



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.

30th September & 1 October 2023 | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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*The Parable of the Father and His Two Sons in the Vineyard,
Engraving by Georg Pencz (1500-1550),
Printed in 1534-35,
Engraving on paper
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The 16th century engraving we are looking at today is very small, just a bit larger than a postage stamp. It is one of the rare illustrations in art of our parable today. Strangely enough, this parable didn't get depicted in art all that often over the centuries. Maybe the reason is that it isn't the easiest parable to grasp or even to lend itself to pictorial depictions?

Jesus addresses the parable directly to the Jewish leaders who refused to believe in Him. One son says "Yes father!" when instructed to go to work in the vineyard, but he does not go. The other son says straightaway when asked "No! I don't want to go" when his father instructs him, but later he regrets disobeying his father and does eventually go to work. Jesus then asks the question "Which of the two sons did what his father wanted of him?", to which the answer is the one that went to work, no matter what either of them said. Jesus thus points the finger at the Jewish leaders. He compares them to the bad son, saying one thing, but doing another. Their shameless hypocrisy was condemned. The other son felt bad for having said no, repented and eventually did go to the vineyard.

So do we make it to the vineyard? Or do we say one thing and do another? We have all been probably more like the son who said yes and then did not go to work...

Paul



PRAYER INTENTIONS

*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

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Director: Faye-Maree Genovezos

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117 Redfern Street
99365450
Principal: Katherine Zerounian

Recently Deceased: Margaret Chow

Anniversary: Beryl Cusack (30/9), Mary Cunney (1/10), Mary Frances (1/10), Christopher Lowther (7/10)

Deceased: Vicenzio Lovatti, Judith Coates, 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 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: Mariany Hidajat, Silvana Bevilacqua, 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	Therese Poulton
	Next	Bruce Strath
7:30am	This	Stephanie Chow
	Next	Charlotte Buxton
9:00am	This	Jenny Jago
	Next	Lisa Steel
11:00am	This	Sr Esmeay
	Next	Sandra Truong

Dates for your Diary

- ◆ **Gathering at Waterloo – Saturday 7 October**
This Saturday, please join us in the Eileen O'Connor Community Centre for refreshments after the 5pm Saturday Mass.
- ◆ **Sunday 19 November—Parish Retreat Day,**
The Way of the Heart. (Details below)



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

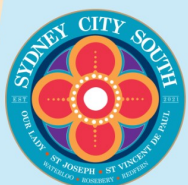
The Way of the Heart Retreat Day is for those who want to deepen their friendship with Jesus, renew this friendship, or meet the real Jesus for the first time.

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
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Financial Update

Week Ending 24 September

First Collection	Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund	\$ 762
Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program/ does not incl tap& go)	Supports the Parish	\$ 650

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

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



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.

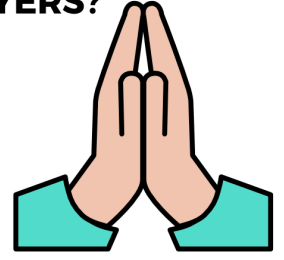
You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

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

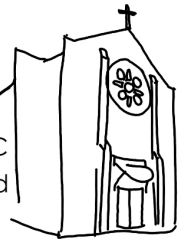


Waterloo

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

Baptisms

We congratulate **Eliau and Ana** on their baptisms at Waterloo on Saturday.

God bless them and their family.



The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.



On Thursday this beautiful arch above the front gate was installed. As part of the heritage restoration program it was discovered that there was originally a metal arch or overthrow above the gate. David Flemming and myself designed the piece which contains two symbols of Mary indicating the sites Marian dimension: the M and the Carmelite emblem. The vine leaves speak to this place being a Eucharistic place. Mary always leads us to Jesus.

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.

Parts of the Mass

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

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

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,

by which you have given me hope.

This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

R Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **R**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **R**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

from the perspective of a tax collector

Hey, Jesus is talking about me again! I love it when he says that I'm better than some of those stuck up chief priests. All my life they've looked down on me; pretending they're better than me. I've seen the way some of them behave when they think no-one's watching! They're no better than me! And Jesus says that people like me will enter the kingdom before people like them! Yes! I know I've done the wrong thing plenty of times - Jesus has helped me to see that. Maybe that's what makes me different from those priests; I don't pretend that I've never done anything wrong.

