



# 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.

18th & 19th November 2023 | 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

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We pray today that God may shine his light upon our talents, like the lantern in our painting, so we can put them to good use for the glory of God.

*Parable of the Talents,*  
Painted by **Andrei Mironov (born 1975),**  
Painted in 2013,  
Oil on canvas  
© *Andrei Mironov Artist*

Dear friends,

Mr Tai Pham, a 5th year seminarian, will be with us for his summer pastoral placement from 25 November. He will then have a break in January and continue his pastoral placement until June. The training of priests mostly takes place in the seminary. But for the next six months you and I will be his formators! At the ordination of priests the Archbishop will ask 'has he been found worthy' and the Rector of the seminary will say 'after enquiry among the people of God and those associated with his formation he is found worthy'. So I encourage you to invite Tai to your house. You may work along side of him, and see him around.

I am delighted that Sr Rosemary has 6 in the RCIA group. Please keep those discerning becoming catholic in your prayers.

On Tuesday night I attended the first meeting of our new Vinnies conference at Waterloo. We still need a few more members, so please if you discern a calling to serve the poor and vulnerable please let me know.

I am looking forward to the volunteers party this Tuesday after the 5pm Mass at Waterloo. I am so grateful for the many volunteers that support the evangelizing mission of the parish. I need you all and more. We are all the face of the Church.

*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

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

#### Tuesday

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

#### Wednesday

7.30am St Joseph's Rosebery

#### Friday

8.00am Our Lady of Mt Carmel Waterloo

### Normal Sunday Mass Times:

**Waterloo:** 5pm Sat Vigil

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

**Redfern:** 11.00am

### Schools in Our Parish:

Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Waterloo  
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*Principal: Mr Bernard Ryan*

St Joseph Preschool & Long Day Care,  
Rosebery

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*Director: Faye-Maree Genovezos*

Jarjum School (Jesuits) Redfern

117 Redfern Street

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*Principal: Katherine Zerounian*

**Recently Deceased:** Mons Bill Mullins, Valerie Jenkins, Manolito Aguilar, Elvira Mendes, Eusebio Humilde

**Anniversary:** Doris Irene Fox (14/11), Albert Wilson (22/11), Josephine Nappa (23/11)

**Deceased:** Kue Hock Chiu, Delfin Basilio III, Joseph Mizzi, Ernesto Ford, Fr Terence Purcell, Raymanod & Dorothy Blackman, Joseph & Rose Lia, Pauline & Miriam McGill, Domenico Verardo, Gino Mio, 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:** Virginia Peloe, Edmund Gonzales, 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, 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	Bruce Strath
	Next	Therese Poulton
<b>7:30am</b>	This	Michael Burns
	Next	John Sciberras
<b>9:00am</b>	This	Abbey K
	Next	Amelia K
<b>11:00am</b>	This	Ben May
	Next	Sr Esmey

# Dates for your Diary

- ◆ **Sunday 19 November—Parish Retreat Day,** The Way of the Heart.
- ◆ **CHANGE OF DATE:** Please note the final Playgroup for 2023 will be on **Tuesday 28 November, not 23 November.**
- ◆ **Saturday, 2 December 6pm – Parish Christmas Party,** Eileen O'Connor Community Centre, OLMC Waterloo

## Financial Update

### Week Ending 12 November

First Collection	Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund	\$ 830
Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program/ does not incl tap& go)	Supports the Parish	\$ 585



*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.*

## Baptisms

We congratulate **Aki** on his baptisms at Rosebery this weekend.  
God bless Aki and his family.



**Everyone is warmly invited to attend Playgroup**

**Tuesday (28/11/23)  
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**

## 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.



### 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.





Join us for our  
Parish of Sydney City South

# CHRISTMAS *Party*

SATURDAY  
**2**  
DECEMBER  
at 6:00pm

Eileen O'Connor Community Centre  
Waterloo

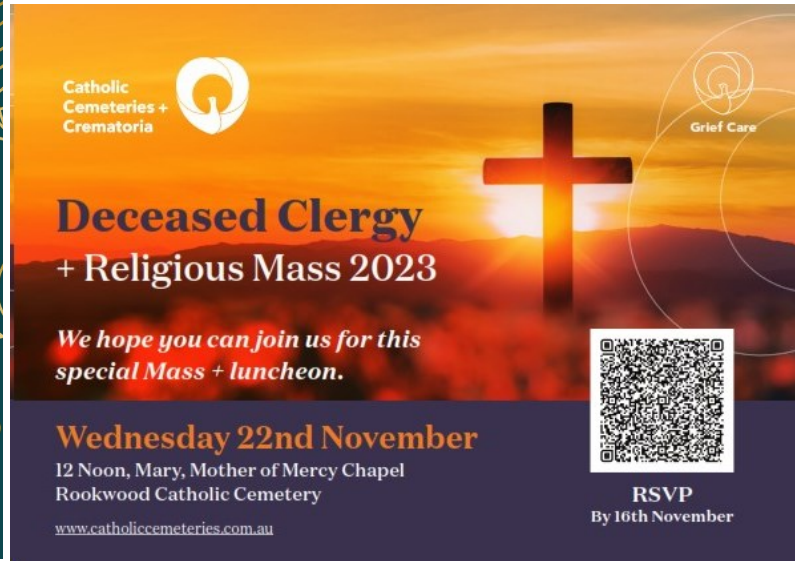
RSVP to 9353 6300 or  
[mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au](mailto:mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au)



