



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.

9th & 10th September 2023 | 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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Dear friends,

The Society of St Vincent de Paul seeks out the most vulnerable to provide much needed assistance. But they also go further to identify the unjust structures that cause poverty and hardship in the first place. Where injustice, inequality, poverty or exclusion are due to unjust economic, political or social structures the Society speaks out. They help the poor and disadvantaged speak for themselves, and when they cannot, we advocate for those who are ignored. The Vinnies social justice Network is a community of people committed to building a more just and compassionate place to live. They take big and small actions, from collecting signatures on petitions and organizing events to meeting with local political representatives. Some of the big issues include homelessness, mental health, justice for refugees and First Nations peoples. To find out more, or to join the Vinnies Justice Network visit socialjusticevinnies.org.au. Next week representatives will be at Mass to talk about starting a new Sydney City South Conference.

Congratulations to Rebecca Follari who will take up the position of Family Educator at St Joseph School next year. Rebecca will work alongside the parish pastoral team in reaching out to our families.

Congratulations to Frs Matthew Lukaszewicz and Richard Sofatzis who were ordained to the Sacred Priesthood at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP.

The Parish Pastoral Council was formed in 2021 and members support me as Parish Priest in the pastoral care and evangelization of parish. The Council is governed by statutes. The PPC is not a governance body nor is it a representative body. The people chosen come with their gifts and talents and wisdom and offer it to build up our parish. This year the PPC has gathered on two occasions for formation to discern the mission of the Church and our purpose. The PPC is motivated by a missionary mentality which means "in the first place a matter of developing a new vision of reality, moving from a pastoral offering made up of reconstituted ideas, projects and plans, to an openness to the action of the Risen One and of his Spirit who always leads the way for his people. This also means from giving welcome to receiving welcome, from keeping the word and managing communication, to giving the word, recognizing always with astonishment the free imitative of God." (Directory for Catechesis 2020)

Please continue to pray that you and I, may together continue to "leave nothing undared for the Kingdom of God" (St Eugene de Mazenod).

God Bless,



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

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

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info@olmcwaterloo.catholic.edu.au

Principal: Mrs Marg Holles

St Joseph, Rosebery

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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:

Anniversary: Tao Feng (9/9), Luizinha D'Souza (10/9), Teddy O'Leary (10/9), Alan Gilligan (11/9), Carmela Ciappara (13/9), Gino Mio (13/9)

Deceased: Joe Mizzi, Clemente Chua Jr, Francisco Chua, Dorothy Blackman, Raymond Blackman, 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 Rosenstrauss.

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: Ned Dalton, Livia Mio, John Calleja, 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

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.

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	David McConachie
	Next	Steven Belcastro
7:30am	This	Michael Burns
	Next	John Sciberras
9:00am	This	Abbey K
	Next	Amelia K
11:00am	This	Sandra Truong
	Next	TBC

Dates for your Diary

- ◆ **Monday 18 September**—Rosebery car park Resurfacing work begins. No parking at this site for three weeks.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Sunday 19 November**—Parish Retreat Day, The Way of the Heart. For enquiries contact Elizabeth, on 0491 939 577 or mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au

Financial Update

Week Ending 3 September

First Collection	Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund	\$ 760
Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program/ does not incl tap& go)	Supports the Parish	\$ 646

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.

The Way of the Heart

Parish Retreat Day
St Joseph's Church, Rosebery
Sunday, 19 November 2023

Rosebery Family Fun Day

Saturday, 16 September
9 AM - 12 PM
St Joseph's Preschool & Long Day Care
1A Kimberley Grove, Rosebery NSW 2018

Activity List
Face Painting • Centre Tours • Snacks
Family Fun • Children's Entertainment

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.

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



The retreat will be led by John & Anne Gray
Australian Representatives
Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

"Just as the churches strongly supported the 1967 referendum, we hope that Catholics, along with other people of faith, will support the Yes campaign."
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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



**REGISTRATION
OPENING SOON**

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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.

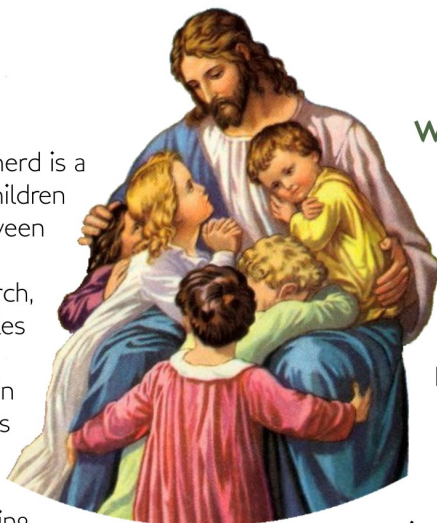
Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Atrium

We are currently working to establish a Children's Atrium of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in our parish.



