



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.

8th & 9th July 2023 | 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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Dear friends,

This Sunday at 9.00am Mass at Rosebery Bishop Danny Meagher DD will install two parishioners as acolytes for our parish. We congratulate Tom Raguz and Andrew Kosasih. The ministry of acolyte is a liturgical and pastoral role. They assist the priest (or deacon) at Mass and are able to expose the Blessed Sacrament, distribute Holy Communion as well as take Communion to the sick if needed. Both Tom and Andrew have done safeguarding and liturgical training with the Archdiocese and have a Working With Children Check. I thank

Tom and Andrew for their generosity and service. It may inspire others to apply to this ministry! Please join us for morning tea with Bishop Danny Meagher following the 9am Mass at St Joseph's this Sunday

The Farewell for Fr Josh will be after the 5pm Vigil Mass on 15 July. At this Mass we will also celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Mt Carmel which is usually held on the 16th July. Enrolment in the Scapular will be available before Mass. Please see Fr Paul.

On the feast of St James - apostle, martyr, and patron of pilgrims – we will have a special gathering in the evening to pray for the mission of the parish. More details next week. Save-the-date.

Thank you to all the wonderful people who devote time to providing food, serving and welcoming people at our morning teas and gatherings across our three churches.

We have a range of beautiful children's missals which you can borrow during Mass to help your child pray the Mass. Please see Elizabeth or Sr Rosemary at the back of the church before 9am Mass at St Joseph's to borrow a Missal.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, 23 July 2023

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 Mass 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:

Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Waterloo
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Principal: Mrs Marg Holles

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Director: Faye-Maree Genovezos

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117 Redfern Street

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Principal: Katherine Zerounian

*Next Sunday at the 9am Mass
Bishop Danny will celebrate the
installation of two new acolytes.*

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Doug Murray, Christopher Wilson, Lucie de Vries, Pat Garbett, Marilyn Manton, Brian Manton

Anniversary: John Barnaby Rawlinson (27/6), Kevin Kennedy (1/7), Patricia Chuah (6/7)

Deceased: Raymond & Dorothy Blackman, Gino Mio & Mio Family, Joseph & Rose Lia, Paula & Miriam McGill, 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: Maria Tsiailis, Cherry Ermita Dela Cruz, Theresa Flores, Lourdes Lubrin, Emmi Moeljowati, June Elliot, Lyndall Storey, 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.
secretary@citysouthcatholic.org.au.

READING ROSTER

Mass		Readers
5:00pm	This	Lenette Carter
	Next	Bianca Rodrigo
7:30am	This	John Sciberras
	Next	Stephanie Chow
9:00am	This	Amelia K
	Next	Terri Lumibao
11:00am	This	Sr Esmey
	Next	Sandra Truong



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

- ◆ 15th July - Farewell to Fr Josh after Vigil Mass
- ◆ 16th July - Feast of Our Lady of Mt Carmel
- ◆ Sunday 10th September –Parish Retreat Day
Save the date! Our parish retreat will be given by the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia. All are welcome.

Financial Update

Week Ending 2 July

First Collection	Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund	\$ 743
Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program/ does not incl tap& go)	Supports the Parish	\$ 682

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.

Parish Giving Program

FY2024 Parish Giving Program.

We invite you to join our Parish Giving Program. Contributions to this program can be via cash in supplied envelopes (in the second collection) or by a set monthly credit card deduction. At the end of the financial year our program members will receive a receipt showing their contribution for the year.

In the FY2024 year we can offer a 100% tax deduction on your contributions to this program. Please note for administrative reasons we can only offer the deduction on giving via the program.

It is the contributions of our community that fund our Parish via your generosity in the second collection and Parish Giving Program. Your contributions fund the maintenance and upkeep of our buildings, parish programs, outreach and much more! We are so grateful for your support.

If you have any questions about giving please contact us at email above or at the Parish Office: 9353 6300

NOTE: If you are already part of the Parish Giving program you do not need to register again. Your enrollment continues until we are otherwise notified.

FY2024 Envelopes

For our Program members who have selected the cash option your envelopes will be available at the back of the Church (originally selected on your form) from this weekend. If you cannot find your envelopes let us know and we will ensure it is sent to the right church for you.

