

All Hallows' Five Dock



7th Sunday Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 19th 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 Sebastian

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:38-48

My command to you is: love your enemies, pray for your persecutors. Family life teaches us many things. It is often at home that we learn practical skills such as cooking, riding a bike, and making repairs. Talk about some of the things that the members of your family have learned to do at home. We also learn about caring at home. Talk about times when you have learned a lesson about sharing, forgiving, or loving through an experience that happened at home.

Talk about how love is the most important thing a family can share with one another. Explain that it is the same in God's family. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel, Matthew 5:38 - 48. Talk about how Jesus tried to teach his disciples how to love others beyond those who are closest to them. Jesus tells them to love even their enemies. As members of God's family, we are called to do the same thing. Talk about some concrete ways you can "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you".

Remind your children that Jesus does not expect us to be perfect. Jesus knows that we are human and will not always do everything correctly. Explain that what Jesus wants us to do is to love others as if they were Jesus himself. If we reach out in love to others, we are doing exactly what Jesus did. That is what perfection looks like. End this time together by praying the Our Father

With best wishes -
Fr Sebastian



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 - 12pm to 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>).



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).



Caritas Australia - Turkey-Syria Earthquake Disaster



A 7.8 magnitude earthquake has unleashed devastation on Turkey and Syria, leaving thousands of people dead with this number expected to rise dramatically. After 12 years of war, Syria is at breaking point and desperately needs assistance.

We must act NOW and help those affected by this catastrophe.

Your generous donation means our partners in Turkey and Syria can respond swiftly to support the survivors of this unimaginable tragedy.

Visit: www.caritas.org.au/syria-turkey or call 1800 024 413 toll free to donate now.



WEDNESDAY – Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration: 12pm – 4pm

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



- Start: Exposition at 12 noon
- Divine Mercy prayers: 3:00pm
- Reconciliation: 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!

Project Compassion

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.



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 caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Dr Frank Hume
Tim Hume
Grace Cacnio
Philippa Sikulu
Andrew Ammendolia
Anne Fidler
Margaret Liccardello

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

Recently Deceased:

Stephen Chia
Giuseppe Cistulli
Teodora Quaratiello
Domerico Ciano
Ida Tripodi
Brian Patrick Harnett
Nicola Gregorace
Rosario Lauro
Lina Ingegneri



Anniversaries:

Martin O'Donnell
Nicola Rando
John McMahon
Kathleen Allbyrne
Francesco Tripodi
Giuseppe Mangano
Concetta Mangano
Serafino Remo
Ermani Iezzi
Robin Ann Nicastrì
Robert McTavish

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



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
- Children's Liturgy
- Music Ministry
- Counters
- Lectors (reader at mass)
- Church Cleaners
- Catechists
- Hospitality (Tea & Coffee)



If you'd like to be involved in any of the parish ministries, please record your details on the sign-up sheets in the gathering space near the statue of St Patrick. Alternatively, you can 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 the Parent 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 3pm**

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

Thomas Cipollone

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.

Catholic Women's League

Welcome Ladies



to the first CWL meeting for 2023. Come along and enjoy morning tea with members in the Parish Hall **on Monday 20 February at 10am.**

Healing Mass and Parish Lenten Retreat

Fr Justin is coming back!

Fr. Justin will celebrate a Healing Mass in our church, here at All Hallows on **Thursday 16th March, 2023 at 6 pm.**

He will also facilitate a Day retreat on **Saturday, 18th March 2023** in preparation for Easter.

You're all welcome!

Lent - a time of Growth & Renewal

Ash Wednesday - A day of penance and fasting.

Ash Wednesday Masses (22nd February) are at 8am and 7pm.



At 7pm every Friday during Lent, we will celebrate Stations of the Cross commencing on the 24th February, 2023.



Children's Corner

Love your enemies

A P U N B E L I E V E R S C E
N F K A J B E O U W M G L A J
O L E N D V I D G R E E T S I
E S Q G U M L A K P B O E Q L
T C L O E N E M I E S Y K C O
I H U P N E F H Q C U T I G V
D E H M P J D M O N E Y S A E
X E R E R G I S K B T K F M A
Q K C X A J N C R A H R W T N
A U Y W Y B R E W A R D P O J
M H G O S U T P Z N E Y D O V
I T A S W R O N G Q T U Z T F
B Z R I M Y L V D O S T Y H O
S H I R T E X U F A H W E R L

Try to find these words:

cheek
enemies
greet
lend
love
money
pray
reward
shirt
tooth
unbelievers
wrong

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Lv 19:1-2. 17-18 A reading from the book of Leviticus You must love your neighbour, as yourself.</p> <p>The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: "Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy. "You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord."'</p> 	<p>(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.</p> <p>1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)</p> <p>2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)</p> <p>3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)</p> <p>4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)</p> 	<p>1 Cor 3:16-23 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians All things are yours, but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God. Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p> <p>First Sunday of Lent</p> <p>1st Reading: Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7 2nd Reading: Rom 5:12-19 Gospel: Mt 4:1-11</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>Whoever keeps the word of Christ, grows perfect in the love of God.</p>  <p>Alleluia!</p>

Gospel

Mt 5:38-48
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Love your enemies.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'



Living the Gospel – Love your enemy

Jesus tells us that it's easy to love those who love us – anyone can do that. The test of Christian love is to love those who seem unlovable or even seek to make themselves appear unlovable. It's easy to stop saying hello to the person who never returns your greeting. It's easy to avoid the person whose disability makes you uncomfortable. It's easy to hate the person who's nasty to you. But Jesus says that it's these people who we must love. If we are only polite, pleasant and hospitable to our friends then we are failing to follow the footsteps of Jesus.



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 Matthew 5:38-48
 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

LOVE EVERYONE!

Have a heart
 full of love



Jesus tells his friends that the old rules have changed. People used to think it was all right to get your own back if someone hurt you. Jesus says that is not right. He asks us to forgive people, even if they hurt us. Jesus even says that we should love our enemies and pray for them. Jesus will help us as we try to be like him, sharing love in the world.



Missing words

Fill in the spaces in this sentence to show how we should behave.

_____ wants _____
 to _____ our _____
 and _____ for them.

ENEMIES

US

PRAY

JESUS

LOVE

Read all the words around the heart.

Use these words to help you finish the words that belong inside the heart. **Cross out** the words that don't belong.



Who is following Jesus?



A PRAYER TO SAY

Sometimes it is hard, Jesus, to be kind to people who are unkind to me. I know that you will be with me as I try to be more loving. Please help me to be even more like you. Amen.

Change hate to love

HATE



Change one letter to make a new word on each row and you can change **hate** into **love**!

LOVE