



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.

12th & 13th August 2023 | 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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Dear friends,

Lord, Save me!

This most striking line in today's Gospel reminds me that without the Lord I will sink. We often sink when we give into the temptation of *spiritual worldliness* as Pope Francis calls it. "Spiritual worldliness, which hides behind the appearance of piety consists in seeking not the Lord's glory but human glory and personal well-being." I will talk more about this in my homily this week. By invoking once again the words of St Peter, "Lord, save me", we are intentionally asking God to help

us live our faith and religion with a deeper sense of fidelity and authenticity that goes beyond mere appearances and is grounded in giving glory to God. When we align our hearts and minds to the Lord our focus will always be to praise God through the way we live our life.

We need to look precisely to Jesus, to the compassion with which He sees our wounded humanity, to the gratuitousness with which He offered His life for us on the cross. Here is the daily antidote to worldliness...: to look at the crucified Jesus, to fix our eyes every day on He who emptied Himself and humbled Himself unto death (cf. Phil 2:7-8). He accepted humiliation to raise us up from our falls and to free us from the power of evil. In this way, looking at Jesus' wounds, looking at Him humbled, we learn that we are called to offer ourselves, to make ourselves broken bread for the hungry, to share the journey with the weary and oppressed. Pope Francis

- ◆ Please keep in your prayers those preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday 1 September 6.30pm.
- ◆ There will be an exciting announcement from our mission partners, St Vincent de Paul Society in September.
- ◆ The parish carpark at Rosebery will be redeveloped in the next few weeks. This includes addressing the levels between the carpark and the footpath along the church. Myself and Ruth are working through the appropriate documents to get final approval. Please complete the survey regarding the proposed carpark works at Rosebery to start in the next few weeks. Everyone's voice is important so please take the time to let me know so I can make an informed decision.
- ◆ Due to the carpark works the retreat day has been rescheduled. Stay tuned for new date.

Feast of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation) Tuesday 15 August

Our Lady of Mt Carmel: 10.00am (NO 5pm Mass & Adoration)
St Vincent de Paul Redfern: 12.15pm
St Joseph Rosebery: 7.30am & 7.00pm



PRAYER INTENTIONS

*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 Holy Day of Obligation

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Wednesday

7.30am St Joseph's 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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Principal: Katherine Zerounian

Recently Deceased: Anastasia Rellen, Robyn Chicken,

Anniversary: Manuel Ramirez Sr (5/8), Joseph Mizzi (6/8), Alice Haggard (12/8), Steve Estrada (12/8), Peter Erland (13/8), Edgardo Actas Ramirez (14/8), Nathan Haley (15/8)

Deceased: Phaolo Eddy Van Le, Rachelda Verardo, Charlie Morella, Romeo 'Édjo' Sabiniano Jr, Vicky Sabiniano, Jose F Ravano, Sr Teresita Ramirez, Vicenzio Lovatti, Marija & Petar Madunic, Peter Erland, 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: Anne Hudson, Maria Tsiallis, 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

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secretary@citysouthcatholic.org.au.

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

READING ROSTER		
Mass		Readers
5:00pm	This	Therese Poulton
	Next	Bruce Strath
7:30am	This	John Sciberras
	Next	Stephanie Chow
9:00am	This	Amelia K
	Next	Terri Lumibao
11:00am	This	Sandra Truong
	Next	Ben May



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

- **Thursday 24 August—Prayer for Mission**
Please join us at St Joseph's Church, Rosebery as we pray for the growth of our mission. 6-6.30pm



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.

Financial Update

Week Ending 6 August

First Collection	Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund	\$ 695
Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program/ does not incl tap& go)	Supports the Parish	\$ 758

Car Park Survey—Rosebery

Rosebery Parishioners: Please complete the survey regarding the proposed carpark works at Rosebery to start in the next few weeks.

You can complete the hard copy version available at St Joseph's church (to be submitted in the container at rear of church) or complete the survey through the online link:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/RXKK9CJ

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.

Children's Missals for Loan

We have a great range of children's missals available for children age 3+. If you would like to borrow one during Mass, come and see myself or Sr Rosemary at the door before the 9am Mass at St Joseph's. Pax, Elizabeth



Playgroup

Our next playgroup date is **Tuesday, 22nd August**. Playgroup is a great way for children to make friends who live locally and also for us to connect with parents in our area. Please feel free to pass this invitation on to friends and family who have small children and who would like to connect with others. If you have any questions please contact our Pastoral Associate for Mission, Elizabeth, on 0491 939 577 or mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au

Everyone is warmly invited to attend Playgroup

9-10 am- Tuesday, 25th July

9-10 am- Thursday, 10th August

9-10 am- Tuesday, 22nd August

9-10 am- 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
CITY SOUTH
PARISH**

MONTHLY GATHERINGS

Redfern

Sun 27 Aug
after 11am Mass

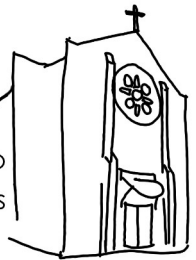


Waterloo

Sat 2 Sep
after 5pm Mass

Rosebery

Sun 3 Sep
after 9am Mass



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Hospitality Roster

Waterloo 02 Sep

Paul and Linda Clinch	Coordinator and food
Nicole Cowper	Food
Jenny Fernandes	Food

Rosebery 03 Sep

Bob Kanginan	Set up
Christina Leontini	Serve & pack up
Jenny Jago	Serve & pack up
Catharine Thamrin	Food
Andrew Kosasih	Food
Anushka Castelino	Food



For more information or to help host these gatherings please contact Elizabeth Arblaster on 0491 939 577 or mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au

An update on the Hospitality Ministry

Over the past 9 months we have worked together to restart our hospitality ministry. Thanks be to God, there are now 30-40 hospitality volunteers in our parish.

