

All Hallows' Five Dock



5th Sunday Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 5th February

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

Today, Jesus uses the images of salt and light to describe the identity, the vocation, and the mission of the church:

"You are the salt of the earth." This is not a command or a suggestion from Jesus, it is a statement of fact. "You are the salt of the earth." That's who we are. Salt is a sign of permanence and purity. In the Old Testament, salt is seen as a sign of "a perpetual covenant", since it is also used as a preservative. (See 2 Chronicles 13:5, 8; Leviticus 2:13; Ezekiel 43:24).

Being the salt of the earth means that the church and every Christian, has an obligation of bringing out the taste of God in the world. If we fail to have the effect that salt is supposed to have (Taste, permanence and purity), that's it, there's no back-up plan.

Similarly, Jesus says, *"You are the light of the world."* Again, we're it. If the light is under a bucket, we're a wasted light, we're just burning up fuel for no benefit, but we're still the only light. We are the light of the world. Israel was given the mission of being a light to the nations, that God's salvation would reach to the ends of the earth (see Isaiah 42:6; 49:6).

We are the salt of the earth. We are the light of the world. The purpose of our life together is to bring out the flavour, the colour, the zest of life, that is, the godliness of creation.

With best wishes -
Fr Richard



Sacramental Life

Holy Mass:

Saturday: 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: 8.30am (1st Sunday of the month - Italian mass), 10am and 5pm

Monday - Friday: 8am

Wednesday: Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration - 12 noon - 4pm

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. To read the Archdiocese Child Safeguarding policy, please visit the parish website (<https://www.allhallows.org.au/safeguarding>).



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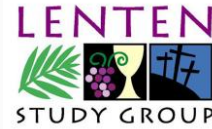
Lenten Groups

“By the solemn forty days of Lent, the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert.” Catechism of the Catholic Church, 540.

The penitential season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday on the 22 February 2023, leads us into the greatest season of the year- Easter when we recall through the liturgy, Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. By the practice of prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent we grow in faith and become spiritually stronger.

Parishioners are invited to join a Lenten group and journey together in preparation for Easter. The groups will run for 6 weeks, although parishioners are welcome to attend fewer meetings if they are unable to commit to all meetings. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Space.

Please consider joining your fellow parishioners in this opportunity to reflect on scriptural verses and to pray together. Please direct enquiries to Sandy Lynch (0402 075 976) or Ann Kerley (0408 720 461).



The Gospel of Matthew Today

A course by Fr Thomas Kurunthanam on reading the Gospel with Historical and Old Testament Background.

7pm - 8 pm on Tuesdays commencing 7 February 2023 at Berala Church and online.

Visit the link below to register: <https://forms.gle/wg8pGzm72M2AauQz5>



Support for the House of Welcome



The House of Welcome works with people seeking asylum and refugees to provide critical casework, housing, employment, food bank and emergency living assistance. During COVID-19 the demand for financial assistance has risen. How has increased the Emergency Living Package program by 216% to respond to the amplified levels of distress and hardship amongst their clients. In the last few months House of Welcome has delivered emergency assistance and been able to support clients to maintain their tenancies and assisted those who have come to the centre homeless. The Foodbank program is largely stocked through the generosity of people in the community. There are a number of ways that you can help such as donating to the Emergency Relief Package or donating staple food items to the House of Welcome foodbank. No contribution is too small.

Palms Australia

Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas.

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home. Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles. Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

Please remember in your Prayers:

The Sick

Anne Fidler
Margaret Liccardello

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

Recently Deceased:

Ida Tripodi
Brian Patrick Harnett
Nicola Gregorace
Rosario Lauro
Lina Ingegneri
Carmela Parisi

Anniversaries:

Pamela Godinho
Joe Di Marti
Domenico Polito
Lydia & Peter Fiorini
Loretta Giora
Sam Rodilosso
Michael Coleman
Martin O'Donnell
Angelo Lauricella
Alice Tam
Estelita Javier
Jacob Van Genderen
Joseph Reddan
Kathleen Burns
Patrick & Maureen O'Donnell
Pina Scribilia
Gus Calvi
Lidia Zuccorononno
Enrico Toricella
Vera Moschella
Gerardo Di Giacomo
Teresa Versace
Pantelonne Mammarella
Francesco Catone
Bartolo Sidoti

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.



Parish Notices

WEDNESDAY - Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration: 12 – 4pm

You are invited to spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

- Start: Exposition at 12 noon
- Divine Mercy prayers: 3:00pm
- Reconciliations: 3pm – 4pm
- Benediction: 3:45pm
- Finish: 4:00pm

Note: There is a sign-up sheet in the gathering space to ensure that there is someone with the Lord, but you are welcome anytime.

Stay for a few minutes or for the whole time as the Spirit leads you!

All Hallows Ministries

The All Hallows Community offers a range of opportunities for involvement. The following are just some of the areas that you may like to consider contributing to as members of our community.

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Acolytes
- Children's Liturgy
- Music Ministry
- Counters
- Lectors (reader at mass)
- Church Cleaners
- Catechists
- Hospitality – Morning/ Evening Tea

Please contact the parish office for further information.



Sacramental Dates 2023

Sacrament of First Reconciliation - Year 3 students

Parent Information Night - **Wednesday, 3rd May, 2023 - 7pm**

4 week preparation course - Details of session times given at Information Night.

