# **All Hallows' Five Dock**



# Fourth Sunday of Lent | Year C | Sunday 27th 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.

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#### A Message from Fr Richard Dear Parishioners,

Abigail Van Buren once said, "The church is a hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints." We are all sinners constantly seeking the mercy of God. This is the point Jesus makes in today's Gospel. Each of us can identify with either the prodigal son or elder son - Both have something in common: both are sinners, both need to experience the mercy of their father.

The younger son insults his father by saying he wants the money whether the father is alive or dead. This son had now blown his whole inheritance. What he had lost he could never recover and what he had gained was horrific. He gets hungry and thinks about his Father.

On the other hand, the elder son arew up in the loving care of his father. There was never really a time when he felt alienated from that love. And he had always been faithful. He worked hard, and was the apple of his father's eye. He could always be relied on to put in 110 percent. There are many of

us here for whom Christian discipleship has been like that. And the danger for us would be the same as for the older brother: and Jesus wants to warn us of it. The older brother has become so used to it that he no longer appreciates it.

Did you know the meaning of the word prodigal? It means being wasteful, lavish, extravagant. It does not only apply to the younger son – the son (who squandered his money on a life of debauchery) but we can also apply it to Father. The father too is wasteful is his love, lavish and generous in his mercy and extravagant with regards to compassion.

Unfortunately, it is very easy to take the father's love, mercy and compassion for granted. The parable does not tell us whether the prodigal son ran away from the father's house again, perhaps he did. Neither does it mention whether the elder son stopped complaining to enjoy his father's company – May he did not. But Jesus makes it clear that the Father was always waiting and ready to reconcile with his boys, and so is God for us.

With best wishes -Fr Richard

#### 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

safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



#### 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.

### Notices from Bishop Danny



#### Welcome to Year 3 Families

This Sunday we welcome the year 3 children and their families to the 10am Mass. We hope you enjoy the Mass and are blessed by the grace of God. Later in the year, many of the children in year 3 will celebrate their first Reconciliation and then their first Holy Communion. We look forward very much to these wonderful celebrations.

#### 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.

#### **Palm Sunday**



As is tradition we ask parishioners to bring in palms or olive branches for our Palm Sunday service on the 10th April. If you could drop these into the church gathering space by 6th April, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

#### **Project Compassion**



From her life as a child soldier in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rosalie is a now a business owner, a community leader and a role model for other ex-combatants seeking to readjust to civilian life.

# Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope For All Future Generations.

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 <u>lent.caritas.org.au</u>, or by calling 1800 024 413.



### **Registration for the Sacrament of Reconciliation**

#### **Registration for Reconciliation**

Registration for Reconciliation is now open. Children of the parish who are in year 3 or above and have been baptised are welcome to join. You can register online at:

All Hallows Catholic Parish, Five Dock Reconciliation Enrolment 2022 (google.com)

This link is also on the website under Sacraments/Reconciliation. There will also be printed copies available in the gathering space. Printed copies can be submitted at the Enrolment Mass to be held on April 24, at 10am.

Registration for Holy Communion and Confirmation will be done later in the year, closer to the date of the Sacrament. Keep an eye on the parish bulletins and website for updated information.

### All Hallows Parish Library

Our Parish Library is now well stocked with many great titles for spiritual reading, thanks to the generosity of our Sr Ruth O'Dwyer who has donated many of her books to the parish. Books are available for borrowing according to the following rules shown below.



Enquiries: Ann Kerley : 0408 720 461 or amkerleystuart@gmail.com

BORROW BOOK – One at a time. Enter details into the Library Book.

Please take care of the book whilst you have it borrowed.

*RETURN BOOK* - Within 3 weeks. Sign off as returned in the Library Book. Return the book to the shelf.