Hospitality is a very important ministry for Christians. Jesus called his disciples his friends, and he ate and drank with them often. Our morning teas are a wonderful time to give real friendship and fellowship to each other, and also welcome others. You never know how you may brighten someone's life by your presence, someone who really needs it.

Despite having a great team, we can still use your help! Many hands make light work so the more we have involved, the easier and more smoothly it runs. You don't have to be able to cook to do this ministry. You can:

- Help set up
- Serve tea and coffee
- Invite individual Mass-goers to our catch ups and show them the way to the venue
- Serve food
- Be an intentional host, who looks out for new people or people who are on their own, to make sure they feel welcome by chatting with them or introducing them to others
- Help clean-up and pack-up
- For those who love to cook or buy food, we absolutely need your contribution too. You can sign up once or as many times as you like to bring food.
- Help to make or bring gluten free foods for those with gluten intolerances and allergies.
- Donate food which will not spoil such as long-life milk, children's juice boxes, or cakes/biscuits with long expiration dates.

Frequently asked questions

How often do I have to volunteer?

It's up to you. We have a roster. We just ask that you commit to a date so we know we have your help that day.

Can I change dates if something comes up?

Absolutely. Someone on the roster will swap months with you.

Do I have to go on the roster?

No, but it is more helpful because then we know what help we have. It also ensures we have enough food and, conversely, that we don't waste food by having too much.

If you're interested in being part of this ministry, please contact me on mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au or 0491 939 577

Update on the Retreat

Last week, Fr Paul let you know that in coming months work will be done to the carpark at Rosebery. This means that the carpark will not be available on the date our annual retreat was planned. As this is bound to prevent some people from attending, we have discerned that it will be best to reschedule the retreat to a later date. Thankfully, the Dominican Sisters have agreed to this plan.

I am currently working to identify new dates so watch this space in coming weeks for more information. Please keep our retreat plans in your prayers. Pax, Elizabeth

Encounter the
Heart of God
Sydney City South
Parish Retreat

RESCHEDULED

Sunday 10am-3pm

Enquiries: Elizabeth 0491 939 577
mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au
Registration opening soon

Sanctity has to do with gratitude.

To be a saint is to be fueled by gratitude, nothing more and nothing less.

Fr Ronald Rolheiser OMI

Today's Gospel directly follows last week's account of Jesus feeding a crowd of more than 5,000 people with just five loaves of bread and two fish. For the sake of the crowds, Jesus had postponed his time of solitude. Now, at last, Jesus finds some time for quiet and prayer. He sends his disciples ahead of him by boat, dismisses the crowds, and then withdraws to the mountain to pray.

The disciples do not fare well. They struggle to weather the wind and waves, making little progress in their journey. We are reminded of a previous story in Chapter 8 of Matthew's Gospel, when Jesus calms the seas. This time, however, Jesus does not calm the seas, and the disciples do not express fear until they see Jesus walking toward them on the water. In this story it is not the storm that is feared but the sight of Jesus before them, whom they mistake for a ghost.

Clues like these suggest that this story is about the disciples' growing understanding of the identity of Jesus. In continuity with last week's Gospel about the feeding of the multitude, today's Gospel is also about what the disciples' faith in Jesus will enable them to do. In last week's Gospel, when the disciples see the crowds, they ask Jesus to send the crowds away. Jesus turns the situation around, telling the disciples to feed the crowd with the provisions that they have. Both of these Gospels tell us much about ministry.

Jesus calls to the disciples and calms their fears. He is not a ghost. The impulsive Peter seeks proof that the person is indeed Jesus. He asks Jesus to call him out onto the water, and Jesus grants this request. Peter's fear and doubt overtake him, however, once he is walking on the water. Jesus reaches out to Peter and saves him. When Jesus and Peter enter the boat, Matthew reports that the wind ceases, and the disciples confess that Jesus is the Son of God.

Faith in Jesus will enable the disciples to do the work that Jesus has done. Peter walks on water. The five loaves and two fish feed a multitude of people. The disciples can and will participate in the work of the kingdom of heaven. When Peter fears and doubts the person of Jesus, however, he falters. Peter's example teaches us that true Christian ministry emerges from the faith that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son.

Last Sunday Fr Paul blessed the new icon of Our Lady Queen of Heaven which hangs in the Adoration chapel at Rosebery. It was a particular delight to welcome the artist Michael Galovic. Fr Paul in conjunction with Michael Galovic has produced a brochure about the spirituality of the icon.



“the Church is a vocational *“symphony”* with every vocation united yet distinct, in harmony and joined together in *“going forth”* to radiate throughout the world the new life of the kingdom of God.

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2023 WORLD DAY OF PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

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6 - 13 AUGUST 2023

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Parts of the Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

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 bread that I will give, says the Lord,

is my flesh for the life of the world.

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 book of Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

R Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Separation

The image of Jesus still ashore while the disciples battled against strong winds and rising seas must have been an evocative one for the Matthean community. Like the disciples, they were acutely aware of their separation from Jesus. Unlike the disciples, they were separated by time and the raging storm that beset them was a tide of suspicion and persecution. At times they felt the strength and courage of Peter to step out of the boat and be Jesus in their world, but at other times they doubted their own abilities. It is a message for the Church of the day and the Church of today.

