All Hallows' Five Dock



32nd Sunday Ordinary Time | Year C | Sunday 6th November

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

November is dedicated to praying for the dead. In remembering our deceased relatives and friends and all souls in purgatory, Jesus' teaching this week is focuses on the resurrection. What have you been taught about the resurrection of the dead? What importance does this belief have in your life? What comfort does faith in the resurrection bring you?

Looking beyond the veil of death is a natural human quest. In fact, we might point to such an inquiry as another line that separates us from other animals on our planet. We humans look beyond the limitations of our existence. We like to explore that which lies beyond our position in space and time. Our search for immortality is not unlike our quest for the ultimate, God. How do we know there is life after death? This is the question the Sadducees ("those who say that there is no resurrection") place before Jesus in this week's gospel.

Now we could unpack Jesus' answer as it relates to understandings of marriage, and of the differences between life *before death* and *life after death* and how they relate to marrying or not marrying, but the stuff about marriage is not really the main point. The question about marriage is only a furphy designed to ridicule the idea of resurrection, and although Jesus does dignify it with a quick answer, he quickly turns to their main point: The fact that the dead are raised.

As God is alive, so too, are those who experienced him. If the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is the "Living God," then Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob must be alive in his presence - only the living can encounter the "Living God". And if Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob still live, then there must be a resurrection of the dead.

Jesus has shown us the door through death to a new life. If we worship him, we can be assured that he will not abandon us. He wants us to live with him, forever! Jesus teaches us that things are different in the afterlife. There is no marrying, no begetting of children. Nor is there any need for it, since in heaven there is no death and only perfect love. All is centred on the glory of God.

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.

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 on the 9th November 2022 at 7pm in the presbytery. Please contact the parish office with any enquiries.

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

Excerpts from the recent Apostolic Letter of the Holy Father, Pope Francis

An excerpt from the recent APOSTOLIC LETTER of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, "DESIDERIO DESIDERAVI" (This week we reflect on paragraph 7)

The content of the bread broken is the cross of Jesus, his sacrifice of obedience out of love for the Father. If we had not had the Last Supper, that is to say, if we had not had the ritual anticipation of his death, we would have never been able to grasp how the carrying out of his being condemned to death could have been in fact the act of perfect worship, pleasing to the Father, the only true act of worship, the only true liturgy.

Only a few hours after the Supper, the apostles could have seen in the cross of Jesus, if they could have borne the weight of it, what it meant for Jesus to say, "body offered," "blood poured out." It is this of which we make memorial in every Eucharist. When the Risen One returns from the dead to break the bread for the disciples at Emmaus, and for his disciples who had gone back to fishing for fish and not for people on the Sea of Galilee, that gesture of breaking the bread opens their eyes. It heals them from the blindness inflicted by the horror of the cross, and it renders them capable of "seeing" the Risen One, of believing in the Resurrection.

https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/20220629-lettera-apdesiderio-desideravi.html

Healing Mass

Fr. Justin Torres, a priest of the Alliance of the Two Hearts of Jesus and Mary will be celebrating Mass at **6.30pm on Tuesday, 15th November.** Fr. Justin is visiting Australia from The Philippines to share his ministry, which emphasises the Love of Jesus and Mary for all.

Mass will be followed by anointing for those who wish to partake in this gift of Healing. We all have a need of some type of healing, whether emotional, physical, or spiritual.

HEALING MASS

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network - November intention

For children who suffer.

We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans, and victims of war; may they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

Please remember in your Prayers:

Wayne Smith Anne Fidler James McCabe John Foster Sam Stella Bernard Fonti Margaret Murphy Lorenzo Bocconi

*names will remain on the list for 1 month unless notified

Recently Deceased:

Denise Fatseas
Pasqualino Tilocca
John Howard
Angelina Santoro
Margaret Ann Murphy
Giovanni Iacono
Domenico Scenna
Salvatore Mollica
Robert Millard

Anniversaries:

Carolina Caruso
Joe Di Marti
Kay Fowler
Giuseppe Iacono
Antonino Picone
Maria Picone
Eleonora Natoli

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.





