many young Australian girls joining them and, after a period of formation in USA, returning to the convents in Sydney and Melbourne. They undertake a number of apostolates including teaching, working with parishes, assisting in formation of the seminarians, and university chaplaincy work. God has really blessed us through their agreement to lead our retreat, so I hope you will keep **Sunday, 10 September 2023** free to come along. More announcements about this in coming weeks! Pax, Elizabeth



Discussions with the St Vincent de Paul Centre, Redfern

Friends, as you know, over the last 6 months we have established a number of projects between our parish and the SVDP Centre, Redfern. These have included *Project Good Samaritan* where we donate one category of item per month requested by the Centre (see hamper at the back of each of our churches). Our collaboration also included *Christmas Volunteering* where ten of our parishioners volunteered to assist SVDP distribute toys and other Christmas items to parents in need of support. We are now in further discussions with the SVDP Centre, Redfern, to discern some other ways we can collaborate and work together. **Please keep this meeting in your prayers**, that we may really listen to the specific ways God is asking us to reach out in love to those around us. 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.



'First Saturday' Gathering at Waterloo

Please join our gathering after the 5pm Mass on **Saturday, 1 April** for great conversation and refreshments.

Roster for the next 'first Sunday' morning tea at Rosebery – Sunday, 2 April

7AM SET UP	FOOD	SERVE	PACK UP
Bob Kanginan	Cristina Leontini Mary Hidajat Dennis Timmins	Cristina Leontini Martin Kelly	Cristina Leontini Martin Kelly

Can you help? Please consider joining our roster. We are keen to find new volunteers who can provide food, serve or help with the set up and pack up. It really helps with planning and to prevent food wastage. You can volunteer as frequently as you like. Contact Elizabeth Arblaster, Pastoral Associate for Mission, on 0491 939 477 or mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au

A Review of Holy Week in Depth

This week we will host our last session of Holy Week in Depth. Closer to Easter, an intensive version of this course will be offered to those who have missed out. To know more about the course, check out this review from parishioner, Linda Clinch:

“In the hustle and bustle of our busy lives, the Holy Week program is a great opportunity to take a short time out to hear what God is inviting us to share in throughout the most holy of weeks in the Church’s calendar. The format of the program is video lead by an informed and easy to listen to speaker which Elizabeth facilitates and supports through excellent summaries. She is able to answer any questions and no question is a silly question. Highly recommended as the short time investment offers so much in return from a spiritual growth perspective.”

The dates of the new course will be discussed with those interested so we can try to find times that suit everyone. To express interest, contact Elizabeth Arblaster, Pastoral Associate for Mission, on 0491 939 477 or mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au

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!

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.

Are you a Graphic Designer?

Are you a graphic designer who has some time to serve God through volunteering your time and skill in the parish a few hours per month? If so, please contact Elizabeth Arblaster, Pastoral Associate for Mission, on 0491 939 477 or mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au

Gospel Reflection

As we did last week, we are reading today from the Gospel of John. In today's Gospel, the healing of the man born blind invites us to focus on the physical and spiritual aspects of sight and light. In the first part of today's Gospel, we hear Jesus' response to a prevalent belief of his time: that misfortune and disability were the result of sin. That belief is why Jesus is asked the question of whose sin caused the man's blindness—his own or his parents'. Jesus does not answer directly, but instead gives the question an entirely different dimension—through this man's disability, God's power will be made manifest. Jesus then heals the man.

The healing is controversial because Jesus heals on the Sabbath. The Pharisees, the religious authorities of Jesus' time, understood that the law of Moses forbade work (including healing) on the Sabbath. They also have trouble believing that Jesus performed a miracle. To determine whether the man was really born blind, the Pharisees question him and his parents. The man challenges the leaders of the synagogue about their assessment of the good that Jesus has done. In turn, they expel the man for questioning their judgment.

The final revelation and moment of enlightenment comes when the man born blind encounters Jesus again. Having heard the news of his expulsion, Jesus seeks out the man born blind and reveals himself to him as the Son of Man. In this moment, the man born blind shows himself to be a man of faith and worships Jesus. Jesus replies by identifying the irony of the experience of many who encounter Jesus: Those who are blind will now see, and those who think they now see will be found to be blind.

As in last week's Gospel about Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman, today's reading has many allusions to Baptism. The washing of the man in the pool of Siloam is a prototype for Christian Baptism. Through the man's encounter with Jesus, the man born blind is healed, his sight is restored, and his conversion to discipleship begins. The man born blind gradually comes to a greater understanding about who Jesus is and what it means to be his disciple, while the Pharisees (those who should see) are the ones who remain blind.

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We acknowledge the many Irish people in our parish and schools and wish you a very happy St Patrick's Day for last Friday.

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.

St Patrick's Breastplate

Table Blessing

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation:
You make us hunger and thirst for holiness.

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation:

You call us to true fasting:

to set free the oppressed,

To share our bread with the hungry,

And to shelter the homeless and cloth the naked.

**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

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

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

The Lord anointed my eyes: I went, I washed,
I saw and I believed in 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 first book of Samuel

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in

secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said:

Wake up from your sleep,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

whoever follows me will have the light of life.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored.

His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.'

They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man.

'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.