**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.**

Catholic Cemeteries + Crematoria

Grief Care


## Deceased Clergy + Religious Mass 2023

*We hope you can join us for this special Mass + luncheon.*

**Wednesday 22nd November**  
12 Noon, Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel  
Rookwood Catholic Cemetery

[www.catholiccemeteries.com.au](http://www.catholiccemeteries.com.au)

RSVP  
By 16th November




## GAZA CRISIS APPEAL

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



**DONATE NOW**

[www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza)

**1800 024 413**

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# ILLUMINATING

# Christmas

An Advent small group experience



**We all think we know the story of Christmas.  
But do you know the real story?**

This year, you are invited to join one of our three-session Advent small groups. We will undertake a fascinating historical study of this great feast of the birth of Jesus the Christ. You'll never look at Christmas the same way again!

**Tuesdays** 28 November, 5 and 12 December  
**Group 1 - in person**  
6.30-7.30pm, St Joseph's Church Meeting Room

**Cost Free**

**Wednesdays** 29 November, 6 and 13 December  
**Group 2 - in person**  
10.30-11.30am, St Joseph's Church Meeting Room

**Group 3 - online**  
7-8pm, Zoom link provided on registration

**To Register or Enquire**

Contact Elizabeth on 0491 939 577 or [mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au](mailto:mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au)

Gari Melchers, The Nativity, circa 1891, oil on canvas.  
Gari Melchers Home and Studio, University of Mary Washington

## Project Good Samaritan Christmas Collection

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Thank you in advance for your generosity and support of Project Good Samaritan, Christmas Collection, where we help those who may not be able to provide presents for their family this Christmas. As outlined in last week's newsletter, we are collecting the following items:

- Santa Sacks
- Toys
- Christmas paper plates and napkins

Along with the items above, Vinnies has asked us to consider donating a present for a teenager. The team at Vinnies find that many donate presents for children, but with the increasing number of families reaching out for help, there are many teenagers who may miss out on a Christmas present this year. As such, we are seeking your help in donating items that would be able to be gifted to a teenager, for example;

- A movie ticket
- A gift card
- A small pamper pack
- Some make-up
- Sporting item

For those who would like to continue to provide food items, please place these in the hamper at the back of your Church, and the items will be collected regularly and delivered to Vinnies.



## Gospel Reflection

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This week's Gospel speaks of how Jesus' disciples are to conduct themselves as they await the Kingdom of Heaven. In the preceding passages and in last week's Gospel, Jesus taught that there is no way to predict the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven. His disciples must, therefore, remain vigilant and ready to receive the Son of Man at any time.

Jesus' parable talks about Christian discipleship using economic metaphors. Before he leaves on a journey, the master entrusts to his servants a different number of talents, giving to each according to their abilities. A *talent* is a coin of great value. Upon the master's return, he finds that the first and second servants have doubled their money, and both are rewarded. The third servant, however, has only preserved what was given to him because he was afraid to lose the money. He has risked nothing; he did not even deposit the money in a bank to earn interest. This servant is punished by the master, and his talent is given to the one who brought the greatest return.

Read in light of [last week's parable](#) of the wise and foolish bridesmaids, this parable teaches that God's judgment will be based on the service we render to God and to one another in accordance with the gifts that God has given to us. Our gifts, or talents, are given to us for the service of others. If we fail to use these gifts, God's judgment on us will be severe. On the other hand, if we make use of these gifts in service to the Kingdom of Heaven, we will be rewarded and entrusted with even more responsibilities.

This Gospel reminds us that Christian spirituality is not passive or inactive. Our life of prayer helps us to discern the gifts that have been given to us by God. This prayer and discernment ought to lead us to use our gifts in the service of God and our neighbour. God's grace allows us to share in the work of serving the Kingdom of Heaven.



## Parts of the Mass

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### Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.

You will call upon me, and I will answer you,  
and I will lead back your captives from every place.

### 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

Amen, I say to you, whatever you ask in prayer,

believe that you will receive,

and it shall be given to you, says the 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 Proverbs

A perfect wife – who can find her?  
She is far beyond the price of pearls.  
Her husband's heart has confidence in her,  
from her he will derive no little profit.  
Advantage and not hurt she brings him  
all the days of her life.  
She is always busy with wool and with flax,  
she does her work with eager hands.  
She sets her hands to the distaff,  
her fingers grasp the spindle.  
She holds out her hand to the poor,  
she opens her arms to the needy.  
Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty;  
the woman who is wise is the one to praise.  
Give her a share in what her hands have worked for,  
and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **R**

Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life. **R**

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

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the

night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord;  
my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir", he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness."