



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.

28th & 29th October 2023 | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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Dear Friends,

Until recently, most of us would have only associated Halloween with a particularly violent series of American movies of dubious (and varying) quality. It's surprising, then, to realise that the origins of Halloween are profoundly religious and very Catholic at that. In the Catholic Church, 1 November is commemorated as the Feast of All Saints (All Hallows). The Eve of All Saints (i.e. the night before) is known as "Halloween." In the Catholic Church, the Feasts of All Saints and All Souls (which we commemorate on 2 November) herald for us the beginning of the end of the liturgical year (which concludes with the Feast of Christ the King). During the month of November, the readings in Catholic liturgies turn their attention to "the last things" in anticipation of the time that God's Kingdom is finally realised at the end of time. November is also a time when Catholics are encouraged to remember those who have died and gone to their eternal rest.

This year, again, I have been amazed how, like the Christian feasts of Christmas and Easter, retailers have seized upon yet another opportunity to suck the meaning out of a significant Christian feast and replace it with something completely meaningless (and possibly Satanic in some cases) in order to make money. What, then, should we do? I think, for most children and young people, the celebration of Halloween is fairly harmless (although I do have real concerns about children without an adult guardian fronting up to houses and people they do not know - there really might be a monster lurking within!) It would be a great shame, though, if we did not seize upon Halloween as an opportunity to reclaim something of the very Catholic meaning of the feast itself. Throughout November, then, we should all remember the call of the Second Vatican Council that "it is a holy and a wholesome thing to pray for the dead." During November, why not take the opportunity to remember a loved one who is no longer with us and say a prayer giving thanks for their life? Here is a prayer that St Ignatius of Loyola wrote that (I think) still speaks to us today:

*Receive, Lord, in tranquility and peace,
the soul of N.*

*who has departed this present life
to be with You.*

Give him/her the life

*That knows no age,
the good things that do not pass away;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen*

A final thought – we live in a society that hides much of the reality of death. I've noticed recently on radio that people no longer "pass away." Apparently, these days, they just "pass" (almost as though death is some kind of test!) Without being morbid about it, November can be a time to remind ourselves of one of the great doctrines of our faith – the Communion of Saints. As Catholics, we really do believe that, as our funeral liturgy reminds us, "life is changed – not ended." There is great beauty and peace in that reality for all of us! 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 (All Saints Day)

7.30am St Joseph's Rosebery

6.30pm St Vincent Redfern

Thursday (All Souls Day)

7.30am St Joseph Rosebery

6.30pm OLMC Waterloo

Friday

8.00am Our Lady of Mt Carmel Waterloo

Normal Sunday Mass Times:

Waterloo: 5pm Sat Vigil

Rosebery: Sunday 7.30am (Rosary at 7am) &
9.00am. Reconciliation @ Rosebery 8.30am.

Redfern: 11.00am

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Principal: Katherine Zerounian

Recently Deceased: Fr John Alt, Ken Hua, Anna Hanh Bui, Karen Simonet, Craig Petroni

Anniversary: Josephine Daniels (28/10), Richard Rozier (31/10), Elizabeth Grygiel (31/10), Patricia Ani (1/11), John Thornton (2/11),

Deceased: Domenico Verardo, Gino Mio, Edgardo Actas Ramirez, Elena Crookes, 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: Paul Morgan, Mariany Hidajat, Silvana Bevilacqua, Ned Dalton, Livia Mio, John Calleja, Anne Hudson, Maria Tsailis, Cherry Ermita Dela Cruz, 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.

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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	Stephanie Chow
	Next	Josette Merchant
9:00am	This	Terri Lumibao
	Next	Jenny Jago
11:00am	This	Sr Esmey
	Next	Sandra Truong

Dates for your Diary

- ◆ **Sunday 29 October—Morning tea at Redfern** Please join us for morning tea after the 11am Mass at St Vincent de Paul Church, Redfern.
- ◆ **Saturday 4 November—Gathering at Waterloo** Please join us for refreshments after the 5pm Saturday Mass at OLMC, Waterloo
- ◆ **Sunday 5 November—Morning tea at Rosebery** Please join us for morning tea after the 9am Mass at St Joseph, Rosebery.
- ◆ **Sunday 19 November—Parish Retreat Day, The Way of the Heart.**

Financial Update

Week Ending 22 October

First Collection	Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund	\$ 674
Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program/ does not incl tap& go)	Supports the Parish	\$ 534

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.

