# All Hallows' **Five Dock**



### Second Sunday of Lent | Year C | Sunday 13th March

# Parish Mission

We, the people of this place, live and celebrate a love of faith. We share this faith in a spirit of service, that creates a sense of God's presence among us.

### All Hallows' Parish Administrator:

Bishop Danny Meagher

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#### Deacon:

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### A Message from Fr Richard

Dear Parishioners,

The word of God on this Second Sunday of Lent is meant for anyone experiencing doubts, fear and disappointments. When Jesus was afraid of what awaited him (his suffering & death), he went up to the mountain to pray to God. Why the mountain? – Because God always appeared to the great figures of the Old Testament like Moses and Elijah on the mountain.

The Transfiguration of Jesus on the Mountain was meant to strengthen the faith of these three disciples. They were about to witness the events that would lead their Master's suffering and death.

The church, in a sense, is a mountain where we come to meet God. And so, we come to the mountain with Peter, John, and James. Jesus has brought us on this mountain for a specific reason.

Like for the disciples: Peter, John, and James, Jesus has called each one of us here: firstly, so that he can strengthen our faith and so that we can go into the world and invite all men and women, into the communion of love.

Jesus continues to reveal his glory to us when we listen to his word in the scriptures and in the celebration of the sacraments. Own faith could be shaken, tested and tried but Jesus wants us to look to the glorious future with confidence.

With best wishes -Fr Richard.



#### Sacramental Life

#### **Holy Mass:**

Saturday: 8am & 5.30pm Vigil Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5pm

Monday - Friday: 8am

Wednesday: Eucharstic Exposition &

Adoration - 3pm

### Reconciliation:

Saturday:

8:30am-9am / 4:45pm - 5:15pm Or any time by appointment.

#### Sick Calls:

Any time - day/night.

### Baptisms: Every Sunday.

#### Weddings:

Contact the parish office.

#### **Supporting our Parish**



You can support our Parish financially by accessing the BPoint Secure Payment Service on the Parish website or you can use the QR Code printed here. For contributions to the First Collection,

please select Pastoral Revenue from the drop down menu. For Planned Giving contributions, please select *Planned Giving* from the drop down menu and include your name and your Planned Giving Number (if known). You can also contribute using the Tap and Go devices in the Gathering Space at the entrance to the church.

#### Safeguarding our Parish

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 Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenguiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

### **Notices from Bishop Danny**

#### Fr Joseph

I assume that all know that the charges against Fr Joseph have been dropped. There are various steps leading up to a trial. One step is that the police must show a magistrate what evidence they have and if the evidence is so weak that no jury would ever rightly convict, the case is thrown out. As I understand it, this is what happened on Wednesday last week. I felt an enormous relief and know that many parishioners felt likewise. I sent Fr Joseph a note of congratulations. We can only imagine how relieved he feels!

When Fr Joseph was charged, his WWC clearance was taken away. The Office for the Children's Guardian must now decide whether to restore Fr Joseph's WWC. If this occurs, he will be able return to priestly ministry.

#### **New Parish Priest**

A new priest will arrive in mid-June and take over from me. He is a very experienced priest, wise and fluent in Italian. I will let you know who he is when he lets his parishioners know of his move. Fr Richard will remain as assistant priest.

One of the pastoral needs of the parish is strong leadership and I know that good and generous leadership has been a feature of All Hallows. We need people of energy and compassion and a real love of the Gospel to take on positions in the Pastoral Council and Finance Committee. The parish needs to move on. Please consider whether you would like to volunteer, as I am sure this is one of the first things the new Parish Priest will want to get going.



### **Project Compassion**



As a person with a disability living in remote India, Biru faced the prospect of a life of poverty and discrimination. With your support, he participated in entrepreneurship training and gained the skills to become financially independent.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future.

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 lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.

## "Get to Confession" resource for renewing and restoring parish life



During these past two years, our collective experience as One Body of God has been challenged by difficulties brought on by the pandemic, **EVANGELISATION** which have affected our parish life, our worship, and our relationships with one another - even with Our Lord.

To help restore these, the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation decided to find creative ways to bring people back to Church and back to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. One of these initiatives was to restore the faithful of our Archdiocese through the Sacrament of Confession.

Thus, the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation has produced this 'Get to Confession' resource for you to view as we begin our Lenten journey to Easter. Please view at: https://www.dropbox.com/s/69m6ds77a1uzt8n/lmf\_gettoconfession\_1080x816\_FINAL\_v.03. mp4?dl=0. This link is also available on our website.

### Stations of the Cross - 6pm Fridays

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church on Fridays at 6pm. Please join us.



### **Please** remember in your Prayers:

### Sick:

Phillip Nolan Silvana La Selva Joseph Cacnio George Malouf Norman Merlino

### Recently **Deceased:**

Mark Ciardi Reg Green Evelyn Green Vittorio Geremia Gabrielle Rowe Maureen Phillips Giuseppa Proietto Giovanni De Romanis Pantaleone Mammarella Maria Di Giacomo Rosa Gullotta

#### **Anniversaries:**

Massanto Wong Angela Toigo Giuseppe Capizzi Giovanna De Romanis Pantaleone Mammarella Giuseppina Montemurro Robert Charles Stuart Giuseppa Proietto Kay Fowler Olga Flannigan

#### For the Souls of the Faithful Departed:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.





### Results are in - Sunday night Mass time Survey

51 parishioners voted in the Sunday night Mass time survey and the results are as follows:

- 5:00pm 37 votes
- 5:30pm 6 votes
- 6:00pm 8 votes

Based on the results of this survey, the Sunday Mass time will remain at 5pm.

