



# 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.

26th & 27th August 2023 | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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Dear friends,

“Listening” has been the central lesson highlighted throughout our journey in Matthew’s Gospel, from a Sunday to a Sunday: Listening to the Word on the mountain (Mt 17:1-9), the Word in the storm (Mt 14:22-33) and last Sunday we saw that there is also a Word for the foreign woman, who is also called to finally hear the Word (Mt 15:21-28). Listening to the Word is also central to today’s passage (Mt 16:13-20): We are still in a pagan land, where divinity has many faces, many names, many voices, making it hard to listen. In this context, Jesus asks his disciples a question to see what they heeded and what they understood about what they heard, how the Word they heard led to knowledge, and specifically to a relationship. For this is the purpose of listening: To grow in the relationship that sustains them, the relationship with Him. This is what Jesus cares about.

On Monday the State Government announced a proposal to redevelop the south end of the Waterloo Estate. The Premier choose Waterloo Park, right in front of the church, to make this announcement. After the press conference the Premier and Ron Hoenig, our local member, stopped to say hello and asked to look inside the church. It was great to chat with the Premier and the local member.

The redevelopment poses a great opportunity to renew this area. I do not want to get into any of the political debate on this matter. Rather, I see this project as an opportunity to support the most vulnerable by providing housing that supports the dignity of the human person. Over the years I have visited the sick and housebound in these flats. I am always horrified by the undignified condition of these places. This is not to say some are ok, but many are not. As a local resident, I also support any attempt to create a safer environment to live, learn and worship. The parish stands ready to support our parishioners involved in any way. I urge the Government to communicate in a caring and sensitive way as we make this transition.

Have a happy week...



## 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,  
St Joseph's Rosebery

#### Tuesday

10am Funeral Mass, Mrs Patricia Neilson,  
Our Lady of Mt Carmel Waterloo

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

Principal: Mrs Marg Holles

St Joseph, Rosebery

9184 6630

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Principal: Mr Bernard Ryan

St Joseph Preschool & Long Day Care,  
Rosebery

1A Kimberley Grove, Rosebery, NSW 2018  
9030 4677/ 0457 036 456

scecs.rosebery@syd.catholic.edu.au

Director: Faye-Maree Genovezos

Jarjum School (Jesuits) Redfern

117 Redfern Street

99365450

Principal: Katherine Zerounian

**Recently Deceased:** James Maso, Nadine Jebraiel

**Anniversary:** Charlie Morella (27/08), Theodora Camilleri (28/08), John Cochrane (29/08), George Joseph Hagggar (30/08), Antonio Lentini (01/09), Elisabeth Carey (01/09)

**Deceased:** 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:** Livia Mio, 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

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**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	Bianca Rodrigo
	Next	Therese Poulton
7:30am	This	Josette Merchant
	Next	Charlotte Buxton
9:00am	This	Jenny Jago
	Next	Lisa Steel
11:00am	This	Sandra Truong
	Next	Sr Esmey

# Dates for your Diary

- ◆ **Sunday 27 August—Morning tea at Redfern**  
Please join us for morning tea after the 11am Mass at St Vincent's Church in Redfern. All welcome!
- ◆ **Saturday 2 September—Gathering at Waterloo**  
Please join us for refreshments in the community centre after the 5pm Mass at Our Lady of Mt Carmel. All welcome!
- ◆ **Sunday 3 September—Morning tea at Rosebery**  
Please join us for morning tea after the 9am Mass at St Joseph's Church in Rosebery. All welcome!
- ◆ **Thursday 21 September—Prayer for Mission**  
Please join us at St Vincent de Paul Church, Redfern as we pray for the growth of our mission. 6-6.30pm.