What is the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd?

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a particular way of journeying with children toward God for children aged between 3 and 12 years. It is grounded in scripture and the liturgy of the church, then framed by Montessori principles of education. Based on the belief that God and the child are already in a relationship, the central aim of this faith formation program is to help nurture and strengthen this relationship. This is done by creating a specially prepared environment to allow this relationship to develop. The adult's task is to serve the child in this environment, in a way that calls forth their own response and assists them to come close to God in their own way.



What is an Atrium?

The 'Atrium' is the name of the place prepared for the child to come and be with God. The Atrium can be compared to a retreat centre. Rather than being a room for religious instruction, it is a place to live out one's religious life, a place of community and worship. It is a place that facilitates a conversation with God.

Materials

The materials and environment of the Atrium are a very important part of the catechesis. The materials in the Atrium are intended for use by children as aids to meditation and prayer. After being presented with a theme using the materials, each child is free to choose an activity that will lead them into conversation with God. These materials are closely linked to their biblical and liturgical sources. They are handcrafted by the adults who work with the children. In the Atrium, they are displayed attractively to invite the child to explore the themes presented through these materials at their own pace and rhythm.

The materials cover elements of:

- Scripture
- Liturgy
- Practical life (activities related to everyday life and care of the Atrium)



Friends of the Atrium

Can you be a Friend of the Atrium by helping with the following?

Pray

We have advertised a position for an Atrium Coordinator who will help set up and run the Atrium together with our catechists and other volunteers who support the Atrium in other ways. Please pray for a skilled and holy person to apply!

Make

There are some items which need to be made for the Atrium.

Do you have any of the following skills?

- **Woodworking skills** to make small items for the Atrium such as dioramas for some of the Bible stories, and items for the model altar.
- **Dressmaking/sewing skill** to make mini prayer table cloths, altar cloths, model miniature vestments, etc.

If you can help out with this please contact Elizabeth Arblaster on mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au or 0491 939 577.

I can provide you with detailed patterns and outlines from the CGS Materials Manual which should guide the process and should be of practical assistance in making the items needed.

To find out more about the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, please watch the video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hfg9RfBk-fY&t=13s>



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

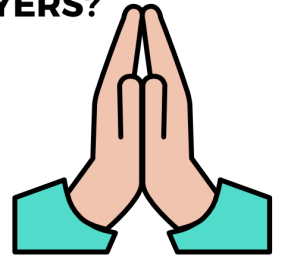
We have a great range of children’s missals available for children age 3+. If you would like to borrow one during Mass, come and see myself or Sr Rosemary at the door before the 9am Mass at St Joseph’s. Pax, Elizabeth



DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED PRAYERS?

Our WhatsApp prayer group would like to pray for you.

Text your intentions to 0491 939 577.



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

Hallow App Review – Feedback

A few weeks ago I reviewed a great prayer app I have been using called ‘Hallow’. I mentioned that it primarily had audio content on it. However, this week, a fellow Hallow user in the parish alerted me to a cool feature which allows you to read the content of some of the sessions. If you’d like to read the review, it’s in our bulletin, *Parish Matters*, from the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time, on our parish website, www.citysouthcatholic.org.au



Hallow: Prayer & Meditation
Hallow, Inc.
In-app purchases



4.9★
68K reviews

1M+
Downloads

3+
Rated for 3+

**Rosebery carpark resurfacing from 18th September.
No parking available for up to three weeks.**

Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word church in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part of the "discourse on the Church" (Matthew 18:1-14), Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.



Gracious God,
you love and care for all of your children,
especially the smallest and most vulnerable.
We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk
who have been sexually abused, neglected or exploited
and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain
and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken.

Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse,
and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace
communities and families will find understanding and support,
so that now and in the future
their wounds may be healed
and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children and adults at risk,
giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience
to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen



**In our parish I have the right to feel safe and free from harm, I have the
responsibility to act appropriately with others.**

Parts of the Mass

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

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

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,

but will have the light of life.

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 Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

R O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'



A new votive candle stand has arrived for Redfern. Many people suggested they would like to light a candle when they come to church for their special intentions. This unit was no cost to the parish. We only pay for the candles. With the light of faith, we petition our Lord in prayer, or petition the saint for intercession— to pray with us and for us to the Lord. The light also shows a special reverence and our desire to remain present to the Lord in prayer even though we may depart and go about our daily business.