Playgroup Dates

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
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MONTHLY GATHERINGS



Redfern

Sun 29 Oct
 after 11am Mass



Waterloo

Sat 4 Nov
 after 5pm Mass

Rosebery

Sun 5 Nov
 after 9am Mass



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Hospitality Roster

Waterloo 04 Nov

Martin Kelly
 Bianca Rodrigo
 Nicole Cowper

Coordinator and food
 Food
 Food

Rosebery 05 Nov

Bob Kanginan
 Christina Leontini
 Jenny Jago
 Catharine Thamrin
 Andrew Kosasih
 Cindy Kosasih
 Dylan White

Set up
 Serve & pack up
 Serve & pack up
 Food
 Food
 Food
 Food



For more information or to help host these gatherings please contact Elizabeth Arblaster on 0491 939 577 or mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au

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.



Gospel Reflection

This week's Gospel follows close behind the Gospel read last Sunday. It is the last of three questions put to Jesus by Jewish religious leaders who are trying to trick him into saying something that might get him arrested. This reminds us that the context for today's reading is the mounting tension between Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem.

The Herodians and the Pharisees asked the first question, which was about taxes. The Sadducees asked the second question, which was about the Resurrection (see Matthew 22:22-33). The third question, considered in today's Gospel, is asked by a Pharisee who asks Jesus about the greatest of the commandments.

The question requires Jesus to interpret the Law of Moses. The Mosaic Law consists of the Ten Commandments and many additional rules, numbering over six hundred. Adherence to the Mosaic Law, for a devout Jew, is an expression of faithfulness to God's covenant with Israel. The ranking of the Commandments was regularly debated among the teachers of the Law.

Jesus answers the Pharisees' question with a two-fold summary. Jesus says that all of the commandments can be summarized in two commandments: love God and love your neighbour. Both of these were central elements of the religious tradition Jesus learned from his Jewish community. Indeed these continue to be central aspects of contemporary Jewish religious understanding. Jesus' response to his questioners proposed an integral connection between these two aspects of the Jewish Law. Love of God finds its expression in our love for our neighbour.




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MEN'S NIGHT

Wednesday 6 December
Novotel, Sydney Olympic Park
6.30pm - 9.30pm

Tickets \$50 each
includes drinks

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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.

**The Way of the Heart Parish Retreat –
Registrations now open!**

Registrations are now open for our Parish Retreat, the Way of the Heart.

3 ways to book

Book online via TryBooking www.trybooking.com/CLFEX (see the QR code opposite).

Fill in a form (at the back of the church) and put it on the collection plate during Mass. Do not leave it at the back of the church.

Buy tickets after Mass on the weekend of 28 and 29 October. Tickets will be sold at all Masses.

About The Way of the Heart

God longs to be in deep friendship with us and to help us. **The Way of the Heart** draws our heart 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.

The day includes morning tea and lunch. See the registration page for more details.

About Anne and John Gray

The retreat will be led by **Anne and John Gray**. They are the Australian Coordinators of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. They have been doing this ministry since 2020 after time spent being formed in "The Way of the Heart" at the Jesuit headquarters in Rome. Their love of Ignatian spirituality started 35 years ago when they first met on an Ignatian retreat for youth. Their ministry is voluntary as John is a lawyer and Anne a teacher/family educator. They have three grown up children and one dog and they love bringing the Way of the Heart to others who are open to its transformative way of living relying on the power of prayer in our lives.

