



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.

20th/21st May 2023 | The Ascension of the Lord Year A

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Dear friends

The Holy Land pilgrimage has come to a close. What an amazing two weeks it has been. The highlight this week was a Mass in the Holy Sepulchre (see photo). This was not planned but spontaneous! I was in the Holy Sepulchre and simply asked the Friars if I could concelebrate the 7am Mass. During the consecration only myself and the presider were in the Sepulchre. The people gather outside. At the words of consecration I began to cry so overcome with the presence of Christ. The Sepulchre is the empty tomb of Christ, with the stress on the empty for he is risen!

The second highlight was our meeting with the Patriarch at Dier Rafat where the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre funded renovations to the retreat centre. It was an honour to be with the Patriarch, Australian ambassador to Israel and the local Sisters. Myself and another member also received our pilgrimage shell from the Patriarch.

The Christians in the Holy Land need our support. I encourage you to visit the Holy Land.

Fr Josh has organised a bus for the Corpus Christi procession on 11 June. This is a wonderful way to give witness to your faith. Seats are limited on the bus, so please register through the parish office.

Paul



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



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

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Theresa Pace, Jill Collins

Anniversary: Gelacio Jebulan (20/5), Marko Krslovic (26/5) , Michael Poulton (27/5)

Deceased: Cathleen Rodrigo, Rachelda Verardo, Miriam & Paula McGill, Gino Mio, Teresa Galea, Egizia Caffari, Mary Caffari, Annie Poulton, Ron Thew, Aldora Quintal, Thelma, Arthur & Janice Gray, Ethel & George Gray, Bill & Pat Clarke, John & Eileen Dennett, Arthur & Edna Dennett, Sydney & Violet Green, Hazel Holly, Arthur & Rose Dennett, John and 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: Marg Holles, Cherry Ermita Dela Cruz, 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.

Friendly reminder: In accordance with the Sydney Archdiocese privacy policies and State and Federal laws—if you are wanting a living person's name to be published in the bulletin, we require their written permission.

Donations can be made via website or given to Fr Paul directly.

READING ROSTER

	Mass	Readers
5:00pm	This	Therese Poulton
	Next	Lenette Carter
7:30am	This	Stephanie Chow
	Next	Michael Burns
9:00am	This	Lisa Steel
	Next	Abbey K
11:00am	This	Ana Vakauta
	Next	Ana Vakauta



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

- ◆ **Friday 2nd June - Annual Parish Dinner**, 6pm-10pm at The Tea Room QVB.
- ◆ **Sunday 10th September –Parish Retreat Day**
Save the date!

CHARISMS
THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
Unleashed

Begin the path to discovering your charisms!

Join Sherry Weddell, international speaker and acclaimed author, for an evening dedicated to exploring the power of the Holy Spirit working in our lives and renewing the Church for mission.

Monday 22 May 2023
Liverpool

Wednesday 24 May 2023
Strathfield

REGISTER ONLINE AT
<https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/>
Tickets: \$30 each + booking fee

GO MAKE DISCIPLES

Financial Update

Week Ending 14 May

First Collection	Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund	\$ 898
Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program/ does not incl tap& go)	Supports the Parish	\$ 718

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.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

WALK WITH CHRIST

2023

SUNDAY 11 JUNE

FESTIVAL:
Martin Place from 1:00PM

PROCESSION:
Begins at 2:30PM sharp.
Corner of Martin Place and Pitt St

WWW.SYDNEYCATHOLIC.ORG/WALKWITHCHRIST

Walk With Christ 2023

At **1:15pm Sunday 11 June** our parish will be joining every other parish in Sydney to pilgrimage with Jesus in the Eucharist through the streets of Sydney from Pitt St to the Cathedral in the **Annual Walk with Christ** procession. By doing so we will be entering into an over 800-year old tradition of accompanying Jesus, held up high by the Archbishop, through the streets of our city, interceding for all the poor, suffering and anguished of our city, as well as bringing our own special big intentions. The parish is providing a **free 28-seat bus** from and back to St Joseph's Rosebery, so transport will be a cinch. We will also have our own parish banner to highlight to all the marchers and media that our parish is marching. The bus **departs St Joseph's Rosebery at 1:15pm sharp**, and at the end of the afternoon will **leave St Mary's Cathedral at 4:45pm** to bring us back to Rosebery. Marchers are encouraged to bring a bottle of water, something for the wind, something for the rain, a hat, your rosary beads - and a joyful heart! **Places are limited**, so to book your place please call or email the parish office on 9353 6300 or secretary@citysouthcatholic.org.au with your name and mobile number. Fr Josh.