FY2023 Tax Receipts

In FY23 we were able to offer an 80% tax deduction. Receipts will be sent by mail this week. Tax receipts have been mailed out this week unless you requested your receipt via email.



**Have you
thought?
Thank God!**

Jesus' quite intimate words to the Father in today's passage carry with them an enormous amount of relief and perhaps released frustration. It is almost a cry of 'Thank God!' for his disciples have finally 'got it'. Jesus blesses the Father for revealing the truth to these simple men whom Jesus had chosen to follow him. The men Jesus chose as disciples were not following another rabbi and so had not been the very best students from their village. They had the education of most children but nothing more – otherwise they would have been following someone else!

Prayer Intentions Group on WhatsApp

An important Spiritual Work of Mercy undertaken by Christians is to pray for the living and the dead. Each of us knows the extraordinary comfort and help we receive from the prayers of others. Therefore, our parish has established a WhatsApp Group to pray for intentions. Each week we share particular prayer intentions the group has been asked to pray for, and we each commit to praying for those intentions throughout the week. We only share intentions that we have permission to share. If you would like to join this work of mercy text your (1) Christian name, (2) Surname and (3) address to Elizabeth Arblaster, Pastoral Associate for Mission, on 0491 939 577.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated this year on Friday 1st September at 6.30pm by Bishop Danny Meagher DD

Registration forms are available at the parish office or on our Parish website.

Information Night Thursday 27 th July 7.00pm <u>Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church Waterloo</u>		
Rite Of Enrolment Mass Any Mass on Weekend of 29 th /30 th July		
Depending on the number There may be two groups – max of 10 in each group		
	Wednesday Group 1 at 7pm Rosebery	Tuesdays Group 2 at 7pm Waterloo
Lesson 1	2 nd August	1 st August
Lesson 2	9 th August	8 th August
Lesson 3	16 th August	15 th August ****
Lesson 4	23 rd August	22 nd August
Practice / Reconciliation	30 th August	Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Waterloo
Confirmation Mass	Friday 1st September	Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Waterloo

Project Good Samaritan

For the next few weeks, we will continue our toiletries drive for the homeless, victims of domestic violence and those in our community in need of our help.

Items to donate include toothpaste and toothbrush, soaps or body wash, shampoo and conditioner, hairbrush or comb, deodorants, tissues or wipes.



I have been informed that the greatest need at present is shampoo and conditioner and soap and body wash however all toiletries are gratefully accepted.

For those who wish to continue to donate food, please do so and we will deliver to the Team. Again, thank you all for your ongoing support.

Vanessa Madunic

Project Good Samaritan Co-Ordinator

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



Tuesday 25th July
 Thursday 10th August
 Tuesday 22nd August
 Thursday 7th September
St Joseph's Catholic Church
Parish Office, Rosebery
(74 Rosebery Ave, Rosebery NSW 2018)



St Joseph's
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
ROSEBERY



**SYDNEY
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PARISH**

The Mission of the Church

There are three aspects of the mission of the Church: to worship God, to care for the poor, and to proclaim the good news (evangelise). These three aspects are an expression of what Jesus identified as the two most important commandments: love of God and love of neighbour (Matthew 24:36-40).

Worship

Today, let's consider worship. Worship comes from an old English word **worth-ship** (*wearthscipe*). It means what is of highest worth to you. What you worship is: what you value the most, serve the most, love the most.

Jesus said we are called to worship God above anything or anyone else: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment" (Matthew 24:37-38).

Fake gods

The reality is, everyone in this world worships *something*. And people can turn all kinds of things into their "god".

Sometimes what people value most highly is **power, popularity and pleasure**. These *seem* to promise to alleviate our suffering and vulnerability. They are the three fake gods that Jesus rejects in the desert when he was tempted by Satan. Not only are these gods not enough for the human person but, when we worship them, we can sacrifice everything and everyone to the "god" of my career, my addiction, my pleasure, my reputation, my status, my ego, etc.

Sometimes what people value most highly is **a good thing in their life which they turn into a god**: children, spouse, health, youth, fitness, talents, possessions. This can't work because while these things are good, they are not God. They cannot in themselves satisfy the longings of the human heart for, as St Augustine realised, "you have made us for yourself, O God, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you".

