All Hallows' Five Dock



17th Sunday in Ordinary time | Year C | Sunday 24th July

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 Reflection by Fr Richard

Pray always: "Ask, Search and Knock", Jesus teaches us this week.

One little four-year-old boy was misbehaving so much in a Church that his father was compelled to pick up his son under one arm and carry him outside. On his way out, the little boy called out, "Y'all please pray for me!"

In the gospel, the disciples asked Jesus how to pray. They received a lesson on how a Christian should live. As they prayed, so should they live. Jesus taught his followers to pray simply, but to pray always.

Pray always, means "persistence". Moreover, "persistence" can also be translated as "shameless behaviour." Luke indicated the man seeking the bread would do anything, even dishonour himself, to help his traveling friend. Should we do the same in prayer? Yes!

"Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him."

"As we pray, so we believe." This old theological insight is as true today as it was when Jesus taught his followers the Our Father. The prayer focuses our sights on things greater than daily concerns. It sets our sights on the Kingdom.

Do we dare allow the "Our Father" to change us as we repeat the words? Do we allow the prayer to make us citizens of the Kingdom in the making? If we dare, we can. Ask God!

This week ask God for personal needs, but remember to ask for his will, his intentions. Ask for his presence in your life.

With best wishes -Fr Richard

Sacramental Life

Holy Mass:

Saturday: 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5pm

Monday - Friday: 8am

Wednesday: Eucharistic 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 at 11am.



Weddings: Contact the parish office.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime 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.



Parish Renewal Conference 2022



Specifically tailored for our clergy, lay leaders and parishioners to be renewed in the Church's mission of evangelisation, join us to strengthen your practical efforts through spiritual, intellectual, pastoral and human formation.

St Mary's Cathedral Precinct

Friday 19 August, 6 – 9 pm and Saturday 20 August, 9 am – 5:15 pm \$25 per person for parishioners in the Archdiocese of Sydney Registration essential: www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22 by Sunday 14 August

Inquiries: parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org NB: The pricing of all tickets is based on substantial subsidies by the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation to make this as affordable as possible.

Our Lady of the Assumption Procession - Ferragosto 2022

On the **21st August**, **2022**, Bishop Danny Meagher will be returning to All Hallows to lead the Our Lady of the Assumption procession at Ferragosto.

The procession will start at 9:15am and will reach the main stage by 9:45am for the official Ferragosto blessing and welcome. A blessing of Miraculous medals and Holy cards will follow. The blessed Miraculous medals and Holy cards will then be available at the Our Lady of Assumption marquee.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)



Do you know any ADULTS who would like to become Catholic, or any ADULT who would like to be received into the Catholic Church or to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church?

- An adult who has never been baptized.
- An adult who was baptized in another 'Christian church' and wants to become Catholic.
- A baptized Catholic (adult) who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Anyone 16 years and over is welcome to prepare for the reception of the sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil (8th April 2023).

The course will commence in October 2022! For enquiries, please contact the parish office.

Note: Any Parishioners interested in joining the RCIA team are welcome, please contact either one of the priests or the parish office.

Palms Australia - Can you undertake an Overseas Mission?



Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these mission opportunities abroad - https://palms.org.au/current-opportunities/

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. Palms Australia http://www.palms.org.au/, who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. Enquire online at https://palms.org.au/current-opportunities/assignmen or Ph: 0422 742 567 to find out about a placement to engage your skills. You can also register at https://palms.org.au/event/celebrate-palms-return-to-global-mission/ for a Webinar on Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.

Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Sr Rita Apura Brian Gallagher Frank Hume Giuseppe lacono Gina Iacono Toula Kavich Joan Moutou Phillip Nolan Silvana La Selva Joseph Cacnio George Malouf Norman Merlino

Recently **Deceased:**

Antonio Fedele **Cordell John Wates** Armando Procopio Eufemia Valerio John O'Bryan Anthony Corkeron **Billy McCormac** Carmel McEnally Fr Kevin O'Grady Ignatius Widodo Hakiman Albino Marotta

Anniversaries:

Ngaire O'Connell Alberico Mollica Cristofolo Mollica Maria Mollica Tika Funaki Harold Phillips Alessandro Giardina Violeta Naga Antonio Fedele Enid Simpson Salvatore Fradale John O'Grady

For the Souls of the **Faithful Departed:**

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



Tax Receipts

Tax receipts are now available for collection in the gathering space of the church.



Planned Giving Envelopes

Just a gentle reminder not to use planned giving envelopes from previous years. Some of the allocated envelope numbers have changed this financial year so please use the new envelopes to ensure that your donations are allocated to you correctly.

Plenary Council Update

An information sheet is available in the gathering space containing a summary of the motions approved by the Plenary Council. Please take one if you are interested. It is also available on the parish website under parish notices.



ROTARY CLUB OF FIVE DOCK INVITES YOU TO THE



"A child's journey to safety"

SATURDAY 6TH AUGUST 2022

Agua Luna

461 HENLEY MARINE DRIVE, DRUMMOYNE

6.30 FOR 7.00PM TILL LATE TICKETS: \$150pp



TO ATTEND SIMPLY SCAN THE QR CODE OR GO TO: https://www.trybooking.com/CAGDJ CONTACT: ferragostoball.2022@gmail.com

PROCEEDS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED TO:

UNICEF - Children in the Ukraine project and ESCABAGS - a registered charity that distributes "Escape Bags" to women, children and men fleeing domestic and family abuse.

Pray as you Go app

Download the Pray as you Go app for prayers on your daily walks. https://pray-as-you-go.org/



Baptisms

We welcome

Leonardo Joseph Natoli

Mia Lee Franco

who are being baptised into our parish community of All Hallows this weekend

Catholic Women's league - Gold coin donation

Parishioners are asked to donate a gold coin to help purchase winter doonas and blankets for the Ukrainian refugees.

CWL members will be collecting donations in the Church gathering space after each Mass **On the weekend of 30 & 31 July**

Thank you!

The Bishop's Blend Breakfast

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Monday 8th August at 7am** at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney for The Bishop's Blend Breakfast for Young Professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to

https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/the-bishops-blend/tbbx or contact us at bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

Catholic Trivia

- 1. What was Jesus' blood type?
- 2. How was the death of the Apostle St. John unique among the Apostles?
- 3. What is the title bestowed on a Roman Catholic Church because of its age or importance?

Find the answers on the back page

Children's Corner

Ask and you shall receive

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Try to find these words:

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First Reading

Gen 18:20-32

A reading from the book of Genesis Lord, do not be angry if I speak. The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'





(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)

4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)



Second Reading

Col 2:12-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.



Next Week's Readings	Gospel Acclamation
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23 2nd Reading: Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Gospel: Lk 12:13-21	Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 11:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Answers for the Catholic Trivia:

- 1. Blood type **AB** (Samples taken from the Shroud of Turin, which wrapped Jesus' crucified body and Samples from the Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano in 711 A.D. tested in 1970s).
- 2. St. John was the only Apostle not to be martyred.
- 3. Basilica.



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