

All Hallows' Five Dock



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 25th June

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

How is it possible to live fearlessly?

The Prophet Jeremiah sensed "terror on every side," former friends intent on taking their "vengeance on him." Yet, despite his terror, Jeremiah declares with faultless faith, "The Lord is with me; my persecutors will stumble; he has rescued the life of the poor." In the gospel Jesus says, "Do not be afraid."

We are cowards and Jesus is aware of this. He already said this when he invited us not to look for security in money (Matt. 6:19-21). Now, dealing with the fear of repression, he adds, "If you cannot free yourself from cowardice, consider where a greater threat comes from, from God or people?"

Mindful of Prophet Jeremiah's historical precedent, Jesus commands, "Fear no one; do not be afraid of those who kill the body." His words convey a day-by-day demand. We should not be ashamed to act or talk as people of faith, to go public about our Christian convictions when necessary. An unknown author reflected thus:

I asked for strength and God gave me difficulties to make me strong.

I asked for wisdom and God gave me problems to solve.

I asked for prosperity and God gave me brawn and brain to work.

I asked for courage and God gave me dangers to overcome.

I asked for patience and God placed me in situations where I was forced to wait.

I asked for love and God gave me troubled people to help.

I asked for favors and God gave me opportunities.

I received nothing I wanted and I received everything I needed.

My Prayer has been answered.

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 - 3:40pm
- 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 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>).



Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at All Hallows on **Sunday 20 August at 12pm and 3pm**. Anyone in Year 6 or older who has been baptised and has received First Holy Communion in the Catholic Church is invited to enrol.

A Parent Information evening will be held **Wednesday, July 19 at 7pm in the church** (children do not need to attend this meeting).

Preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation will begin in term 3 and the program is made up of three sessions and a rehearsal.

Preparation session 1 – Week beginning 24 July.

Preparation Session 2 – Week beginning 31 July.

*Preparation session 3 & 4 – Week beginning 7 August. * Please note this session will run for 90 minutes.*

Rehearsal 1 – Thursday 17 August at 5pm for those attending the 12pm Confirmation Mass.

Rehearsal 2 – Friday 18 August at 5pm for those attending the 3pm Confirmation Mass.

Mass attendance during the program is required, since the sacraments are an initiation into the Church and one of the basic features of our faith is that we gather on Sundays for Mass.

Registration for Confirmation is now open. Please go to the All Hallows Parish website for the link to register online (under the Sacraments tab / Confirmation).

Please note that registrations close strictly on Wednesday, 19th July 2023.



Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Members of the O'Grady family
Lorenzo Bocconi
Emilia Bocconi
Andrew Ammendolia
Philippa Mary Sikulu
James McCabe
Christian Bonaddio
Frank Hume
Nick Hume

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

Recently Deceased:

Aldo Isgro
Antonio Mercuri
Vince Cammareri
Merle Fraley
Joan Hurley
Keith Brown
Pius Kiss
Sophia Rose West
John Conroy
Barbara Walsh

Volunteer Opportunity - Join Mary MacKillop Place



Mary MacKillop Place (MMP) holds a special place in Australia and for our Church. In the spirit of Saint Mary MacKillop and Fr Julian Tenison Woods, our mission is to create a sacred oasis of welcome peace, pilgrimage, education, community engagement, personal and spiritual growth, and social action for all.

At its core is the Mary MacKillop Memorial Chapel, where the tomb of St Mary MacKillop rests, together with the Museum that shares the inspiring story of her life.

Situated in North Sydney and conveniently accessible by public transport, MMP is currently in search of enthusiastic volunteers who will warmly welcome and assist visitors to the MMP Museum.

If you enjoy interacting with people and have some spare time, please get in touch! Whether it's for a couple of hours, a day or two a week, fortnightly or month, we would love to have you on board! Rest assured, all necessary training and support will be provided.

For more information or to express your interest, please contact Sr Annie Bond, Ministry & Mission Manager, or send an email to annie.bond@mmp.org.au.



Anniversaries:

Antonietta Gerace
Giovanna Riitano
Giuseppe Riitano
Lydia Fiorini
Peter Fiorini
Loretta Gioia
Fr Kevin O'Grady

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



Holy Father's Appeal

Our parish, in union with all parishes around the world, will hold the annual Holy Father's Appeal next weekend – 1st and 2nd July – for which we ask your support. Through your gift, you can help Pope Francis bring hope, faith, and the spirit of Christ to our less fortunate brothers and sisters around the world. Thank you.

Donate by visiting www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal, phone 1800 753 959 or through our parish collection.



"How marvellous it would be if, at the end of the day, each of us could say: today I have performed an act of charity towards others!" - Pope Francis.

