



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.

24th & 25th February 2024 | 2nd Sunday of Lent Year B

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Dear Friends,

Today's Gospel passage invites us to take an important step in our Lenten journey. Last week we were in the desert, this week we climb the mountain! And on this mountain with Jesus appears Moses and Elijah.

In salvation history Moses and Elijah are the two greatest witnesses that God revealed Himself through. They, too, went up a mountain one day and came to know God more closely (Ex 19.33.34; 1Kings19); and they began to understand precisely something that has a close connection with Jesus' Passover.

On the mountain, Moses came to know that God's name is **mercy**, that he is slow to anger, that he forgives the guilt of his people, that he does not destroy them when the people fall into temptation and turn away from God. Moses has known that God reveals himself basically for one purpose, which is always to save us.

On the mountain, Elijah after a long flight, knew that God reveals himself in meekness: not in the great signs of power and force, but in the humble silence of a breeze, a breath.

One step further: Moses and Elijah both thought that evil is conquered by force: Moses killed an Egyptian who was antagonizing a Hebrew (Ex. 2:12); Elijah even killed all the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel (1 Kings 18:20-40) thinking that he was thus defending true faith in the one God.

But then, both came to know a different God, and a different way of saving: they too were converted.

This different way of saving, we will see at the cross, at the end of this journey, where we too, are called to convert our expectation of salvation, to open our hearts to let ourselves be saved in the way God wants to save us.

Moses and Elijah are our companions on this Lenten journey, just as John the Baptist is our companion on the Advent journey, so that we too, can come to know the Face of God who reveals himself by giving his life for us.



Paul



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, Rosebery

Tuesday

5pm, St Vincent de Paul, Redfern

Wednesday

7.30am St Joseph, Rosebery

Thursday

5pm St Joseph, Rosebery Mass then
adoration finishing with Benediction at
5.55pm.

Friday

7.30am St Joseph, Rosebery

7.30pm Stations of the Cross @ Redfern

Normal Sunday Mass Times:

~~Waterloo: 5pm Sat Vigil~~

From 13 January: 5pm Sat Vigil will be
at St Joseph Rosebery

Rosebery: Sunday 7.30am (Rosary at
7am) & 9.00am (This Mass is Live
Streamed).

Reconciliation @ Rosebery 8.30am.

Redfern: 11.00am

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Director: Faye-Maree Genovezos

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117 Redfern Street

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Principal: Katherine Zerounian

Recently Deceased: Emma Lupango, Laurence Hargan

Anniversary: Jane Farrugia (24/2), Bolivar Villavicencio (27/2),
James Carey (28/2), Pedro Martinez (29/2).

Deceased: Ana Teresa Rodriguez Marin, Miguel Marin, Marie
Quinn, Michael Quinn, Kathleen McNelis, Joseph & Rose Lia,
Pauline & Miriam McGill, Sartoretto Family, Joseph Mizzi, 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: Madelyn Humilde, Lucy Went, Bambo
Servoz, Mark Balbi, John & Kate Gavan, Pamela Coates, Oisin
Bradley, Carlos Lobo, Jimmie Mallee, Virginia Peloe, Edmund
Gonzales, Paul Morgan, Mariany Hidajat, Silvana Bevilacqua, Ned
Dalton, Livia Mio, John Calleja, Anne Hudson, Maria Tsialilis,
Cherry Ermita Dela Cruz, 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, Geraldine Carrington, Therese
Mullaney, Manolito Agnilar.

Special Intention: Melanie Ruska and family

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. Donations can be made via
website or given to Fr Paul directly.

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.

Financial Update

Week Ending 18 February

First Collection	Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund	\$ 777
Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program/ does not incl tap& go)	Supports the Parish	\$ 731

**Thank you to all who are supporting the parish
financially.**



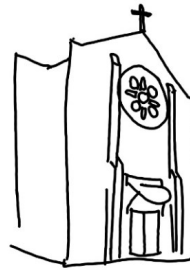
Please use the QR code, Tap N Go, Support Us Tab from
Website or contact the Parish Office to make a donation OR be
set up for a monthly donation using your credit card.

