



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.

6th & 7th April 2024 | 2nd Sunday of Easter Year B

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Dear Friends,

My heart is full of so much joy after a wonderful celebration of the Easter Triduum liturgies which culminated with the baptism and reception at the Easter Vigil Mass of nine adults into the faith.

Another highlight was welcoming people on Holy Thursday night from all over the Archdiocese as they visited seven churches before midnight. Bishop Umbers was a welcome guest at 11.50pm and stayed for a cuppa until 1am!

A new fence and gate are being installed at Rosebery. The gate will be open most of the time and for those who want to access the carpark at night I will give you a code.

This week the clergy of the Archdiocese will gather for a four day live in clergy conference. As I am on the organising committee, I trust it will be a wonderful time reflecting on synodality, with workshops on different topics as well as fraternity time. Please pray for me and for all the priests of the great Archdiocese of Sydney.

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, Rosebery

Tuesday

No Mass

Wednesday

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

Thursday

No Mass

Friday

8am Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Waterloo

Sunday Mass Times:

Waterloo: 5pm Sat Vigil

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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Principal: Katherine Zerounian

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Harold Meyers, Maria Zupanja, John Calleja, George Cilia, David Allen, Michael Johans Persy.

Anniversary: William Harkins (6/4), Reg Buist (8/4), Antonio Comas (8/4), Alice Balbi (8/4), Yooralla Simpson (9/4), Dorothy McCoy (11/4)

Deceased: Warren & Teresa Walker, Merle Canillas, Gino Mio, Sartoretto Family, Valerie Jenkins, 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: Guido Verardo, 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, Anne Hudson, Maria Tsiallis, 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.

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 31 March

First Collection	Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund	\$ 1,644
Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program/ does not incl tap& go)	Supports the Parish	\$ 967

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

- ◆ **Friday 19 April, 6.30pm** Consecration of Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church & new altar, Waterloo by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP. Refreshments follow please RSVP at Parish Office for catering numbers.
- ◆ **Friday 31st May, 6:30pm **BOOK NOW!!!**** for our Annual Parish Dinner Room, QVB—Registration now open! Please return forms by end of April.

READERS ROSTER

Mass		Reader
5:00pm	This	Therese Poulton
	Next	Bruce Strath
7:30am	This	Josette Merchant
	Next	Charlotte Buxton
9:00am	This	Amelia K
	Next	Terri Lumibao
11:00am	This	Ben May
	Next	Sr Esme

First and Second Collections What's the Difference?

Each weekend at Mass there are two standard collections:

The First Collection is donated each week to a central fund that provides for the priests of the Sydney Archdiocese and their needs including household expenses. The Parish does not retain these funds.

The Second Collection (along with other fundraising and donations during the year) provides the income for all the running expenses of the parish – staff employment, insurance, maintenance, maintaining and operating the Parish Office, liturgical supplies, water, waste collection, and most importantly – parish ministries and services. Essentially it is the contributions of our generous parishioners that fund our works! The **Parish (Planned) Giving** forms an important part of this collection please contact us at finance@citysouthcatholic.org.au or by calling the office if you'd like to become part of this program.



Book now for our Annual Parish Dinner.

To RSVP or for
more information
contact the Parish.

Friday 31st May 2024
6:30pm to 10:30pm
The Tea Room, QVB

secretary@citysouthcatholic.org.au
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2024 Annual Parish Dinner

Donations Needed 2024 Annual Parish Raffle

Do you know a small business that would like to donate a prize for our 2024 Raffle? Sponsorship opportunities also available. Contact us for more information.

Contact Ruth at
manager@citysouthcatholic.org.au
or via 02 9353 6300



Gold Sponsor 2024 Annual Parish Dinner

Thank you to Derek and Signarama Alexandria
for sponsoring our 2024 Parish Dinner.

DO YOU KNOW A LOCAL BUSINESS THAT WOULD LIKE
TO JOIN SIGNARAMA AS OUR OFFICIAL 2024 SPONSORS?
CONTACT RUTH: 9353 6300 OR MANAGER@CITYSOUTHCATHOLIC.ORG.AU

Reconciliation and First Holy Communion 2024

The Parish Sacramental Program for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will begin shortly. We have already held our Information Night (21 March), however you are welcome to contact the Parish Office for further information or email Sr Rosemary:
pastoral@citysouthcatholic.org.au

The Enrolment Mass is on **6th & 7th April** and the program begins on Tuesday **30th April**.

