



# 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.

19th & 20th August 2023 | 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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Dear friends,

In today's Gospel after what seems a rather cold start to the conversation Jesus shows great hospitality to the woman who asks Him to heal her daughter. He praises her in the end for her great faith. If we take this Gospel and so many others we could form an argument that Christians are to look on others as a potential neighbour. Our experience of living in the City of Sydney is the experience of living in a 'City of Villages'. In our part of Sydney there are the villages of Rosebery, Zetland, Green Square, Waterloo, Alexandria, Beaconsfield, and Redfern. Surely a characteristic of living in a village is neighborliness where we try to care and support one another, where we offer something of ourselves to those where we live. Jesus invites us as Church to be a neighbour to those around us. What does the Church offer when it shows up to the neighbourhood? Our neighbours have the right to ask what we bring! One of the most important gifts the Church brings to the neighbourhood is hospitality where differences are not hidden but made public to be shared to create a greater unity. The Church works to make visible the gifts of Christ thereby transforming the neighbourhood. Cardinal Francis George once said, in the Church "every racial and cultural difference must be made public so that everyone may come to know how Christ can be black, or white or brown [or whatever colour]. Differences must always be made public in a way that they are shared so that they can enrich everyone. The Church must create a neighbourhood where everyone is at home". We learn from Jesus that justice is not an equality that suppresses differences. Justice is right relationship in God. Right relationship delights in differences and helps us share them. Can we do this more effectively here?

Thank you to those who participated in the carpark survey last weekend. 90% of respondents said they were happy to continue having Mass on Sunday at Rosebery. This means parking will only be available on the street. I am told that the builder can most probably leave the disabled spot for me to park. I need this spot as I often transport things from my car. The tentative date to start the project is Monday 18 September. The Vicar General (on behalf of the Archbishop who is away) approved the expenditure for the project and Sydney Catholic Early Learning is also contributing to the project.

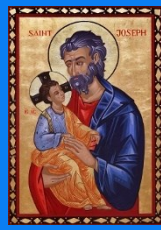
Have a happy week



## PRAYER INTENTIONS

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*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,  
St Joseph's Rosebery

#### Tuesday

5pm Mass & Adoration, Our Lady of Mt  
Carmel Waterloo

#### 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:

Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Waterloo  
96991407

[info@olmcwaterloo.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@olmcwaterloo.catholic.edu.au)

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*Principal: Mr Bernard Ryan*

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Rosebery

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*Director: Faye-Maree Genovezos*

Jarjum School (Jesuits) Redfern

117 Redfern Street

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*Principal: Katherine Zerounian*

**Recently Deceased:** Nadine Jebraiel

**Anniversary:** Maria Aprea, Sonnie Silveira (21/8), Howard Hastings (22/8), Bennett Anthony Cotta (25/8)

**Deceased:** Elliot Bennett, Gino Mio, Charlie Morella, Phaolo Eddy Van Le, Rachelda Verardo, Romeo 'Édjo' Sabiniano Jr, Vicky Sabiniano, Jose F Ravano, Sr Teresita Ramirez, Vicenzio Lovatti, 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:** John Calleja, Anne Hudson, Maria Tsailis, 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.**  
[secretary@citysouthcatholic.org.au](mailto:secretary@citysouthcatholic.org.au).

**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
<b>5:00pm</b>	This	Bruce Strath
	Next	Bianca Rodrigo
<b>7:30am</b>	This	Stephanie Chow
	Next	Josette Merchant
<b>9:00am</b>	This	Terri Lumibao
	Next	Jenny Jago
<b>11:00am</b>	This	Ben May
	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](mailto: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



## Financial Update

### Week Ending 13 August

<b>First Collection</b>	<b>Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund</b>	<b>\$ 591</b>
<b>Second Collection</b> (includes Parish Giving Program/ does not incl tap& go)	<b>Supports the Parish</b>	<b>\$ 662</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.*

## 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.

## Review of the 'Hallow' Prayer App

Some of you may have heard of a relatively new Catholic prayer app called 'Hallow'. I have been trialling this app over the past few months to see whether I would recommend it to you. Here is what I found.

### What's on the app?

The app has a wide range of audio resources including:

- courses such as 'A Biblical Walk Through the Mass' with Dr Edward Sri, or 'Spiritual Exercises' with Fr Timothy Gallher
- audio books such as 'Searching for Peace' and 'Presence of God'
- series on mental health such as 'Stress and Anxiety', 'Healthy Habits', 'The Science of Happiness'. Also series on grief, addiction, recovery, and infertility.
- novenas, rosaries, guided meditations, and other devotions lead by people such as Mark Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie (from The Chosen), Dr Scott Hahn and Leah Darrow.
- Catholic music and chant including Catholic LoFi
- Bible in a Year and Catechism in a Year with Fr Mike Schmitz
- resources for kids such as bedtime prayers, stories, and sacramental preparation

### What's good about it?

It contains a large volume of high quality and varied resources. Having an audio track lead you through prayer, meditation and courses can be really helpful and practical: for example, it can introduce you to new forms of prayer and learning, and you can use it on your commute.