Worshipping God changes us

Worshipping God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit has a different effect on us:

It grounds my sense of self-worth in a God who loves me, made me in his image and likeness, and forgives me. No one can take this away from me. Nothing can separate me from this love (Romans 8:38). Every other person is also loved by God in this way.

I realise that every single gift in my life is from God: life itself, the people who love me and whom I love, the natural world, my talents, and more. All is a gift from God to me. This creates in me a **deep joy and gratitude** and a desire to respond to his generosity.

Realising I am so loved and valued, **I want to get to know God**. I want to spend time with him, talk to him, listen to him. This happens in communal prayer, the sacraments, and private prayer.

As I get to know God, I trust him more, I come to realise that he knows me better than I know myself. He knows what I need and what will fulfil me. I become more open to what he asks of me and, like Jesus, I pray "thy will be done" (Matthew 6:10).

Who do I love and worship?

Who we love and worship in affects all our actions. This meditation, often attributed to Fr Pedro Arrupe SJ, explains what happens when we love God with all our heart:

"Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything."

Let us pray we are led into a deeper love of God.

Pax,

Elizabeth Arblaster, Pastoral Associate for Mission

STATEMENT FROM THE AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS



As a vote on an Indigenous Voice to Parliament nears, Australia's bishops have encouraged Catholics to read and discuss the Uluru Statement from the Heart – the document from which the Voice proposal emerged.

During their plenary meeting in Sydney this week, the bishops considered how they might assist Catholics in preparing for the referendum to enshrine the Voice to Parliament in the Constitution, with a vote due in the second half of 2023.

While the bishops – based on a decision they took in May 2022 – will later this year issue their annual Social Justice Statement on the place of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Australian society, they decided to issue a statement at this point in the referendum process.

The bishops argued that the fact First Nations Peoples have lived in Australia for many thousands of years but their custodianship of the land isn't mentioned in the Constitution is “an omission which needs to be rectified”.

A Voice to Parliament isn't the only way to achieve that outcome, the bishops wrote, but it “is the way requested by those who gathered at the historic meeting at Uluru”.

“This could be a significant step towards a more just and equitable Australia,” the statement says.

“We want to encourage all Australians to educate themselves as well as possible concerning the proposal to establish the Voice.

“This is an important moment in the history of the nation, and it can help us to move towards a deep and just reconciliation. It also offers a mechanism to improve the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples.”

The bishops call for a meaningful debate on the issue, acknowledging that “people may, in good faith, have differing concerns and perspectives”.

“We are an open democracy, and this is a moment to use our democratic institutions to produce a high-quality debate shaped by a genuine concern to do justice and bring healing to First Nations Peoples,” they wrote.

“We ask those drafting the changes to the Constitution to work together in a spirit of cooperation, so that the proposal presented to the Australian people will appeal to a wide range of the population.”

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference endorsed the Uluru Statement from the Heart in 2021, with the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia taking the same step last year.

The bishops encouraged Catholic parishes, schools and agencies to arrange opportunities for people to read the document and have discussions about their response to its key messages.

Read the full statement at: <https://bit.ly/BishopsVoice>

Access the Uluru Statement at: <https://ulurustatement.org/the-statement/view-the-statement/>

Parts of the Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

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

Taste and see that the Lord is good;

blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

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 prophet Zechariah

The Lord says this:

‘Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!
Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!
See now, your king comes to you;
he is victorious, he is triumphant,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will banish chariots from Ephraim
and horses from Jerusalem;
the bow of war will be banished.
He will proclaim peace for the nations.
His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,
from the River to the ends of the earth.’

Responsorial Psalm

R I will praise your name for ever,
My king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.. **R**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures . **R**

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **R**

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A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do

live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus exclaimed, ‘I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ‘Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.’
‘If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.’

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Jewish education

Education in Galilee at the time of Jesus was highly valued. From the age of five, all boys and girls studied to memorise in totality the five books of the Torah (the first five books of the Bible). This period of study was called Beth Sefer. From about 10-14 they continued studying and memorising the remaining books of scripture (Beth Talmud). From about 14 or 15, only the very best students would enter Beth Midrash and apply to a rabbi to become his talmid – disciple – and seek to take on that rabbi's yoke.