Mt Carmel Place

Sydney City Council is proposing to name the private road that runs from Kellick Street in front of the church in Waterloo Park, Mount Carmel Place.

The name recognises the long historical association of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church and School with the communities of Waterloo. The school and church have provided educational facilities and a place of worship to the local community since the 1850s.

In 2021 the parish priest requested that the road be officially named. The road provides access to the rear of the school and the priest's residence. It is important it's officially named to ensure it's easy for emergency services to find.

Council resolved at its meeting on 27 March 2023 to seek community feedback on the proposed name. This is the first step in officially naming the road.

In line with Geographical Names Board of NSW policies, we're proposing to name the road Mount Carmel Place instead of Mount Carmel Way.

Please support this proposal by going to

<https://www.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/policy-planning-changes/your-say-proposed-name-mount-carmel-place-waterloo>

Fr Paul

Parish Retreat Day

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

Raffle – Annual Parish Dinner: Donations Needed

It is that time of year and we are calling for donations for our annual Raffle. Can you donate a prize?

Suggestions for donations:

Wine/Champagne

Chocolates etc

Gift Vouchers

If you know or own a local business who would like to donate a prize we would also be greatly appreciative. Donations can be dropped off at Mass or via the Parish Office. Questions or queries contact Ruth: manager@citysouthcatholic.org.au or 9353 6300.

Volunteer Gardeners Needed!

Mary MacKillop Place, situated in North Sydney, accessible by public transport, is currently seeking enthusiastic volunteer gardeners.

Are you someone who enjoys being surrounded by nature's beauty while spending time outdoors? Mary MacKillop Place is a welcoming sacred space, a unique oasis away from the hustle and bustle of the city. Our extensive and stunning gardens are an essential part of this peaceful spiritual haven.

We are currently seeking volunteers to help us maintain these beautiful gardens. No prior gardening experience is necessary, and all the training, supplies and support you need will be provided.

If you are someone who would welcome the opportunity to garden, be it for couple of hours, a day or two a week or fortnight, we need you!

Please contact Sr Annie Bond, Ministry & Mission Manager or email annie.bond@mmp.org.au.



SMC 'BACK TO THE BEACH' CONCERT

*Live at St Brigid's Church, Coogee
Sunday June 4th, 2pm
Tickets: \$35*

HOW TO BOOK:
www.trybooking.com/GIAGY
www.sydneymalechoir.com/concerts
or at the door



Prayer is the exchange of two thirsts, and thus a loving relationship with God

By Fr Jeff Kirby

As Christians, we are called to be a people of prayer. Often-times, prayer is solely associated with asking things of God. While supplication is a part of prayer, it has always been seen as one of the lower forms of prayer. And even then, supplication has to be made in the right spirit.

Once something like this is said, people have sometimes asked, “If prayer isn’t about asking for something, what is it? And what’s the point?”

Both questions indicate a deep need for clarity and some biblical instruction on what prayer is and why it is absolutely important to our lives as children of God.

In trying to compose a definition of prayer, we can turn to the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The fourth of its four parts is completely on prayer and is a rich synthesis of the Church’s spiritual treasury, and as such serves as a great resource on the spiritual life.

In going to the fourth part of the Catechism, the Church begins her teaching on prayer under the subtitle, “Prayer as God’s gift.” This alone is worthy of reflection. It sets things on the right course from its very genesis. Prayer comes from God.

So often we can think that our response to prayer is a gift we give ourselves, or even a gift we give to God. But we are told that, first and foremost, prayer is a gift from God to us. It comes from the heart of God.

