

## PARISHMATTERS

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.

27th & 28th April 2024 | 5th Sunday of Easter Year B

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CCTV operates in each church



Dear Friends,

This image from the Rite of Dedication of Our Lady of Mt Carmel last Friday night captures the highlight of our Catholic faith. Everything leads to this moment of adoration and love. With the incense swirling around adding a sweet fragrance we are caught up in a moment of love with our God.







#### 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 Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Waterloo Wednesday

7.30am 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

#### Schools in Our Parish:

Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Waterloo 96991407

Principal: Mr Vince Campbell

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#### **PRAYER INTENTIONS**

Recently Deceased: Denis Ryan.

**Anniversary:** Lawrie Beach (28/4), Gavin Abbey (29/4), Joan Morgan (30/4), Veronica Hough (30/4), James Morgan (30/4)

**Deceased:** Fr Terence Purcell, Ana Jao, Sol Pagcatipunan, Alejandra Suarez, Dorothy Blackman, Domenico Verardo, 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 Rosenstrauss. 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: Bambo Zervos, Guido Verardo, Madelyn Humilde, Lucy Went, 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 Tsiailis, 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 21 April

First Collection	Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund	\$ 794
Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program/ does not incl tap& go)	Supports the Parish	\$822

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.

## ates for your Diary

Friday 31st May, 6:30pm BOOK NOW!!! our Annual Parish Room, QVB—Registration now open! Please return forms by end of April.

## MONTHLY GATHERINGS (





Please join us for 5pm Mass followed by refreshments on

Saturday, 4 May 2024

## MORNING TEA 🤼



at St Joseph's Rosebery



Please join us for 9am Mass followed by morning tea on

**Sunday, 5 May 2024** 

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



#### READERS ROSTER

Mass		Reader	
5:00pm	This	Bianca Rodrigo	
	Next	David McConachie	
7:30am	This	John Sciberras	
	Next	Stephanie Chow	
9:00am	This	Jenny Jago	
	Next	Dylan White	
11:00am	This	ТВС	
	Next	Ben May	

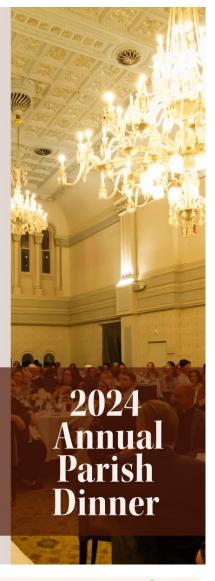


Book now for our Annual Parish Dinner.

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 9353 6300



Silver Sponsor 2024 Annual Parish Dinner

Thank you to conor and Jim's Mowing Maroubra for sponsoring our 2024 Parish Dinner.

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#### **Baptisms**

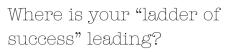


We congratulate **Maggie** on her baptism at Rosebery this weekend.

God bless her and her family

"There is perhaps nothing worse than reaching the top of the ladder and discovering that you're on the wrong wall."

Joseph Campbell





#### 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.



#### 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.

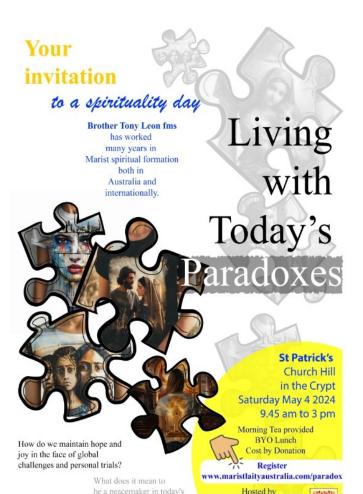
The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



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Rosebery NSW 2018

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Marist Laity Australia

More people are turning to charities for the first time as the cost-of-living crisis continues to impact communities.

To ensure Vinnies has sufficient food stock for winter, we are collecting various non-perishable food items throughout Autumn. Again, we will ask for your assistance in donating the following:

- Cans and packets of soup
- Macaroni and Cheese meals
- Small breakfast cereals
- Long-life milk
- Pasta and pasta sauces
- Canned tuna or canned meat
- Cracker biscuits

Your generosity through the Vinnies Winter Wellness Appeal helps men, women, and children who are struggling with this ongoing cost-of-living or homeless.









Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

We observe many people who act in ways that show their commitment to serve their neighbor. Christians and non-Christians feed the hungry, care for the sick, shelter the homeless, and give alms to the poor. These actions become acts of Christian discipleship when they are motivated by our relationship with Jesus. Whatever the immediate results, Jesus promises us that these actions will bear fruit when we undertake them in his name.

# 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





#### 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 Ten:

#### Entities regularly review and improve implementations of their systems for keeping children and adults safe.

This standard ensures that the safeguarding policies and procedures are well documented and managed. This ensures we have consistent application of safeguarding practices across our Parish. Our Parish is a dynamic community with many different groups and activities (and a lot of moving parts!) having clear policies and procedures ensures we are all on the same page about our rights and responsibilities when it comes to keeping our community safe for everyone.

Our policies and procedures have been developed by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney and are reviewed regularly in consultation with Parishes and other stakeholders. These are not static but a living document continually updated. All policies and procedures are publicly available.

I was recently able to attend a seminar on Safeguarding Adults at Risk held by Robert Fitzgerald AM. During this seminar, which I will talk about in future issues of Parish Matters, Fitzgerald made the point that policies and procedures are often seen as confining, rigid and overly bureaucratic however, in his experience when it comes to Safeguarding "policies and procedures are our friends". Because the issue of Safeguarding is so complex and we bring to it our own experiences what our policies and procedures provide us with is a solid framework to ensure we are provided with a structure and tools and steps to follow to ensure every situation, issue and context is approached with care and respect and an open mind. These policies and procedures empower us. I encourage everyone to read our Archdiocesan Safeguarding policies and please let us know if there is anything you would like to discuss.

#### 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.





#### Parts of the Mass

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, 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.

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.

#### **Apostles' Creed** I believe in God,

the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell: on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

#### Holy Holy (Sanctus) Vigil Mass

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**

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, 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

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus.

The churches throughout Judaea, Galilee and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

#### Responsorial Psalm

## I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! R

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. R

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: "These things the Lord has done." R

#### A reading from the first letter of St John

My children,

our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything.

My dear people,

if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive,

as he told us to.

because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another

Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him.

We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

#### **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 John

Jesus said to his disciples:

I am the true vine,

and my Father is the vinedresser.

Every branch in me that bears no fruit

he cuts away,

and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more.

You are pruned already,

by means of the word that I have spoken to you.

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself,

but must remain part of the vine,

neither can you unless you remain in me.

I am the vine,

you are the branches.

Whoever remains in me, with me in him,

bears fruit in plenty;

for cut off from me you can do nothing.

Anyone who does not remain in me

is like a branch that has been thrown away

- he withers:

these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt.

If you remain in me

and my words remain in you,

you may ask what you will

and you shall get it.

It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit,

and then you will be my disciples.'