Children being enrolled should be in Yr 3 and above and baptised Catholic.

First Holy Communion will be held this year on:

Saturday 1st June 5.00pm Vigil - Waterloo

Sunday 2nd June 9.00am – Rosebery

Sunday 2nd June 11.00am - Redfern

You can find a registration form on our website under the “Sacraments” heading, in the “Parish Based Sacramental Program” tab.

Divine Mercy Sunday

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that from that year forward the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God. St. Faustina (1905–1938) was born and raised in Poland. Following a vocation to religious life, she was accepted by the Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. As a member of the Congregation, she worked as a cook, gardener, and porter. In her spiritual life, her contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbor.



Baptism

We congratulate **Mateo** on his baptism at Rosebery this weekend.
God bless him and his family



The Parish of Sydney City South
Invites Friends of Mt Carmel Waterloo
to attend

Dedication Mass of

Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Waterloo (Est 1859)

And Dedication of new altar

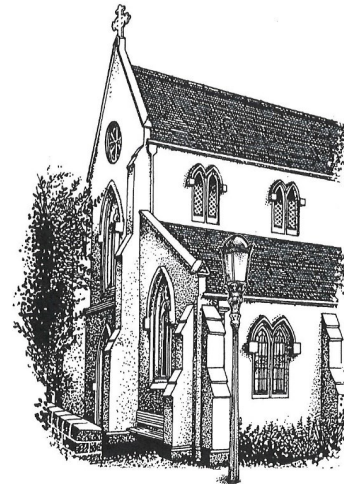
By Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

On Friday 19th April, 6.30pm

2 Kellick Street Waterloo

This is the culmination of four years of restoration of the historic Sydney church and shrine.

RSVP to secretary@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.



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

Today's reading from the Gospel of John is proclaimed on the Second Sunday of Easter in each of the lectionary cycles. This fact alone should alert us to the significance of the encounters with the resurrected Jesus that are described in this reading. This Gospel combines two scenes: Jesus' appearance to his disciples after his Resurrection and Jesus' dialogue with Thomas, the disciple who doubted.

Part of the mystery of Jesus' Resurrection is that he appeared to his disciples not as a spirit, but in bodily form. We do not know, however, exactly what this form looked like. Earlier in John's Gospel, when Mary of Magdala first encountered the risen Jesus, she did not recognize him until he spoke to her. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples walking along the road to Emmaus did not recognize Jesus until he broke bread with them. We know from readings such as today's that in his resurrected form, Jesus was not bound by matter; he appeared to the disciples inside a home even though the door was locked. Yet the disciples could still touch the marks of his Crucifixion.

In today's Gospel, Jesus greets his disciples with the gift of peace. Jesus then commissions his disciples to continue the work that he has begun; as Jesus was sent by God, so Jesus sends his disciples. He gives his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit so that they will be able to accomplish this task. Jesus' words to his disciples also highlight the integral connection between the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit. With the grace of the Holy Spirit, we can share forgiveness and reconciliation with others.

Thomas, the doubting disciple in today's reading, represents the reality of the Church that comes after this first community of witnesses to Jesus. All but the first disciples of Jesus must believe without seeing. Like Thomas, we may doubt the news that Jesus, who was crucified and buried, appeared to his disciples. Our human nature seeks hard evidence that the Jesus who appeared to his disciples after his death is indeed the same Jesus who was crucified. Thomas is given the opportunity to be our representative in obtaining this evidence. He gives witness to us that the Jesus who was raised is the same Jesus who died. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we are among those who are blessed, for we have not seen and yet believe.



Learn More



St Joseph's Preschool & Long Day Care | Ages 0-6

Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services places children and families at the heart of everything we do.

St Joseph's Preschool and Long Day Care is a proudly Catholic not-for-profit children's service nestled in the heart of Rosebery.

We provide high quality education and care services for children aged six weeks to school age that enable them to flourish in all areas of development.

We are part of Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services (SCECS), an outstanding provider of long day care and outside school hours care at more than 50 locations across Sydney.



Nurturing Educators, Better Connections

Our engaged educators practice responsive caregiving, recognising the importance of understanding and responding to each child's unique needs and interests.



Best-in-Class Facilities, Engaging Environments

Inspiring playrooms filled with high-quality resources that are regularly rotated to ensure the environment is stimulating and interest based.



Child-Centred Programs, Brighter Futures

Project-based education programs that integrate input from children, families, and educators that lead to valuable learning outcomes.