It is for this reason that the Catechism continues and teaches us: “... humility is the foundation of prayer, only when we humbly acknowledge that ‘we do not know how to pray as we ought,’ are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer.”

The heart that desires to respond to the gift of prayer, therefore, must be a humble heart. Such a soul must have what the Lord Jesus lived and called “a poverty of spirit.” We must acknowledge that we have nothing to offer, no bargaining chip, no dog in the fight, nothing. We come before God with empty hands, as the Catechism asserts; “Man is a beggar before God.”

After asserting that prayer is God’s gift to us, the Catechism continues and moves its teachings on prayer within the context of the encounter of the Lord Jesus with the Samaritan Woman at Jacob’s Well. The Lord Jesus enters Samaria and, tired from his journeys, rests at the famous well. The apostles leave to find food, and a sole woman of the region approaches.

It is afternoon and so it is clear that the woman is an outcast, since women traditionally drew water in the early mornings or evenings when the sun was down. The woman came to draw water in the heat of the day because she was not welcomed among the other women.

As the woman approaches, the Lord Jesus begins to speak to her. The conversation is the longest recorded conversation in the gospel books between the Lord and one person.

The Lord Jesus initiates the interaction by asking for something to drink.

The Catechism describes the scene in a dramatic fashion: “The wonder of prayer is revealed beside the well where we come seeking water: there, Christ comes to meet every human being. It is he who first seeks us and asks us for a drink. Jesus thirsts; his asking arises from the depths of God’s desire for us.”

It is the Lord Jesus who shows vulnerability to the woman. He is thirsty and she has come to draw water. By revealing his own docility, he creates an arena where the woman, who was subject to rejection and is defensive, can let her own guard down and show her own weakness and frailty. It is the disclosure of God’s thirst for us that allows us to confidently show him our own thirst for him.

In a mind-blowing definition of prayer, this portion of the Catechism concludes by teaching us: “Whether we realize it or not, prayer is the encounter of God’s thirst with ours. God thirsts that we may thirst for him.”

And so, what is prayer? It is the meeting of two thirsts. Why is it important? Because the exchange of such thirsts is the beginning of a loving relationship between ourselves and God. It is the regular, supernatural reminder that we are loved.

Sign up for the Morning Offering with Father Kirby and receive daily spiritual encouragement sent right to your inbox every morning.

<https://cruxnow.com/author/fr-jeff-kirby>

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.

Gospel Reflection

Focusing the Gospel

Key words and phrases: went to Galilee, Jesus had ordered them, Go, all nations, until the end of the age

To the point: On the morning of his resurrection, nearing the end of his earthly life, Jesus orders the disciples back to Galilee where he had inaugurated his saving mission. The disciples are to begin where Jesus did, doing what Jesus did, but without geographical or temporal limits: their mission is to "all nations" and continues "until the end of the age." In effect, then, Jesus commissions not only those first disciples but all those through the ages who come to know and believe in him. Jesus chooses to complete his work of salvation through us. We must choose to take up his Great Commission.

Connecting the Gospel ...

... to the First Reading: Jesus makes clear in his words to his disciples before the ascension that, far from abandoning them, he will send the Holy Spirit to empower them to be witnesses to his saving work.

... to experience: We mistakenly think that the ascension pertains only to Jesus. The liturgy communicates the ascension's significance for us: "he ascended, not to distance himself from our lowly state but that we, his members, might be confident of following where he, our Head and Founder, has gone before" (Preface I of the Ascension of the Lord).

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Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2023

Please keep the children preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in your prayers as they continue their lessons led by Sr Rosemary.

The Celebration of First Holy Communion will be held this year on:

Saturday 10th June 5.00pm Vigil - Waterloo

Sunday 11th June 9.00am – Rosebery

Sunday 11th June 11.00am - Redfern



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)



St Joseph's
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Parts of the Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, 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

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

Behold, I am with you always,

even to the end of the age, 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

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

Responsorial Psalm

R God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **R**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **R**
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **R**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'