## Upcoming Youth Events:

**24-27 September—Explosion Youth Conference, Canberra** For high-school age students. Immerse yourself in engaging talks by local and national speakers, meet new and like-minded high school students from across Canberra and the country all while having fun and growing in your faith with daily prayer and sacraments. Register before August 27 for early bird prices: \$20 off! Registrations and more info: [http://app.tickets.org.au/DOJ\\_Canb/Explosion2023](http://app.tickets.org.au/DOJ_Canb/Explosion2023)

**28 Sept – 1 Oct—Ignite Conference Sydney, Broken Bay Cathedral Precinct, Waitara** Ignite Conference draws together a network of high schoolers, young adults, ministry leaders, families, teachers, priests and religious from around the country, sending them out with a passion for mission and authentic faith in Jesus. Experience four days of real-world formation, encouragement in faith, great people and powerful worship. [www.igniteconference.com.au](http://www.igniteconference.com.au)

**25 November—iStand Sydney Conference** iSTAND Events are for students in year 9 -12 (age 14 -18 yrs) and are a wonderful opportunity to connect with fellow young people in a welcoming environment while learning more about yourself, others and God. This iSTAND Conference will include activities such as games, group activities, prayer, reflection, testimonies and talks. Registrations opening soon! <https://www.ymt.com.au/istandevents> or [antoinette.collins@ymt.com.au](mailto:antoinette.collins@ymt.com.au)

## Financial Update

### Week Ending 20 August

First Collection	Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund	\$ 728
Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program/ does not incl tap& go)	Supports the Parish	\$ 1145

*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.*

### Sunday 27 August—Social Justice Sunday

The Australian Catholic Bishops have released their 2023-24 Social Justice Statement, entitled 'Listen, Learn, Love' which calls for new engagement with First Australians.

"We, Australia's Bishops, invite members of the Church to walk with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in this year of great possibility."

SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2023-24

**Listen, Learn, Love**

A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE OFFICE FOR JUSTICE, ECOLOGY AND PEACE

**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.





# The Way of the Heart

## **Parish Retreat Day**

**St Joseph's Church, Rosebery  
Sunday, 19 November 2023**

*The retreat will be led by  
John & Anne Gray*



*Australian Representatives  
Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network*

The Way of the Heart Retreat Day is for those who want to deepen their friendship with Jesus, renew this friendship, or meet the real Jesus for the first time.

The Way of the Heart draws our hearts to be nearer to the Heart of Jesus, to be His friends, and to perceive His joys and sufferings for the world.

Friendship with Jesus is transformative, leading us to recognize the challenges of the world with the eyes of Jesus, and to commit ourselves with Him to prayer and service in response to those challenges.

Come and experience the compassion and hope of The Way of the Heart.



**REGISTRATION OPENING SOON**

Enquiries: Elizabeth 0491 939 577  
[mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au](mailto:mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au)

## Project Good Samaritan: Snack Drive Continues!

Over the last few months, we have been collecting “snacks” to make snack packs to give to those experiencing homelessness and families/individuals who are struggling. The team at Vinnies, Redfern, continue to thank our parishioners for these snacks, as they have been very popular with their clients. So for the next month, we will continue to collect snacks so the team have reserve packs at the Centre to offer to their clients in need.

Remember, items to consider for packs include muesli bars, small tuna cans with ring pull, small bean mixes with ring pull, dried crackers in individual packs, cheese and biscuit packs, lunch to-go packs, dried fruit packs, and small juice drinks.

For those who would like to donate other food or toiletry products, please continue to drop these off in the hampers at the back of the Church.

Finally, this may seem early, but we will prepare items/donations for Christmas hampers after the snack pack drive ends. I will keep you posted.

Vanessa Madunic, Project Good Samaritan Coordinator



### 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



## MONTHLY GATHERINGS



*Redfern*

Sun 27 Aug  
after 11am Mass

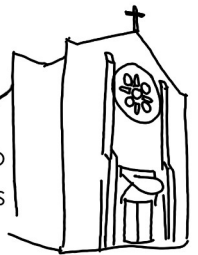


*Waterloo*

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](mailto:mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au)