St Joseph's Preschool & Long Day Care



Learning and Growing Together

We view each child as an innately curious and capable learner. Our approach to learning is holistic, focused on children's complete development, integrating their physical, social, emotional, spiritual and intellectual growth.



Art & Literacy Centre



Project Area



Loose Parts



Home Corner



Manipulative Area



Construction Corner



STEAM Area



Group Time

Our Service Provides:



Nutritious meals prepared fresh daily by our Chef



Nappies, wipes, and sunscreen



Qualified Early Childhood Teachers and Educators



School readiness program



Best-in-class learning environments



Online documentation of learning via Storypark

Enquire Now

We are now enrolling ages 0-6 for 2024



Icon Exhibition by Michael Galovic



St George VS The Dragon

All Saints' Church
Ambrose Street, Hunters Hill NSW

Opening Eve
4pm 28/4

Open daily
10am-2pm
29/4 to 4/5

Closing Eve
5-7pm 3/5

Free Entry

www.aphh.com.au

The Emmanuel Community Street Mission

The Emmanuel Community invites the parishioners of Sydney City South Parish to join us on our monthly street mission nights at St Vincent de Paul Church Redfern.

The goal is to spread God's love through joyful encounters with those passing in the street. We spend time evangelising in pairs outside, while some stay in the church interceding before Jesus, exposed in the Blessed Sacrament. We commence at 7.15pm and conclude at 9pm.

Dates for 2024 are:

Fridays at 7.15pm, *and*

12 April, 14 June, 19 July, 16 August, 13 September, and 8 November.

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 Eight: Safe Physical & Online Environments

This standard focuses on the responsibility of our parish to minimise opportunity for abuse in physical and online environments.

It requires our parish and our clergy, staff and volunteers to be proactive in recognising and mitigating safeguarding risks. The core aspects of this responsibility are detailed in our **Code of Conduct** (agreed to and signed by all clergy, staff and volunteers), our **Safeguarding policy** (which underpins all our Safeguarding work in our parish) and our Safeguarding Risk Management through which we ensure that in all parts of parish life there is appropriate supervision, oversight and behaviour towards children and adults at risk. Did you know that for every relevant Parish event the Parish Team puts together a detailed risk assessment which is reviewed by Fr Paul prior to the event occurring? These risk assessments are then reviewed after the event and adjusted as needed for the future.

Where necessary we have made changes to the physical environment to ensure transparency and safety. Over the last few years you would have noticed some of these physical changes to our confessionals and also design of office and meeting areas. The redesign of the Parish Office, for example, was done with safeguarding at the front of our minds! As we begin the redevelopment of our new community center these considerations are always key.

And of course one of the most important elements for us all is training, training, training! We often get asked why training must be taken or refreshed and this is why, because we together the parish and we all have a responsibility to work to mitigate the risk and protect the rights of all, especially the most vulnerable. From time to time you will be contacted by Michelle and asked to attend training online, when contacted it is critical you do so. The training is informative and easy to complete and really does help.

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



Parts of the Mass

Entrance Antiphon

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure,
spiritual milk,
that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

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

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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 Acts of the Apostles

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

Responsorial Psalm

R Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let the sons of Aaron say:

‘His love has no end.’

Let those who fear the Lord say:

‘His love has no end.’ **R**

The Lord’s right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds.

I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,
but not doomed to die. **R**

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. **R**

A reading from the first letter of St John

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has been begotten by God;
and whoever loves the Father that begot him
loves the child whom he begets.

We can be sure that we love God’s children
if we love God himself and do what he has commanded
us;

this is what loving God is –
keeping his commandments;
and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten by God
has already overcome the world;
this is the victory over the world –
our faith.

Who can overcome the world?

Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God;
Jesus Christ who came by water and blood,
not with water only,
but with water and blood;
with the Spirit as another witness –
since the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me;
happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week,
the doors were closed in the room where the disciples
were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among
them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you,’ and showed
them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled
with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them
again, ‘Peace be with you.’

‘As the Father sent me,
so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

‘Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,
they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,
they are retained.’

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve,
was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples
said, ‘We have seen the Lord’, he answered, ‘Unless I see
the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my
finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my
hand into his side, I refuse to believe.’ Eight days later
the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was
with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and
stood among them. ‘Peace be with you’ he said. Then he
spoke to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here; look, here are
my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt
no longer but believe.’ Thomas replied, ‘My Lord and my
God!’ Jesus said to him:

‘You believe because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.’

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the
disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book.

These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is
the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you
may have life through his name.