



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.

4th & 5th November 2023 | 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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Dear Friends,

On Friday, 17 November, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 12 pm to 2 pm. A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/StreetFeast2023>

The Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd have begun auditing dioceses and parishes around Australia. Our parish has been selected to be audited. Ruth and Michelle will assist me in completing the rather complex process ACSL requires. The process involves completing an online self assessment this month followed by an in-person visit next year. I am happy to report that since my time as parish priest the safeguarding requirements have been significantly improved and complied with and we now have the documents the ACSL require for evidence. In the last self assessment the parish received an excellent rating. This includes, those volunteers who have been mandated to provide a Working With Children Check and online training are up to date. Risk assessments are completed where appropriate, clergy training is completed twice a year, Code of Conduct is signed by those who require it, a Safeguarding link to all resources can be found on our parish website, newsletter notices published, yearly self assessment completed.

The Synod in Rome has now finished it's first session. A synthesis report has been published. This report is not Church teaching but a record of the discussions of the participants and proposals for further discussion with the local Churches. I encourage you to read the report and I'm sure in time we will have an opportunity to offer feedback. The report offers an honest and challenging picture of what happened in the Synod room.

The final stage of the redevelopment of Our Lady of Mt Carmel will take place starting 8 January 2024. In previous newsletters I have outlined the scope of work and how it is important and necessary to more fully comply with the Liturgical documents outlined in Vatican II and the Australian Catholic Bishops directory. Waterloo church will be closed from 8 January for six weeks. All Masses usually held at Mt Carmel will be held at Rosebery. I have invited Archbishop Anthony to celebrate Mass to consecrate the new altar and church after it has been completed.

Please note I am away this week and there will be a Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion on Monday and Wednesday at 7.30am at St Josphe Rosebery.

God bless,



*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—**Cancelled this week**

Wednesday

7.30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion,
St Joseph's Rosebery

Friday

8.00am Our Lady of Mt Carmel Waterloo—
Cancelled this week

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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St Joseph, Rosebery

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Principal: Mr Bernard Ryan

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Rosebery

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Director: Faye-Maree Genovezos

Jarjum School (Jesuits) Redfern

117 Redfern Street

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Principal: Katherine Zerounian

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Manolito Aguilar, Elvira Mendes, Eusebio Humilde, Craig Dunkerley, Fr John Alt, Ken Hua

Anniversary: Josephine Merriman (5/11), Leonarda Actas Ramirez (8/11), Robert Lillis (9/11)

Deceased: Raymanod & Dorothy Blackman, Joseph & Rose Lia, Pauline & Miriam McGill, 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: Valerie Jenkins, Paul Morgan, Mariany Hidajat, Silvana Bevilacqua, Ned Dalton, Livia Mio, John Calleja, Anne Hudson, Maria Tsialis, 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.

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	Steven Belcastro
	Next	Ika Sadeli
7:30am	This	Josette Merchant
	Next	Charlotte Buxton
9:00am	This	Jenny Jago
	Next	Lisa Steel
11:00am	This	Sandra Truong
	Next	TBA

Dates for your Diary

- ◆ **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 29 October

First Collection	Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund	\$ 1125
Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program/ does not incl tap& go)	Supports the Parish	\$ 691

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.

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 names on envelope and include donation)

Names will be placed in the Book of Remembrance and remembered at each Mass during November.

MONTHLY GATHERINGS



Redfern

Sun 29 Oct
after 11am Mass

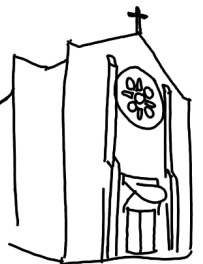


Waterloo

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



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.

Gospel Reflection

Every year the Church recalls the example, witness, and prayer of the holy women and men who have been identified by the Church as Saints. These saints are more than just role models; they are family members with whom we continue to share relation, in a bond of prayer, called the Communion of Saints. Every year when we celebrate this day, the Gospel we proclaim recalls for us Jesus' teaching about happiness, the Beatitudes. We quickly note in this reading that none of those Jesus names as "blessed" or "happy" are expected . . . the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness.

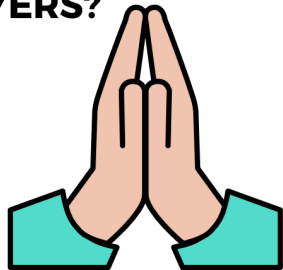
What does Jesus mean when he uses the word "blessed?" This word is sometimes translated as "happy" or "fortunate" or "favoured." In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, who mourn, who are persecuted. This might have been welcome and surprising news to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Because of this, it is natural that we proclaim this Gospel on the Feast of All Saints. Saints are people who lived the spirit of the Beatitudes as Jesus lived. On this day, we too are challenged to model our lives on the spirit and promises of the Beatitudes.