CWF November Parish Appeal

The Charitable Works Fund (CWF)
November Appeal is happening this
weekend and we need your help. Our six
ministries are all working hard at



ensuring the most vulnerable in our communities receive the support they need in the lead up to Christmas. Special envelopes are available at the parish. You can also learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Roster

A new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion roster is available in the gathering space of the Church.

Craft Stall for Church Repairs

On the weekend of the 12th / 13th November a craft stall will be held after each Mass to raise funds for Church repairs. The goods are of high quality and include shopping bags, library bags, knitted scarves, peg bags,



umbrella bags and many other interesting items. All the items are reasonably priced and there is nothing over \$10. Please note that payment is by cash only. Thank you for your support.

Daily Mass books

A limited supply of Daily Mass books for 2023 will be made available for parishioners to use from next week. We ask that parishioners use the Daily Mass books during mass and then return the book to the gathering space for others to use. Please do not take these mass books home as they are for all parishioners to use. If you would like your own copy, they are available to purchase from St Paul's publications for \$24.95.

Catholic Men's Fellowship

Catholic Men's Formation and Prayer Group currently meet Thursdays 8pm till 9pm, via online conference (zoom). We are a group of men who have met on a regular basis over the past ten years. We invite men to various formation programs, and to conclude with Prayer of the Church. Our chaplain is Deacon Louis Azzopardi. We are currently using Kapaun's Men, Virtue Series. For details on how to connect, contact Lee Caruana via email leecaruana@hotmail.com.

Baptisms



We welcome

Allegra Azura Romeo Florence Furfaro

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



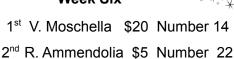
"Anyone who welcomes this little child in my name welcomes Me." - Luke 9:48.

CWL Silver Circle Winners



Congratulations to the winners of the CWL Silver Circle:-

Week Six



Advent Groups



Advent groups will be held at different times in the parish hall beginning in the week of **Monday 21**st **November**.

Consider joining a group and creating a space to prayerfully prepare for this season of hope, joy and peace as we approach Christmas. Sign-up sheets have been placed in the gathering space.

Nominate your Parish Hero! (The Catholic Weekly)

For the past 100 years, our parishes have been the cornerstones of local Australian communities. It's those special people that help make our nation thrive. As we move into the 21stcentury, who are the people in your parish that stand out and make our community what it is today? Tell us their story and why they deserve to be recognized as a Parish Hero.

Email: parishhero@catholicweekly.com.au

Children's Corner

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Try to find these words:

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First Reading

2 Mc 7:1-2. 9-14

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others. said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.' With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.' After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering. When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

- 1. Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry. Turn your ear to my prayer: no deceit is on my lips. (R.)
- 2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps. I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.Turn your ear to me; hear my words. (R.)
- 3. Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. (R.)



Second Reading

2 Thes 2:16 - 3:5

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians May the Lord strengthen you in

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone.

But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Next Week's Readings

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Mal 3:19-20 2nd Reading: 2 Thess 3:7-12

Gospel: 21:5-19

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his

forever and ever.

Alleluia!



Gospel

Lk 20:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke *He is not a God of the dead but of the living.*

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?' Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'



Have you thought? – Life after death

The ancient Greeks, Romans and Egyptians all had detailed mythologies about life and death. For the most part, any concept of what occurred after death revolved around images of an underworld of torment and misery. The Jewish idea of a life after death begins to take shape based on the notion that the love of God for each person is so abundant and so indulgent that it is not limited even by death. However, the notion of resurrection developed to be an understanding of what would happen 'one day' – a great resurrection of all people at the end of time.



Live life!

God is with these children who are enjoying life. Can you draw Jesus playing with them? Draw a circle around the children who are doing



Jesus tells us not to worry about what heaven will be like. We can be sure we will be with everyone we love. We just need to trust God and know that God loves us. We are children of God and God is with us every day, helping us to enjoy life!

Puzzle

A dot to dot! Join up the dots and colour this picture.





Design a t-shirt that shows

you enjoying life with God.

A coded message Crack the code to see

Dear Jesus, it's good to be alive! Help me to make the most of every day. Help me to trust you and not worry about things that don't matter. Thank you for loving me so much. Amen.





