



# 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.

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Dear friends,

On the 2nd Sunday of Easter we celebrate God's Divine Mercy. St John Paul II in 2001 said: "The Heart of Christ! His "Sacred Heart" has given men everything: redemption, salvation, sanctification. St Faustina Kowalska saw coming from this Heart that was overflowing with generous love, two rays of light which illuminated the world. "The two rays", according to what Jesus himself told her, "represent the blood and the water" (Diary, p. 132). The blood recalls the sacrifice of Golgotha and the mystery of the Eucharist; the water, according to the rich symbolism of the Evangelist John, makes us think of Baptism and the Gift of the Holy Spirit (cf. Jn 3: 5; 4: 14).

Through the mystery of this wounded heart, the restorative tide of God's merciful love continues to spread over the men and women of our time. Here alone can those who long for true and lasting happiness find its secret.

"Jesus, I trust in you". This prayer, dear to so many of the devout, clearly expresses the attitude with which we too would like to abandon ourselves trustfully in your hands, O Lord, our only Saviour.

You are burning with the desire to be loved and those in tune with the sentiments of your heart learn how to build the new civilization of love. A simple act of abandonment is enough to overcome the barriers of darkness and sorrow, of doubt and desperation. The rays of your divine mercy restore hope, in a special way, to those who feel overwhelmed by the burden of sin.

Mary, Mother of Mercy, help us always to have this trust in your Son, our Redeemer. Help us too, St Faustina, whom we remember today with special affection. Fixing our weak gaze on the divine Saviour's face, we would like to repeat with you: "Jesus, I trust in you". Now and for ever. Amen."

For your general information according to Catholic Church (Latin Rite) discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of Orthodox or Oriental churches (canon 844 §3) if they attend our Mass. As children receive their first holy communion when they are baptized parents are entitled to give them a small portion of the sacred host.

Michael Galovic has completed a new Icon for the Adoration chapel at Rosebery entitled the Coronation of Mary Queen of Heaven. We look forward to receiving it in a few weeks time.



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



**Holy Week:**

Weekday Mass times:

**Monday**

7.30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion,  
Rosebery

**Tuesday**

5.00pm Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Waterloo

**Wednesday**

7.30am St Joseph's Rosebery

**Thursday**

7.30am St Joseph Rosebery

**Friday**

8.00am Our Lady of Mt Carmel Waterloo

**Normal Sunday Mass Times**

**Waterloo:** 5pm Sat Vigil

**Rosebery:** Sunday 7.30am & 9.00am.

Reconciliation @ Rosebery 8.30am.

**Redfern:** 11.00am

**Schools in Our Parish:**

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**PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**Recently Deceased:** John Cooley, Fr John Keeble

**Anniversary:** Enid Crow (16/4), Daniel Griffin-Bischell (16/4), George Marrett (18/4), Francis Camilleri (19/4), Leopold Martinez (19/4), Elliot Bennett (19/4), Rodolfo Rodriguez Jnr (21/4)

**Deceased:** John & Josephine Daniels, Warren Walker, Rachelda Verado, Edgard Caffari, Hazel Scott, Gino Mio, Linda Kemp (Prunie), Peter Ho, Marie Dashwood, 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 Rosenstrauss.

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

**Those who are sick:** Theresa Flores, Lourdes Lubrin, Emmi Moeljowati, Ignatius Suhadi Setio, June Elliot, 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 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.**

**READING ROSTER**

Mass		Readers
<b>5:00pm</b>	This	Bruce Strath
	Next	Lenette Carter
<b>7:30am</b>	This	Charlotte Buxton
	Next	Michael Burns
<b>9:00am</b>	This	Lisa Steel
	Next	Abbey K
<b>11:00am</b>	This	Ana Vakauta
	Next	Sr Esmey

**Financial Update**

**Week Ending 9 April**

<b>First Collection</b>	<b>Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund</b>	<b>\$ 1689</b>
<b>Second Collection</b> (includes Parish Giving Program/ does not incl tap& go)	<b>Supports the Parish</b>	<b>\$ 1796</b>

**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

- ◆ **Friday 2nd June - Annual Parish Dinner**, 6pm-10pm at The Tea Room QVB. RSVP by 30th April.

Get your tickets for this wonderful event, they are selling fast and it's sure to be a wonderful night.