Dates for your Diary

- ◆ Retreat with the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia – **Sunday, 7 April 2024**
- ◆ Consecration of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church & new altar, Waterloo by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP
- ◆ **SAVE THE DATE!** Friday, 31st May 2024
6:30pm Annual Parish Dinner Tea Room, QVB

MORNING TEA 

at St Joseph's Rosebery



Please join us for 9am Mass followed by morning tea on **Sunday, 3 March 2024**

For more information please contact Elizabeth Arblaster on 0491 939 577 or mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au



READERS ROSTER

Mass		Reader
5:00pm	This	Lenette Carter
	Next	Bianca Rodrigo
7:30am	This	Josette Merchant
	Next	Charlotte Buxton
9:00am	This	Terri Lumibao
	Next	Jenny Jago
11:00am	This	Sr Esmey
	Next	Ben May

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR 2024 PARISH EASTER RAFFLE!



Donate an Easter egg, bunny, bilby or a bottle of wine/bubbly for our 2024 Easter Raffle. Raffle to be drawn at Easter Vigil and all proceeds to go to Parish Outreach programs. Drop your donation off at the Church during Mass times or to Parish Office. More info? Call Parish Office 9353 6300.

St Joseph's Community Playgroup

10-11am Thursdays
22 February, 7 March, 21 March,
and 4 April

St Joseph's Catholic Church,
Parish Office
(74 Rosebery Ave, Rosebery NSW)

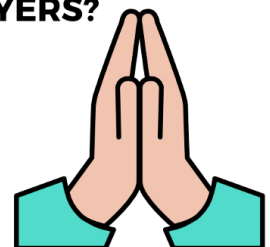
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DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED PRAYERS?

Our WhatsApp prayer group would like to pray for you.

Text your intentions to 0491 939 577.



St Joseph's
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL
ROSEBERY

Easter Triduum

Holy Thursday 28 March:

7pm Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Waterloo (Adoration until Midnight)

Good Friday 29 March:

10am Stations of the Cross St Joseph's, Rosebery

3pm Liturgy of the Passion St Joseph's, **Rosebery**

3pm Liturgy of the Passion St Vincent de Paul, **Redfern**

3pm Liturgy of the Passion Our Lady of Mt Carmel **Waterloo**

7.30pm Tenebrae Liturgy, Our Lady of Mt Carmel Waterloo*

Easter Vigil 30 March:

7.30pm Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Waterloo

Easter Sunday 31 March: Mass times as usual.

**Tenebrae means 'in darkness' and is a prayer of the Church during the Triduum which uses candles, psalms and hymns to respectfully keep praying during the Easter Triduum.*

www.heritagechristiancollege.com

Good Samaritan Project - Easter

We are back again to support Vinnies, Redfern, after a short break. The beginning of this year has been challenging for many families and individuals, especially those who are homeless, due to the ever-increasing cost of living. Consequently, many have turned to Vinnies for support in putting food on the table.

Our Project's focus over the next few months is to provide non-perishable food items that will enable families to prepare basic meals such as breakfast and dinner. Here are some items to consider:

- Pasta and ready-made sauces
- Canned fish and meats
- Canned soups
- Rice
- Long-life milk
- Small boxes of breakfast cereals such as Weet-Bix and cornflakes.



Also, following the success of last year's Easter Egg drive, we will again collect Easter Eggs for Vinnies.

I appreciate your continued support and generosity, especially during these times of rising costs of living.

Vanessa Madunic

Easter Triduum Choir: Singers Needed



Stephanie Holmes will once again be assembling a choir for the Easter Triduum - singing for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil (28, 29, 30 March).

All parishioners, regardless of musical ability are invited to join the choir. Rehearsals will be on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm in St Joseph's Church, Rosebery. These began last week, but you are still encouraged to attend if interested. **Next rehearsal: Wednesday 28 February, 7.30pm**



Making Time for God

Why would someone give up a whole day to listen to talks about God, pray with Scripture, and share experiences of faith with others?

Last Sunday close to 30 parishioners gathered to be led on The Way of the Heart retreat with Anne and John Gray, the Australian Representatives of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network.