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.



GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to the people affected by the conflict.

A promotional banner for the Sydney Street Feast. The top half is blue with a green border at the top. It features the text "SYDNEY STREET FEAST" in large white and yellow letters, with a logo of a fork and knife. Below this, it says "A Response to Pope Francis' World Day of the Poor". The middle section is yellow and contains the date and time: "FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER | 12-2PM" and the location: "ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL FORECOURT". The bottom section is blue and shows a group of people wearing blue aprons with the "STREET FEAST" logo. At the bottom, there are logos for the Justice Peace Office, PAYCE Foundation, paynter dixon, St. Merkorious Charity, and the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

Playgroup Dates

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)**



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The Way of the Heart Parish Retreat –

Registrations now open!

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

How 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.

Cost

Adult: \$20 • Pensioner/student: \$10 • Children (under 18 years): free

We would love financial means to never be a barrier to someone attending our retreats. Contact us for sponsorship options.

Meals

The day includes morning tea and lunch

Children

There is no children's program, but children are welcome. Please note, any child (under 18 years old) attending the retreat must register with an adult, and be accompanied and supervised by that adult throughout the day.

About the program

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.

About the retreat facilitators

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



The Way of the Heart

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
Pope's Worldwide Prayer
Network*

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW:

<https://www.trybooking.com/CLFEX>



**Adult \$20
Tertiary Student/Pensioner \$10
Child under 18 years old Free
Includes morning tea
and lunch**



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Project Good Samaritan Christmas Collection

Thank you for your continued support of Project Good Samaritan.

As we near Christmas, Vinnies is stocking up on Christmas items to distribute to families struggling with the cost-of-living crisis. This year, many families can't even afford to put food on the table each day.

So, with your support, we will help make Christmas special for these families.

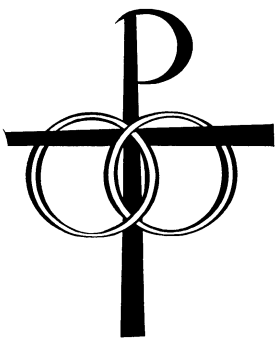
Items to donate:

- Santa Sacks
- Toys
- Christmas paper plates and napkins

More updates on how we can help Vinnies this Christmas will be provided shortly.



Wedding



Congratulations to **Ben and Lauren** who celebrated their nuptials at St Joseph's Rosebery on Friday, 3rd November.

May they have a long and happy life together.

Parish Pastoral Council Report

The PPC met on Thursday 26 October at Waterloo.

The PPC received a report and gave feedback to me on the following:

- Renovation plans for Waterloo parish centre

Discussion on plans for the renovation of parish centre at Waterloo (formerly school admin). Hall capacity for 100, small office/breakout area, kitchen and upstairs meeting space.

- Waterloo church phase 3 works

This includes the sanctuary works approved by the Liturgical Commission and Sydney City Council. The works address the clutter and enable it to comply with the Liturgical Documents. The start date is January 8 2024. The church will be closed for six weeks. All Masses will be transferred to Rosebery during this time. Archbishop Anthony has been invited to consecrate new altar and church after completion.

- Schools update

Marg Holles (OLMC) was an apology but it was noted a new before and after school care provider was found for 2024. NAPLAN results were encouraging, discussions about improvements to school and site.

Bernard Ryan (St J) discussed the progress of construction. Kindergarten enrolments for next year stand at 69. Foundation Dinner held on Fri 3 November.

- Pastoral Associate for Mission

Elizabeth outlined the pastoral activities she coordinates including starting the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in 2024, parish retreat, prayer text line and pastoral support.

- Pastoral Associate

Sr Rosemary gave a brief report on the areas she coordinates such as catechists, sacramental program, and care for the sick.

- Proposals

That tap and go figures as well as cash received in collection be published each week or once a month. It was noted that Archdiocesan policy is not to publish money received for security reasons. However, Fr Paul considers it appropriate unless directly ordered by the Archdiocese to publish monthly figures. As there is a risk in doing this Fr Paul will monitor.

The next gathering is for all parishioners at the parish Christmas Party after 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturday 2 December.
Fr Paul Smithers, PP

Sydney Catholic early childhood services

A Rewarding Career Awaits at SCECS

Join our welcoming and dynamic team of educators at St Joseph's Preschool and Long Day Care in Rosebery. We are currently recruiting for Diploma, Cert III and Trainee Educators to join our vibrant early learning community.

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Parts of the Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

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 will show me the path of life,

the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

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 Malachi

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm

R In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. **R**

Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.

A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. **R**

O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. **R**

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

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;
you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'