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

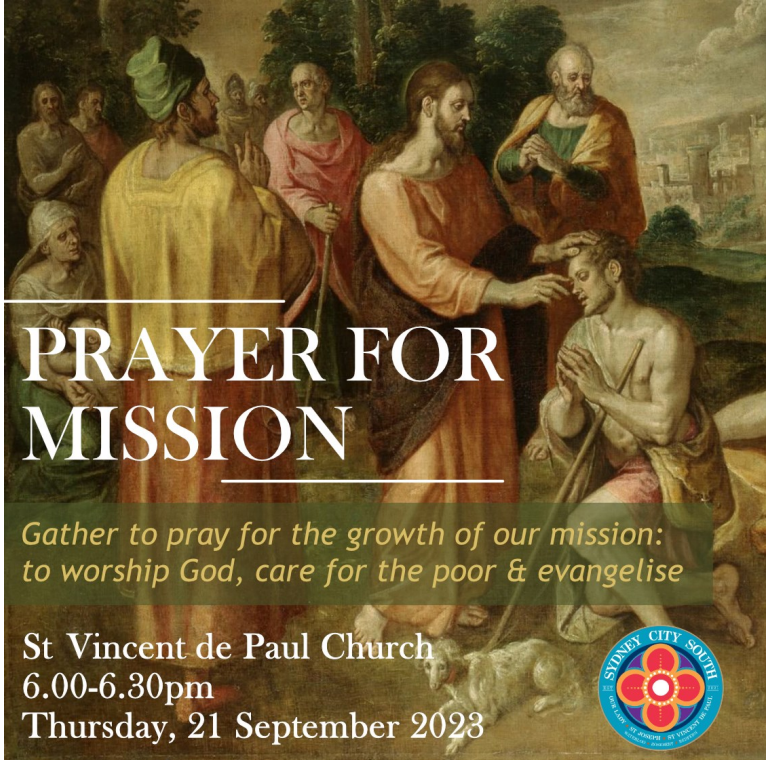
It is important to read today's Gospel and next week's Gospel as two parts of a single story. These readings are a turning point in Matthew's Gospel. This week we hear Jesus name Simon Peter as the rock upon which he will build his Church. Next week we will hear Jesus call this same Simon Peter "Satan" when he reacts negatively to Jesus' prediction about his passion and death.

In today's Gospel, Jesus asks his disciples what people are saying about his identity. The disciples indicate that most people believe that Jesus is a prophet of Israel. Then Jesus asks his disciples who they believe that he is. Simon Peter answers, identifying Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus commends Simon Peter for this profession of faith, indicating that this insight has come from God. Because of Simon Peter's response, Jesus calls him the "rock" upon which Jesus will build the Church. This is a word play on the name Peter, which is the Greek word for "rock." Peter is then given special authority by Jesus, a symbolic key to the Kingdom of Heaven. Peter will play an important role in the early Christian community as a spokesperson and a leader.

In today's Gospel, Peter's recognition of Jesus' identity is credited to a revelation by God. This will contrast sharply with Jesus' rebuke of Peter in next week's Gospel. When Peter rejects Jesus' prediction of his passion and death, Peter is said to no longer be thinking as God does but as humans do.


The use of the term church in today's Gospel is one of only three such occurrences in Matthew's Gospel. Peter in this Gospel is being credited as the foundation for the Church, a privilege granted to him because of his recognition of Jesus' identity. The Church continues to be grounded in the faith that Jesus Christ is Lord.



**PRAYER FOR MISSION**

*Gather to pray for the growth of our mission: to worship God, care for the poor & evangelise*

St Vincent de Paul Church  
6.00-6.30pm  
Thursday, 21 September 2023



## 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 ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day  
long.

### 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

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood

has eternal life, says the Lord,

and I will raise him up on the last day.

## 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 of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:

I dismiss you from your office,

I remove you from your post,

and the same day I call on my servant

Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.

I invest him with your robe,

gird him with your sash,

entrust him with your authority;

and he shall be a father

to the inhabitants of Jerusalem

and to the House of Judah.

I place the key of the House of David

on his shoulder;

should he open, no one shall close,

should he close, no one shall open.

I drive him like a peg

into a firm place;

he will become a throne of glory

for his father's house.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.

Before the angels I will bless you.

I will adore before your holy temple. **R**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.

On the day I called, you answered;

you increased the strength of my soul. **R**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.

Your love, O Lord, is eternal,

discard not the work of your hands. **R**

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

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.

Alleluia!

## Gospel

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

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

