



# 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.

23rd & 24th September 2023 | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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*The Red Vineyard / Red Vineyard at Arles (Montmajour),*

*Painted by Vincent Van Gogh (1853–1890),*

*Painted in Arles on 4 November 1888,*

*Oil on canvas*

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Dear Friends,

Jesus is portraying this image of God, the landowner in our story, as simply being extremely generous. His ways are not our ways. His generosity goes far beyond our sense of generosity and justice. If God's ways seem disconcerting or even unfair to us at first, they are ultimately very reassuring. The parable suggests that God does not relate to us according to strict justice, but that for each of us the thrill of divine generosity is available through boundless grace. And that is maybe also what today's reading is about, for us to allow something of God's ways to shape our ways, so that we too may relate to others not on the basis of strict justice but out of the generosity of our heart.

God bless,

*Paul*



## 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**  
No Liturgy

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

**Wednesday**  
7.30am Our Lady of Mt Carmel (NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION)

**Friday**  
8.00am Our Lady of Mt Carmel Waterloo

**Normal Sunday Mass Times**

**Waterloo:** 5pm Sat Vigil  
**Rosebery:** Sunday 7.30am & 9.00am.  
Reconciliation @ Rosebery 8.30am.  
**Redfern:** 11.00am

**Schools in Our Parish:**

Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Waterloo  
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info@olmcwaterloo.catholic.edu.au  
*Principal: Mrs Marg Holles*

St Joseph, Rosebery  
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info@stjrosebery.catholic.edu.au  
*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:** Garo Herkimain, Barry Ireland

**Anniversary:** Zelin Bergan (26/9), Violet Papworth (27/9), Muriel Hoad (28/9), Warren Walker (28/9), Anna Atkins (29/9)

**Deceased:** Joseph & Rose Lia, Paula & Miriam McGill, Rachelda Verardo, 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:** Silvana Bevilacqua, Ned Dalton, Livia Mio, John Calleja, Anne Hudson, Maria Tsiailis, Cherry Ermita Dela Cruz, Theresa Flores, Lourdes Lubrin, Emmi Moeljowati, June Elliot, Lyndall Storey, Margie Humilde, Rafael Pastorza, William Gonzales, Nhia Nguyen, Marina Fox, Jo-Anne Davies, Maureen Maher, Lidia Freitas, Sr Dominic Furlong OSU, Ana Lucia Solorzano, Jack, Ruby, John Gavan, Geraldine Carrington, Therese Mullaney, Manolito Agnilar

**If you wish to be included in bulletin lists, please email the Parish Office. For Mass Intentions please email before 10am Friday [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	Lenette Carter
	Next	Therese Poulton
<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	Sr Esmey



# Dates for your Diary

- ◆ **Sunday 24 September—Morning tea at Redfern** Please join us for morning tea after the 11am Mass at St Vincent de Paul Church, Redfern. All welcome!
- ◆ **Sunday 19 November—Parish Retreat Day, The Way of the Heart.** (Details below)



## The Way of the Heart

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

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



**REGISTRATION  
OPENING SOON**

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

## Financial Update

Week Ending 17 September

First Collection	Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund	\$ 733
Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program/ does not incl tap& go)	Supports the Parish	\$ 850

*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.*

## St Joseph's Community Playgroup

Our playgroup resumes for Term 4 in the St Joseph's Church Meeting Room from 9-10am on the dates below. Please share the dates with friends and family who might be interested. If you have any questions, contact me on 0491 939 577. Pax, Elizabeth

## Everyone is warmly invited to attend Playgroup

**Thursday (19/10/2023) 9-10 am**  
**Tuesday (31/10/2023) 9-10 am**  
**Thursday (9/11/2023) 9-10 am**  
**Thursday (23/11/2023) 9-10 am**



**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**

# Calling all parishioners with sewing or woodworking skills



Model vestments

**Can you use your skills to serve God by supporting children's ministry in our parish?**

We are currently making items for a Children's Atrium. This is a place where children can grow in their relationship with God and learn about their faith.

The materials we use in the Atrium are a very important part of the catechesis.



Cloths for prayer table

Examples of some of the materials we need to make include:

- small models of houses that we use to illuminate certain Bible narratives such as the Last Supper, the Annunciation, the parable of the pearl of great price
- aprons of certain colours for the children to use while painting or doing other activities in the Atrium
- altar cloths for our model altar, and cloths for our prayer table
- a mini-vestment set for a presentation to the children on the vestments of the priest



The Sacristy cabinet for the Model Altar

Please don't make the items yet as they need to be made using particular colours, dimensions and materials. These are laid out in a Materials Manual for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, which I will provide to those helping out.

If you are interested in helping by making one or two items, please get in contact with me. The Atrium begins next year so you won't have to rush to make your items.

If you have questions about what is involved or want to volunteer please call me on 0491 939 577 or email me at [mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au](mailto:mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au)

Pax,

Elizabeth Arblaster

Pastoral Associate for Mission



The upper room for the Last Supper presentation



The stable for the Nativity presentation



The Model Altar and Model Lectern



## 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

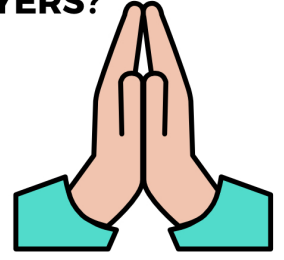
We have a great range of children's missals available for children age 3+. If you would like to borrow one during Mass, come and see myself or Sr Rosemary at the door before the 9am Mass at St Joseph's. Pax, Elizabeth



## **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.**



## MONTHLY GATHERINGS



*Redfern*

Sun 24 Sep  
after 11 am Mass

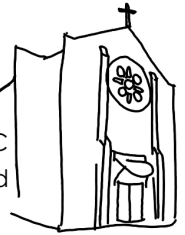


*Waterloo*

Sat 7 Oct  
after 5pm Mass

*Rosebery*

date TBC  
after carpark completed



ALL ARE WELCOME!

## Hospitality Roster

*Waterloo 07 Oct*

Julia Nekich  
Lenette Carter

Coordinator and food  
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)

## Baptism

We congratulate **Lorcan** on his baptism at Rosebery on Sunday.  
God bless him and his family



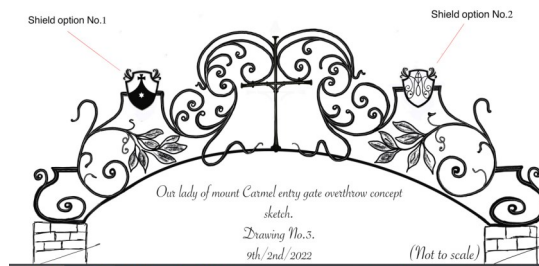
**Rosebery carpark resurfacing from 18th September.  
No parking available for up to three weeks.**

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?



The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.



Next week if you come to Our Lady of Mt Carmel as you drive up Gibbon Street you will be greeted by this beautiful arch above the front gate. As part of the heritage restoration program it was discovered that there was originally a metal arch or overthrow above the gate. The metal worker injured himself and the project has taken some time to complete. Furthermore, the metal arch also acts as a further security measure. I thank David Fleming for his work. Fr Paul worked with David on the design based on the heritage of the site.

### Redfern Church security

As part of the parish building security update, Redfern church security upgrade is now complete with CCTV as well as electronic fob readers for access (the other two churches were completed in 2021 and 2022). If you have a key for Redfern please contact Ruth at the parish office for your new access fob. I thank Redfern Police for their support in conducting a security audit and creating a safer place for all.







'Seeking truth and renewal through conversation'

Catalyst for Renewal, in cooperation with Catholic Religious Australia, is pleased to welcome you to a public forum

What does radical inclusion really mean for a modern synodal Church?

JAMES ALISON  
with MC GERALDINE DOOGUE AO  
and co-panellist FINN STANNARD

WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2023  
7.00-9.00PM  
THE GREAT HALL, ST ALOYSIUS' COLLEGE, KIRRIBILLI

Entrance via corner Jeffreys St and Kirribilli Ave  
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<https://catalystforrenewal.org.au/venues/st-aloysius-college/>

James Alison is a Catholic priest and theologian known for promoting conversation and outreach in the Church on matters concerning LGBTQIA+. He shares a vision of an inclusive, psychologically healthy Christian life that is scripturally based, theologically orthodox and ecclesially grounded. Currently he works as a travelling preacher, lecturer and retreat giver, based in Madrid, Spain.

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We wish our schools a happy spring holiday for the next two weeks.

## Parts of the Mass

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### Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### 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

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

## 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

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his way,  
the evil man his thoughts.  
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,  
to our God who is rich in forgiving;  
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.  
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth  
as my ways are above your ways,  
my thoughts above your thoughts.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R** The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever.  
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,  
his greatness cannot be measured. **R**

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

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
who call on him from their hearts. **R**

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

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.


## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

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

Jesus said to his disciples: “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’



**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.