### Please remember in your Prayers:

#### Sick:

Phillip Nolan Silvana La Selva Joseph Cacnio George Malouf Norman Merlino

# Recently Deceased:

Mavis Dunston Carmine Di Leo Mark Ciardi Reg Green Evelyn Green Vittorio Geremia Gabrielle Rowe Maureen Phillips Giuseppa Proietto Giovanni De Romanis Pantaleone Mammarella

### **Anniversaries:**

Maria D'Amico Raffaele Genova Francesco Risi Betty Bukirwa Monica Moschella Giuseppe Giardina Giuseppe Capizzi Vincenzo di Dio Giovanna De Romanis Pantaleone Mammarella Giuseppina Montemurro Robert Charles Stuart

# 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.





#### Station of the Cross Re-enactment

Stations of the Cross to be held on Good

Fr Richard is organising a re-enactment of the Cross

Friday. He is calling for children between the ages of 9 and 16 to take part. If you are interested, please attend rehearsals being held after the 5pm masses from this weekend until Palm Sunday. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.

### Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine

Please find copies of the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Russia and Ukraine available in the gathering space. Please take one and pray.

### 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 ring the parish office. Training will be provided for the children. There will be some practice sessions and then the children can commence.

### Volunteers needed for an Easter letterbox drop

The gifts of God's eternal love and the Church He gave to guide us to heaven are meant for everyone. It's up to us to share these gifts with the world, starting with those we love and those in our own community. Chances are you know someone-maybe many people-who have left the Catholic Church. Often, all they are waiting for is

an invitation to come home, an invitation that can be extended to them by ordinary followers of Jesus Christ, like you and me.



We can begin by inviting others in our community to the Easter liturgies in our parish. Easter cards for this purpose are being printed and we are asking parishioners to deliver these by letterbox drop to the streets in their vicinity. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Gathering space and this will be activated once the cards are printed. Enquiries: Ann- 0408720461



### Easter Masses

Holy Thursday - April 14 7pm Mass of the last supper followed by Adoration until 11pm

> Good Friday - April 15 10am Stations of the Cross 3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord



Holy Saturday - April 16 5:30pm - Easter Vigil Mass of the Lord's Resurrection



Easter Sunday - April 17 Masses are at 8:30am, 10am and 5pm

# **Baptisms**



#### We welcome

**Camilla Carnevale** 

who is 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



If you are attending, please bring your own gloves and a bucket if you can. Thanks!

Sign an ePetition against Euthanasia Laws in NSW

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has asked Catholics to support an e-petition launched by Upper House MLC Greg Donnelly opposing proposed euthanasia laws in NSW.

A parliamentary committee has recommended that the Legislative Council proceed with consideration of the bill. The unwillingness of the Committee to take a position on the bill means we need to fight even harder.

To demonstrate your opposition to the proposed laws, sign the e-petition found at: LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL -Signing ePetition - Please unanimously reject the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 (nsw.gov.au)

Further information is available in the gathering space.

### **Children's Corner**

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First Reading	<b>Responsorial Psalm</b>	Second Reading
Jos 5:9-12 A reading from the book of Joshua The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover. The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.	<ul> <li>(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.</li> <li>1. I will bless the Lord at all times,his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)</li> <li>2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)</li> <li>3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)</li> </ul>	2 Cor 5:17-21 A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians <i>God reconciled us to himself through</i> <i>Christ.</i> For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.
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	Fifth Sunday of Lent 1st Reading: Is 43:16-21 2nd Reading: Phil 3:8-14 Gospel: Jn 8:1-11	Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

### Gospel

#### Lk 15:1-3. 11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Your brother here was dead and has come to life.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

Sunday 27 March 2022 Luke 15:1-3. 11-32 **4th Sunday of Lent** 

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# Word search

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The younger son takes his share of the family money and leaves home to have a good time. Sadly, he spends it all and ends up in a mess. This wasteful son knows he has made a mistake and goes home to say sorry. Despite everything, his loving father is just waiting for the son to come back. The father runs to meet his son and gives him a great big hug. It's time to celebrate!



# How does it feel?

How do you think the older brother felt when his dad made a fuss of the younger, wasteful son by having a big party? Circle the word that describes his feelings.

# How many pigs?

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oink!"

The lost son had a job feeding pigs. How many pigs can you find on this page?

# A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Father God, for loving me so much. Help me to remember that you are always waiting to welcome me home, no matter how far I may go away from you. Help me to be generous when I see other people being loved and rewarded. Amen. The first describes his feelings.

# Party time

Join the dots to make the party food.

Answers: 8 pigs.

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