- **Celebration of First Reconciliation – Thursday (evening), 15th June, 2023 - time will be advised.**

Sacrament of Confirmation - Years 6 & 7 students

Parent Information Night - **Wednesday, 19th July, 2023 - 7pm**

4 week preparation course - Details of session times given at Information Night.

- **Celebration of Confirmation: Sunday, 20th August, 2023 - 12pm and 2pm**

Sacrament of Holy Communion - Year 3 students

Parent Information Night - **Wednesday, 11th October, 2023 - 7pm**

4 week preparation course - Details of session times given at Information Night.

- **Celebration of First Holy Communion: Saturday, 18th November, 2023 and Sunday, 19th November, 2023 – times will be advised.**

Baptisms



We welcome

Ava Milia Hanna

who is 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.

16 Day Pilgrimage to Europe

Fr Sebastian, together with Fr Timothy Raj, is organising a 16 day pilgrimage to Europe in May 2023.

The pilgrimage will be visiting Paris, Lisieux, Lourdes, Fatima, Venice, Assisi, Lanciano, S.G. Rotondo and Rome. It departs on the 1st May, returning on the 17th May and the cost is \$8,590 per person. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact the parish office.



Become a Catechist or Helper in 2023

Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools. Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2023. Starting off as a helper, you'll receive easy step-by-step lessons and hand out activity books in primary schools.



Find out more about the work catechists do here, whether at primary or secondary level:

<https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/>




"Being a catechist is the most spiritually fulfilling thing I've done"- Rose.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested in volunteering.


Pope's Prayer Intention - February

For Parishes.


We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Is 58:7-10 A reading from the prophet Isaiah Your light will shine like the dawn.</p> <p>Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.</p> 	<p>(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.</p> <p>1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends, he conducts his affairs with honour. (R.)</p> <p>2. The just man will never waver: he will be remembered forever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (R.)</p> <p>3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm forever. His head will be raised in glory. (R.)</p> 	<p>1 Cor 2:1-5 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified. When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.</p>
Next Week's Readings		Gospel Acclamation
<p>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>1st Reading: Sir 15:15-20 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 2:6-10 Gospel: Mt 5:17-37</p>		<p>Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!</p> 

Gospel

<p>Mt 5:13-16 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew You are the light of the world.</p> <p>Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'</p>	
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Scriptural context – Following blessings

	<p>Gandhi, the great leader of the Indian independence movement, is credited with saying, 'You must be the change you want to see in the world.' He sought a life free from tyranny and violence and so led a movement of non-violent resistance. It's tempting to think that he may have been influenced by some of the teachings of Jesus because so much of his approach reflected Jesus' call for justice. The charge to be the light of the world that shines in the sight of all and sets an example for all is echoed succinctly in Gandhi's words.</p>
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Have you thought? – Affirmation or Challenge

The salt and light of the world passage is often used to affirm and encourage, but when Jesus tells his disciples – and us – to be salt and light of the world it is not so that they can draw attention and glory to themselves. The whole purpose of being salt and light is to lead others into right relationships with one another and with God. Whilst the translation we have clearly states that disciples are to be salt and light of the world, it is just as clear that the intention is that they/we be salt and light *for* the world.



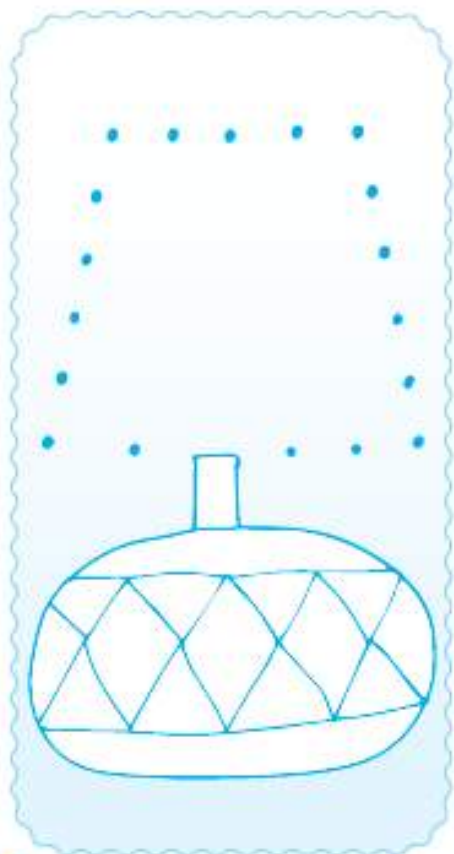
Sunday 5 February 2023
 Matthew 5:13-16
 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the GOSPEL TODAY

TRUST GOD!

I will shine

We shine with God's love when we are kind and helpful.
 Draw yourself inside the lamp doing something kind today.



Jesus says that his friends are salt for the earth and light for the world. A small pinch of salt makes a big difference to the taste of food. Light gets rid of darkness. When we live as God asks, we will shine with God's light and love and make a big difference to the world.

Spot the difference



Can you find the five differences between these two candles?

Jesus' message

Start with the letter arrowed and use every other letter, skipping the S the second time around, to find what Jesus said in today's Gospel.

You are the _____



A PRAYER TO SAY

Help me, Jesus, to be like you. Help me to shine with your love and goodness, so that I will make the world a better place. Amen.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Each letter appears only once in each row and column.

Fill in this table so that the letters SALT fit in every square.

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