Here's what some of the participants said they got out of it.

Virginia said: "The retreat we had last Sunday made me conscious of the concrete work of God in my daily life. That Jesus is always there for me, all I need is to be aware/conscious of his loving presence!"

Caroline said: "Thank you! What a beautiful opportunity to be nearer to the Heart of Jesus. Very grateful to have spent time pondering and listening to God speaking to us through the perfect selection of scripture passages. How appreciative I am to know Jesus is my Saviour yet my friend too - my very best friend. In the moments of silence during adoration, God truly does speak to us - so gently and lovingly. I look forward to the Way of the Heart retreat Part 3."

Nikayla said: "The second part of the Way of the Heart retreat was a wonderful experience that opened up a lot of insight on scripture and the teachings of Jesus as well as how our we can continue to spread his Good News through our actions. Through different ways of meditation and reflection, I now feel closer to Jesus and God and I am grateful for the experience."

Another attendee said: "I find The Way of the Heart retreat as spiritually uplifting for me. The retreat made

me reflect on the simple things happening in my everyday life that I take for granted, yet they are God's affirmation of His unparalleled love for me. That I am precious and valuable in His eyes".

If you have never been on a retreat before, it is worth considering whether this is something that could enrich your life and your relationship with God.

Thank you to Anne and John and to the many generous parishioners who helped on the day.

Pax,
Elizabeth



PRAYER FOR MISSION

*Gather to pray for the growth of our mission:
to worship God, care for the poor & evangelise*

**St Joseph's Church, Rosebery
10.00-10.30am
Sunday, 17 March 2024**



Second Sunday of Lent 24 & 25 February



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



Volunteer Opportunity

Some 225 people in Sydney sleep rough every night, and Cana Communities operates homeless shelters in Sydney, with St Francis Shelter the latest to open its doors in Redfern. Run entirely by volunteers, Cana needs volunteers for Tuesday (women's only night), Friday and Saturday shifts (6pm-9:30pm or 9:30pm-7:30am) to welcome and assist guests and prepare meals. All volunteers will receive training. The impact on guests at these shelters cannot be overestimated, considering the alternatives. Be part of a caring community passionate about helping others and making a change. Find out more about becoming a volunteer by emailing carmel.shaw@cana.org.au



Become a Catechist in our Parish!

Are you hearing the call to Share the Joy, Share the Hope, Share the faith? Is God calling you to witness His love to our children in the state schools by bringing the presence of God into their lives?

Being a Catechist is both a calling and privilege. To be able to share the joy of the Gospel and the love of God to the students is what Catechists do weekly in public schools and it is something that we would like to invite others to experience.

Can you be a Catechist or a helper?

Our parish of Sydney City South visit two schools each week and with a new school being developed in Zetland, we will need to cater for the children there too.

Is God calling you?

If so contact Sr Rosemary—
pastoral@citysouthcatholic.org.au

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

The ten National Catholic Safeguarding Standards incorporate recommendations from the Royal Commission and also the National Principals for Child Safe Organisations, contextualising these requirements for the Catholic Church in Australia. These standards work in conjunction to ensure every entity, ministry, and organisation across the Catholic Church in Australia places the safety of children and adults at risk at the core of how they plan, think and act. Each week we are discussing one of the ten standards and how they operate in our Parish.

Standard Four: Equity is promoted and diversity respected

The principles of Catholic Social Teaching, particularly the inherent dignity of the human person, underpin the focus of Standard 4. This is reinforced by an emphasis on inclusion and empowerment. Our Parish community is a diverse place where all are welcome to come together for worship and our shared mission. If you have any suggestions or concerns please let us know.

Do you want more information?

Visit www.sydneycatholic.org/safeguarding-and-child-protection/ for all CAS policies and procedures. You can also find our Safeguarding Manual in all our Sites and copies to take home of specific documents we reference each week.


Your current PSSOs are:

Michelle Davies and **Ruth Rawlinson**.

Do you have questions about Safeguarding?

Email us at: safeguarding@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.

Parts of the Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

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

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

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 Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

Responsorial Psalm

R I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'

O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful. **R**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name **R**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