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

Life is busy but, please, consider accepting this gift that is being offered. If you can, set aside this day to invest in your relationship with God and in your own life. You won't regret it. I also encourage you to invite friends, family and neighbours, including anyone who has been away from parish life and worship. *Everyone* is welcome.

Pax,
Elizabeth



Parish Retreat Day
St Joseph's Church, Rosebery
Sunday, 19 November 2023
10am - 3.30pm

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
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Includes morning tea and lunch

Enquiries: Elizabeth 0491 939 577
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November Mass Offerings

During the month of November, the Church prays particularly for the Holy Souls.

If you would like your loved ones remembered during November, please complete the special November Mass Offering envelope (suggested donation \$20) (write name on envelope and include donation)

Names will be placed on the Altar and remembered at all Masses during November.

All Souls Day Thursday 2 November -

7.30am Rosebery,

6.30pm Waterloo

At these Mass you will be invited to light a candle before the altar for those you wish to pray.

On the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed the Church gathers in solemn suffrage for the souls in purgatory, and the liturgy should express this clearly. The faithful who visit a church or cemetery to pray for the faithful departed, saying the Lord's Prayer and the Creed, may gain a plenary indulgence once only under the usual conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion and Prayer for the Pope's intentions.

Through prayer, this indulgence may be given over to the Holy Souls.

All Saints Day

This feast day is a Solemnity (it is no longer a Holy Day of Obligation) and celebrated on 1 November. It is also the day that St Vincent de Paul church Redfern was consecrated by Archbishop Fisher in 2015. On this day there will be the following Mass times: Rosebery 7.30am, Redfern 6.30pm

Baptisms

We congratulate **Hugo and Santiago** on their baptisms at Rosebery this weekend.

God bless both them and their families.



Join us for All Souls Day Mass

All Souls Day is a special day for many to reflect and show their love and memories for those who are no longer with us. Please join us for our annual memorial masses at our cemeteries with live music and hospitality provided after the mass.

Rookwood Catholic Cemetery

Saturday, 28 October at 12pm
Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel

Liverpool Cemetery

Saturday, 4th November at 10.30am
The Reflection Chapel

Kemps Creek Memorial Park

Sunday, 5th November at 2pm
The Pavillion

A poster for the 'PURPOSE CONFERENCE'. The title 'PURPOSE' is in large, bold, white letters, with a cross symbol integrated into the letter 'O'. Below it, 'CONFERENCE' is written in a smaller font. The dates '7-8 DEC 2023' and the location 'ROSEBANK COLLEGE' are also present. The background is dark with a sunburst effect. At the bottom, there are photos of people, including a priest and a young man. There are logos for 'CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY', 'Sydney Catholic Schools', 'SYDNEY CATHOLIC YOUTH', and 'PAROUSTA'. Ticket information is provided: 'Highschool Tickets: Register with your Religious Education Coordinator or Email us at: info@sydneycatholicyouth.org', 'Day session: Years 9-12', and 'Night session: Young Adults'. A QR code is also included for 'Young Adult Tickets'.

Parts of the Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

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

We will ring out our joy at your saving help

and exult in the name of our God.

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 book of Exodus

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

R I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. **R**

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. **R**

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his

Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

ALL HALLOWS EVE

Commonly celebrated as an evening of ghosts and ghouls, scary looking costumes and trick or treating but what are we celebrating? All things Dark? As Christians we have a choice, we can either celebrate this night as a night of darkness or stand with Jesus as the light of the world, and celebrate October 31st as All Hallows Eve, as a night of light.

Place a lamp or light in your window if you stand for Christ and he is the Light of the World. All Hallows eve can be part of a special three-day holy celebration; October 31st All Hallows Eve, November 1st All Saints Day, November 2nd All Souls Day, in which we can contemplate, pray, attend Mass and create new and meaningful catholic traditions in our parishes and families.

We can honour God by Worshipping Jesus as the light of the World, by recognising his light in the lives of the Saints who reflected him to all of those around them, and by acknowledging and praying for all souls who have died in the faith, that they may receive his mercy, be reunited into his loving arms and live eternally in his light.