### Any downsides?

If you prefer visual formats to audio formats, then this app might not be for you. All of the resources I have found to date are in audio format. That said, they are done very well.

### What does it cost?

There is a free version of the app with only limited content. The paid version of the app with all the content costs about \$14 per month/ \$90 per year. There is a 14-day trial period of the paid subscription so you can give it a road test and see if you like it.

### The Verdict

For me, this is a great app. I use it every day. If you end up using the app yourselves, I'll be interested to hear what you think. Pax, Elizabeth Arblaster, Pastoral Associate for Mission



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

## Gospel Reflection

Today we move ahead in our reading of Matthew's Gospel. Last week we read about Jesus walking on the water and the disciples' confession of faith that Jesus is the Son of God. If we were reading Matthew's entire Gospel, we would have read about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees about Jewish purity laws. Jesus argues that it is not what goes into us that makes us unclean; he is referring to the strict Jewish dietary rules. Instead our words and our actions—what comes out of us—make us unclean because they emerge from a heart that is unclean.

Knowing about Jesus' debate with the Pharisees helps us to understand today's Gospel. In fact the story heightens the surprise and shock we feel as we hear Jesus' exchange with the Canaanite woman. The woman, who is not Jewish, approaches Jesus, requesting that he heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her; he says nothing. The disciples ask Jesus to send her away, and Jesus agrees, remarking that he was sent to minister to the Jews alone.

The woman persists, paying homage to Jesus, and yet Jesus denies her request again. He even insults her, using a Jewish word of derision for Gentiles, "dog." But the woman cleverly turns Jesus' insult into an affirmation of faith. Only then does Jesus grant her request and heal her daughter.

Jesus' unresponsiveness to this woman may strike us as uncharacteristic or shocking. Yet in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus' ministry is directed primarily to the people of Israel. At only a very few points, such as the one found in today's Gospel, do we find Jesus anticipating the later Christian ministry to the rest of the world.

Behind Matthew's text we can hear this early Christian community's struggle to understand how God's selection of Israel is consistent with two events: Israel's rejection of Jesus and the Gentiles' acceptance of Jesus. Just as Jesus was surprised by the faith expressed by the Canaanite woman, so too the first Christians were surprised that the Gentiles would receive the salvation God offered through Christ. In today's second reading from Paul's letter to the Romans, we hear the apostle Paul considering this same concern.

The faith that the Canaanite woman expresses is an affirmation of and confidence in God's abundant mercy. Yes, salvation comes through Israel, but it overflows for the benefit of all.

# ST MARIAM BAOUARDY

## HER FEAST DAY EVENT

SATURDAY, 26 AUGUST 2023 | 3:00PM

**BOOK LAUNCH**

TRANSLATED FROM ITALIAN TO ENGLISH. AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ON THE DAY.

**EPARCH**  
THE MOST REVEREND ROBERT RABBAT DD

**BOOK TRANSLATOR**  
CRISTINA LEONTINI

**BYZANTINE CHOIR**  
ST COSMAS THE MELODIST

*'the little nothing' who became a great mystic*  
...as a child, she gave her heart to Jesus  
...at 13, she became a martyr for Jesus  
...at 20, she 'lived' the passion of Jesus  
In 2015, she was canonised by Pope Francis

EVENT LOCATION: ST JOHN THE BELOVED  
MELKITE CATHOLIC CHURCH 80 WATERLOO ROAD, GREENACRE

BROUGHT TO YOU BY: ST JOHN THE BELOVED PARISH | MELKITE | MELKITE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION



## 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

## Parts of the Mass

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### Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your anointed one;  
one day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

### 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.

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quitollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,

quitollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

### Communion Antiphon

With the Lord there is mercy;

in him is plentiful redemption.

## 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 Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R** O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us  
and let your face shed its light upon us.  
So will your ways be known upon earth  
and all nations learn your saving help. **R**

Let the nations be glad and exult  
for you rule the world with justice.  
With fairness you rule the peoples,  
you guide the nations on earth. **R**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you.

May God still give us his blessing  
till the ends of the earth revere him. **R**

## A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

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

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

## HISTORICAL CONTEXT

*When Moses led the Israelites out of Egypt, the 'Promised Land' they sought was the land of Canaan (approximately the area of modern Israel, TransJordan, Syria and Lebanon). Here they were commanded to utterly destroy the Canaanites and to subdue the land. (Exodus 23:23-24) The Israelites never successfully removed all the Canaanites from the Palestine region. By the time of Jesus, the Israelites had established themselves in the region between Judea in the south and Galilee in the north, while the original inhabitants of the area had been 'squeezed out' – predominantly to the north. The Canaanites were dispossessed of their land by the Israelites and it is easy to see why there was tension between them.*