- ◆ **Sunday 10th September –Parish Retreat Day**  
Save the date!

Everyone is warmly invited  
to attend our  
**Parish Foundation  
Day Mass  
and Morning Tea**



**Friday 28th April 2023  
at 10:00 am**

Our Lady Of Mount Carmel  
Catholic Church, Waterloo.  
(2 Kellick St, Waterloo NSW 2017)



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**St Joseph's**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ROSEBERY

## Baptism

We congratulate **Ally** on their baptism at Rosebery on Sunday. God bless you and your family.



## 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.





**St Joseph's School of Irish Dancing.**

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Looking for an inexpensive activity for your child?  
Irish figure dancing lessons are coming to the Parish  
of Sydney City South – the cheapest dancing lessons  
in Sydney.  
Come and join in the fun!  
An expression of interest is now being sort.



Irish dancing lessons will be held on Thursday afternoons commencing Term 2.  
Venue to be decided depending on enrolments-  
(Rosebery Parish Centre or OLMC Parish Centre)  
Come along and join in the fun.

Primary School classes held after school.  
3.15pm till 4.15pm  
(\$20 per Term)



Email Sr Rosemary for more information and enrolment form.  
[pastoral@citysouthcatholic.org.au](mailto:pastoral@citysouthcatholic.org.au)



Money supports the work of the sisters of St Joseph in Peru and East Timor.







# 'See, I am doing a new thing.' Isaiah 43:19

## The Growth of Jesus' Mission at Sydney City South

At the Parish of Sydney City South we are asking God to grow our mission. The mission of our parish is:

- ◆ to worship the God who loves us and gives us everything we have,
- ◆ share the good news of God's love and mercy both within and beyond our community (evangelise), and
- ◆ care for the poor through corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

We use the gifts of beauty, truth and love to undertake this mission, inviting people into relationship with God through our parish community

Over the past 9 months we have been discerning and establishing new groups and ministries to grow our mission here.

### An invitation to you

If you are new to the parish, or if you are looking for ways to deepen your relationship with God, or you have been considering how you or your family members could use their gifts to serve God and neighbour, here are some of the groups and activities you are invited to be a part of.

### Welcoming

Some new welcomers have joined our ranks, to help make our parish a friendly and welcoming place.



### Hospitality Ministry

At each of our churches we have a monthly gathering after Mass. Hospitality teams at each church bring and serve food and make all feel welcome. The schedule for our gatherings are:

- ◆ Waterloo - first Saturday after 5pm Mass
- ◆ Rosebery - first Sunday mornings teas after 7.30am and 9.00am Mass
- ◆ Redfern - fourth Sunday morning tea after 11am Mass



### Adult Faith Formation

In recent months we have offered a Lenten series, *Holy Week in Depth*, in person and online. We have also undertaken Bible study. In coming months we will be offering:

- ◆ A short series to help us understand why we do what we do at Mass, and
- ◆ A series on prayer for those who want to start or deepen their prayer life

## Altar Service

Two children from our parish, Roque and Alvaro, have undertaken their apprenticeship as altar servers over recent months, learning all the important responsibilities of serving the Mass. If you would like to know more about how your child can be involved in this greatly enriching way to serve in the Mass, contact Elizabeth, details below.



## Project Good Samaritan - non-perishable food items for toddlers and children.

As we head into winter and with the rising cost of living, St Vincent's De Paul has experienced a significant increase in families reaching out for food support. Unfortunately, this increase in requests has meant that the pantry stock of food suitable for toddlers and children has diminished, and they have been unable to replenish stock to support the volume of requests.

So, for the next three months, our Parish will dedicate our Project Good Samaritan efforts to collecting *non-perishable food items for toddlers and children.*

Items for donation may include:

Breakfast cereals, long-life milk and dairy products, school lunch spreads and snacks, pasta/rice, quick meals such as spaghetti/macaroni and cheese, canned fruit, and small juice drinks.

These items can be left in the hampers at the back of the church and will be collected weekly.

As always, thank you for your generosity.



## Parish Retreat Day

On **Sunday 10 September**, our parish retreat will be given by the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia. All are welcome.



## Play Group

Sydney City South and St Joseph's Primary School are collaborating on a play group starting in May. For more information, contact Elizabeth.

## EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND OUR ST JOSEPH'S COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP



Tuesday- 9th May, 9-10 am  
Tuesday- 23rd May, 9-10 am  
Tuesday- 6th June, 9-10 am  
Tuesday- 20th June, 9-10 am

**St Joseph's Catholic Church  
Parish Office, Rosebery.  
(74 Rosebery Ave, Rosebery NSW 2018)**



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The Gospels tell us that Jesus appeared to the disciples on several occasions after they discovered that his tomb was empty. Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit but in bodily form. The bodily form was not one that the disciples recognized though. In John's Gospel, Mary of Magdala does not recognize that the figure standing before her is Jesus until he speaks to her. In Luke's Gospel the disciples who meet Jesus on the road to Emmaus do not recognize him until he breaks bread with them. The resurrected Jesus had a physical presence, but the disciples couldn't recognize Jesus unless he allowed them to. His resurrected body, nonetheless, showed the marks of his crucifixion.

From readings such as today's Gospel, we also see that in his resurrected body, Jesus seems to be free of physical constraints. He appears to the disciples despite the fact that the doors were locked.

Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit. In doing so, Jesus commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." During the meeting, Jesus also shows the integral connection between forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

The story of Thomas illustrates our Christian experience today: We are called to believe without seeing. In fact, all Christians after the first witnesses have been called to believe without seeing. Thomas's doubt is hardly surprising; the news of Jesus' appearance was incredible to the disciples who had seen him crucified and buried. Thomas's human nature compelled him to want hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to the disciples after his death was indeed the same Jesus who had been crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to act on that desire. He is our witness that Jesus is really risen.

Our faith is based on the witness of the Church that has preceded us, beginning with Thomas and the first disciples. Through Baptism we receive the same Holy Spirit that Jesus brought to the first disciples. We are among those who are "blessed" because we believe without having seen.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Francis Cooley, who was buried from St Joseph church Rosebery on Thursday. John was an active member of the parish for 50 years. He was an acolyte, member of the St Vincent de Paul Society, secular Franciscan and a member of the Catholic Bushwalking Association. John was loyal, honest and a man of prayer and thoughtfulness. He was also a man who loved to bake! He made many award winning cakes. We will miss John and pray for his eternal repose. We extend to Michael, Damien, Louise, Andrew and Paul and their families our deepest condolences and prayers.



I shared this little story about the power of memory at the funeral about grief by Henri Nouwen:

"Real grief is not healed by time. It is false to think that the passing of time will slowly make us forget her and take away our pain. I really want to console you in this letter, but not by suggesting that time will take away your pain, and that in one, two, three, or more years you will not miss her so much anymore. I would not only be telling a lie, I would be diminishing the importance of mother's life, underestimating the depth of your grief, and mistakenly relativizing the power of the love that has bound mother and you together for forty-seven years. If time does anything, it deepens our grief. The longer we live, the more fully we become aware of who she was for us, and the more intimately we experience what her love meant for us. Real, deep love is, as you know, very unobtrusive, seemingly easy and obvious, and so present that we take it for granted. **Therefore, it is often only in retrospect — or better, in memory — that we fully realize its power and depth.** Yes, indeed, love often makes itself visible in pain. The pain we are now experiencing shows us how deep, full, intimate, and all-pervasive her love was."

## Parts of the Mass

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### Entrance Antiphon

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God,  
who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

### Penitential Rite

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

**OR**

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

*And, striking their breast, they say:*

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
all the Angels and Saints,  
and you, my brothers and sisters,  
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### Gloria

Gloria to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

### Nicaean Creed

I believe in one God,

the Father almighty,

maker of heaven and earth,

of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,

the Only Begotten Son of God,

born of the Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,

and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,

he suffered death and was buried,

and rose again on the third day

in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory

to judge the living and the dead

and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins

and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Holy Holy (Sanctus) 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

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,

and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

## PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL

(Promulgated by Pope Leo XIII)

St. Michael the Archangel defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl through the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

# Liturgy of the Word

## A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
his love is everlasting.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' **R**
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling  
but the Lord was my helper.  
The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.  
There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just. **R**
3. The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. **R**

## A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious

than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

## Gospel

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.'

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him:

'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.