#### **Altar Servers**

Any children who have celebrated their First Holy Communion and would like to be altar servers, please contact Fr Richard or Bishop Danny or call the parish office. Training will be provided for the children. There will be some practice sessions and then the children can commence altar serving at mass.

### Safeguarding Measures

Our Safeguarding officer, Ray Pozzato, will be contacting members of the following ministries over the next few weeks to ensure that all of our Safeguarding requirements are being met.

- Catechists
- Children's lituray ministers
- **Eucharistic ministers**
- Acolytes
- Sacramental team

Thank you for your cooperation.

### Sacramental Dates for 2022

### Reconciliation:

- The parent information evening for Reconciliation will be held at 7pm on the 4th May, 2022 in the church.
- Reconciliation will be held between the 13th and 17th June.

#### **Confirmation:**

- The parent information evening for Confirmation will be held at 7pm on the 20th July, 2022 in the church.
- Confirmation Masses will be held on the 21st August 2022 at 12pm and 3pm.

### **Holy Communion:**

- The parent information evening for Holy Communion will be held at 7pm on the 12th October, 2022 in the church.
- Holy Communion Masses will be held on the 19th and 20th November, 2022.



More information on how to register for these sacraments will follow shortly.

### **Baptisms**



### We welcome

### Estella Sehren Abaldonado Luca Domenic Di Mento

who are being baptised into our parish Community of All Hallows' this weekend.

### Church "Spring" Clean - 28th March

Call out for volunteers to assist the Catholic Women's League in a "spring" clean of the church. It would be lovely to have the church looking extra clean and tidy for all our Easter Celebrations.

We will be doing those additional jobs that can't be done on a weekly basis by our wonderful volunteer cleaners and Altar Society. There is no need to register your attendance, just show up on the day. Please come and help, even if it's only for an hour.

> Where: All Hallows Church When: 9am -11:30am 28th March

Please contact the parish office if you have any questions..

### Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal



The escalating violence in Ukraine is rapidly becoming a dire humanitarian crisis. In a

matter of days, over half a million people have been forced from their homes and at least 400 civilians have lost their lives. Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this unfolding humanitarian crisis.

Your urgent support today will help provide 📙 critical assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and psychological support to people affected by this crisis.



Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

#### Children's Corner

This is my chosen Son, Listen to what he says!

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Try to find these words:

chosen clothes cloud frightened heavenly Moses mountain Peter shelters shining Son three

### **First Reading**

### Gen 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis **God made a covenant with Abraham,** his faithful servant.

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

### **Responsorial Psalm**

# (R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

- 1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
- 2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' (R.)
- 3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger;you have been my help. (R.)
- 4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! (R.)



### **Next Week's Readings**

### Third Sunday of Lent

**1st Reading:** Ex 3:1-8, 13-15 **2nd Reading:** 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12

**Gospel**: Luke 13:1-9

### **Second Reading**

#### Phil 3:17 - 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel

#### Lk 9:28-36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

#### As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, 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 he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

### **Reflection by Dianne Bergant**

The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. The first divine epiphany is the manifestation of God as one who initiates a covenant, an intimate relationship with human beings. Not only does God initiate this agreement, but God also seals it with blood, making it official. Although we ritualise our relationship with God in a religious setting, the call to enter into the covenant can come in the ordinary events of life. The important thing to remember about this covenant is that God enters into our lives and initiates the relationship. No life is too simple; no life is too busy. Human history in all of its contours is the setting for the encounter with God. The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely though reflection, prayer and penance, but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us. God is revealed through women and men who live lives of Christian commitment. In those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, in those whose endurance gives us confidence. God is revealed in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others. God is revealed in very ordinary ways, if we but open our eyes to see.



THE WAY

Sunday 13 March 2022 Luke 9:28-36 2nd Sunday of Lent

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Jesus goes up a mountain with his friends. In front of their eyes, Jesus is changed. His face is different and his clothes become "brilliant as lightning". They see Jesus talking to Moses and Elijah and hear a voice from the clouds. Now the disciples really do know that Jesus is God's Son and very, very special.

# Listen to Jesus

Two other people appear together with Jesus on top of the mountain.

Can you join the dots to reveal these two important people? They are called Moses and Bijah. They are from the Old Testament and were a leader and a prophet. Ask someone at home for their stories.

A voice is heard from heaven telling us to listen to Jesus. Write in the speech bubble what you think Jesus is saying and why we need to listen to him.



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Jesus' friends thought that they knew Jesus very well. However, on top of the mountain, they discovered great new things about Jesus. Is there something special about you that you want others to know about? I want everyone to know that I am...

PRAYER TO

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me so much. Help me to be kind and loving this week, especially to the people I find it difficult to like. Thank you for helping me to shine! Amen.

A voice from the cloud

Put the words in the right order to see what he voice from the cloud said.



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