# All Hallows' **Five Dock**



#### Third Sunday of Lent | Year A | Sunday 12th 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 Reflection by Fr Richard

#### Conversion is an ongoing process ...

Jeff Cavins, a former Protestant Minister said, "When I made my decision to become Catholic, everything began to fit... I suddenly realized that I was in a story bigger than anything I'd ever imagined before."

The Samaritan woman in this week's Gospel is a symbol of the Church not yet made righteous. She came in ignorance, she found Christ, and he enters into conversation with her.

The dialogue between Jesus and this woman would astonish his contemporaries for three reasons: the hatred between Jews and Samaritans, the moral status of the woman, and gender segregation. Jesus addressed racial and gender prejudice and also challenged the woman to conversion.

One small conversation became a moment of revelation and salvation. A few chosen words overcame social prejudice and bridged God to a lost soul. The outcome of the conversation was righteousness.

How can you get out of God's way and allow his Spirit to speak through you in your everyday affairs?

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 - 12pm - 4pm

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

#### 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 safeguardingenguiries@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).



#### **Congratulations!**



Congratulations to the catechumen candidates, their sponsors and families for the Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral on the 26th February, 2023.



Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for the Sacrament of Initiation at Easter.

#### Lenten Healing Recollection (Day Retreat) - 18th March 2023



Fr Justin Torres visited Australia in November 2022 and all those that attended the healing Mass he celebrated were touched and blessed abundantly. He is due to return in March and you are all invited to be a part of the day retreat that will be held at All Hallows Five Dock on **March 18 2023.** 

If you are interested in attending, please place your name on the sign up sheet in the gathering space of the Church.



All welcome!

#### Stations of the Cross



During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church on **Fridays at 7pm**.



Please join us.

#### Special birthday wishes



# Happy 90th Birthday to Rosy Pietrobon who celebrated her birthday on the 8th March.

Rosy is a much loved member of the All Hallows community. She attends church everyday, opening the church and preparing the altar for the morning mass. She provides constant support to the church as a member of the Ministers of Holy Communion and the Altar Society.

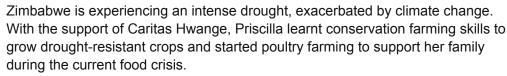


Rosy is a keen gardener and you can see examples of her gardening in the beautiful flowers that she brings from her garden to place around the church. She is also a great cook who has prepared many meals for the various priests who have served at All Hallows. She loves entertaining and you will never go home hungry after any visit!

We thank you Rosy for all that you do for our parish.

May God bless and protect you always!

#### **Project Compassion**





#### Please donate to Project Compassion 2023.



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/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting <u>caritas.org.au/project-compassion</u>, or by calling 1800 024 413.

#### Please remember in your Prayers:

#### Sick:

Michael Ciaglia Sr Teresa Brooks Alana McKay Smith Wayne Smith Frank Hume Nick Hume Grace Cacnio Philippa Mary Sikulu Andrew Ammendolia Anne Fidler Margaret Liccardello

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

#### Recently Deceased:

Lise Etuasi
John Stowell Cutler
Crocetta Valenti
Vincenzo Restelli
Stephen Chia
Giuseppe Cistulli



#### Anniversaries:

Carmine Di Leo Domenico Ciano Monica Moschella Ignazia Proia Antonino Proia Domenico Gerace Reg Linsley Vincenzo Spagnolo

## 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 Gad, rest in peace. Amen





Special birthday wishes.

# Happy 100th Birthday to Pat Strelein who celebrates her birthday on the 13th March.



Pat has lived in Russell Lea all her life, her Parents were founding members of All Hallows Parish, making significant contributions to set up the Infants school in those early days.

She went to school at All Hallows, then on to Domremy, and was married at All Hallows.

Her 6 children attended All Hallows and yes, Pat was a Tuckshop Mum for all that time.

She also helped wherever she could: Teachers in the classroom at All Hallows and ESL (English Second Language) children, to become familiar with our language.

She was a catechist for 37 years in the State schools, a member of the Catholic Womens' League, and worked with Refugees for a time.

Fr. Kelly first asked her to be a Eucharistic Minister when he was P.P. and that continued for at least 25 years, at weekly Mass and special occasions, and taking Communion to the sick and infirm in their homes and hospitals.

Pat has lived a lifetime of commitment to her faith, her family and fashion.

Thank you Pat for all your hard work and for your friendship and kindness to our All Hallows Family.

We thank God for your remarkable life, we wish you joy, peace and good health for your future.

#### Healing Mass with Fr Justin Torres.

Fr Justin Torres will celebrate a Healing Mass at All Hallows on Thursday, 16th March, 2023 at 6pm.



All welcome!

#### **Baptisms**



#### We welcome

## Chloe Kurnari Fox Dion Anthony Charles Deguara

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.

#### St Joseph Feast Day

In 1679 on the feast day of St Joseph began a custom to bless and distribute bread amongst the community. The tradition has its origin in Italy during a period of drought and famine when people turned to St Joseph asking for his help and intercession. The custom has since been adopted world wide.

Join us for the celebration on Monday, March 20 at the 8.00am Mass. All welcome!

#### 24 hour for the Lord Event

Come and spend some time with Our Lord and Our Lady in the Schoenstatt Shrine Mulgoa: Friday 17 March 6pm Mass, then Reconciliation 7:15 – 10.00pm. On Saturday Reconciliation 10am-12pm, and 3-4.45pm with a Vigil Mass at 5pm. The Shrine will be welcoming people for prayer for the full 24 Hours. Groups to lead prayer are welcome. Contact paulandramani@gmail.com.

#### **Palms for Palm Sunday Needed**

As Palm Sunday is fast approaching, does anyone have any palms that they would like to donate? These would be cut up and blessed and available for people to take on Palm Sunday. Please place donated palms in the box in the gathering space of the church by Friday, 24th March for preparation.

#### Children's Corner

I am the Christ who speaks to you now

Jn 4:5

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Try to find these words:

ancestor bucket drink food Jacob Messiah Samaritan Sychar town two well woman

#### **First Reading**

#### Ex 17:3-7

A reading from the book of Exodus *Give us water to drink*.

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said, 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'



#### **Responsorial Psalm**

## (R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

- 1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
- 2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
- 3. O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)



### **Second Reading**

#### Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given to us.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.



#### **Next Week's Readings**

#### **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

1st Reading: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 2nd Reading: Eph 5:8-14 Gospel: Jn 9:1-41



#### **Gospel Acclamation**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

#### Gospel

Jn 4:5-15. 19-26. 39-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

#### The water that I shall give will turn into a spring of eternal life.

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman, 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while



you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'



## WATER OF LIFE

## Maze

Help the woman find the quickest way back to town to tell everyone her good news.



Jesus asks a Samaritan woman for a drink. She gives him water and he gives her "living water" – the love of God! Jesus offers love to all of us, no matter who we are.

# Which jar?

The Samaritan woman has to lower a jar on a rope down the well to collect water. Which is her jar?



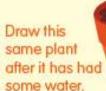
## Growing

This plant has soil and sun. What else does it need to grow? W

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With water this plant will grow bigger, stronger and even more beautiful. With Jesus we will grow bigger, stronger and even more beautiful too!

> Draw yourself with the plant. Show how beautiful and strong you will be with Jesus living in your heart.





Unexpected kindess

The Samaritan woman did not expect Jesus to talk to her with such kindness.

This is because Jesus was a low seed kindly to...

This is because Jesus was a Jew, and Jews and Samaritans did not speak to each other. Draw a picture of someone you will speak kindly to.

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me so much. Thank you for knowing everything about me and loving me just the same! Amen.

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