Parish Notices



2022/2023 Tax Receipts

Thank you to the parishioners who give generously each week through our planned giving program. Tax receipts will be available from July 2023.



As we are moving to a paperless system, we will be emailing out tax receipts this year. If you haven't provided an email address when setting up your planned giving, or if you still require a paper copy, please contact the parish office.

New Planned Giving Envelopes



Please collect your 2023/2024 planned giving envelopes in the gathering space.

Some envelope numbers have changed so when the new financial year starts on the 1st July, 2023, please use the new envelopes and discard any envelopes from the 2022/2023 financial year or earlier. This will ensure that the contributions are allocated to the correct person.

If you are not currently part of the planned giving program but would like to join, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

Safeguarding Training - Zoom sessions

The Safeguarding office is running Zoom sessions for the **Safeguarding Induction Training** and **Safeguarding Refresher Training** courses.



Zoom training dates:

Safeguarding Induction Training - 11 July at 9am

Safeguarding Refresher Training - 3 July at 9am

If you have been requested to complete this training and would like to join a zoom session, please email safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org to register.

CatholicCare Hope Appeal



This year, over 300 young women aged 16-24 in Metro Sydney will be at risk of having their recently born or soon-to-be born child removed from their care.

CatholicCare Sydney's HOPE program works to prevent the need for a Child Protection Response by supporting vulnerable young families overcome intergenerational disadvantage and trauma. Please donate today to give vulnerable young families HOPE for the future. For more information or to donate go to: <https://fundraise.catholiccare.org/appeale>

Thank you

Thank you to the many parishioners who prayed for or participated in the children receiving their First Reconciliation on Thursday, 15th June.



A special thank you to the parish sacramental team and catechists for their work in coordinating the groups, preparation and liturgy on the day. We would also like to thank Fr Michael McLean and Fr Denis Minns (Drummoyne), Fr Tom Stevens (Mortlake), Fr Moses Tamale (Maroubra) and Fr Gerard Wo Ling (Summer Hill) who were present to confer the sacrament.

Catholic Women's League - Invitation

The CWL invites parishioners to celebrate morning Mass at All Hallows Church on the **Feast Day of St. Maria Goretti**



Thursday 6 July at 8am

Followed by morning tea/brunch at Due Passi Café, 563 Great North Road, Abbotsford.

For Cafe booking RSVP Enza 9712 2598
By Monday 3 July.

Purpose Nights - Black and White Night

Our first ever Purpose Nights event is happening June 27th and we can't wait to have you! There will be a live music concert, food trucks, talks, adoration, confession, bonfires, and a Q&A panel!

Topic: 'What is Truth?'

Dress code: Black and White Clothing!

Open to students across Sydney in years 9-12.

Date and Time: **Tuesday 27th June, 5.30 PM to 9PM.**

Venue: St Christopher's, Holsworthy
205 Heathcote Rd, Holsworthy

For more information and to register visit:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1064589>



Children's Corner

All that is hidden will be made clear

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

Try to find these words:

afraid
counted
dark
destroy
harm
head
hidden
house tops
light
secret
sparrows
whispered

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Jer 20:10-13 A reading from the prophet Jeremiah He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.</p> <p>Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.'</p>	<p>(R.) Lord, in your great love, answer me.</p> <p>1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me. (R.)</p> <p>2. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)</p> <p>3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures. (R.)</p>	<p>Rom 5:12-15 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.</p> <p>Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
	<p>13th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: 2 Kg 4:8-11, 14-16 2nd Reading: Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Gospel: Mt 10:37-42</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!</p> 

Gospel

Mt 10:26-33
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'



Gospel Focus - Fear

When scripture uses the term fear, it tends to fall into one of two meanings. When used in the context of 'do not be afraid' or 'fear not', it is a command to not be daunted by the woes and trials that the world imposes. The other use tends to be a command that we should fear God. In this context, the word does not mean to be frightened of God but rather to show proper reverence. To fear God is to stand in wonder and awe rather than to cower and hide. So, fear God, but do not be afraid!

Living the Gospel – From the House-tops

One of the messages of Jesus to his disciples and, through him, of Matthew to the original community, is to have courage and to have pride in their belief. No matter what threat or persecution they are to endure, the command is to proclaim the message of Jesus from the house-tops. They are to be proud of what they believe and be prepared to share it with others. In a world today that is not always open to the message of Jesus, we too are called to be proud of what we believe and not whisper it in the darkness.



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 Matthew 10:26-33

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

**DO NOT
 BE AFRAID!**



Jesus tells us that God loves us so much we do not need to be afraid. God loves the sparrows, but we are even more important than hundreds of sparrows. God loves us so much he knows everything about us - even the number of hairs on our head!

How many hairs?

Can you count how many hairs this boy has on his head?

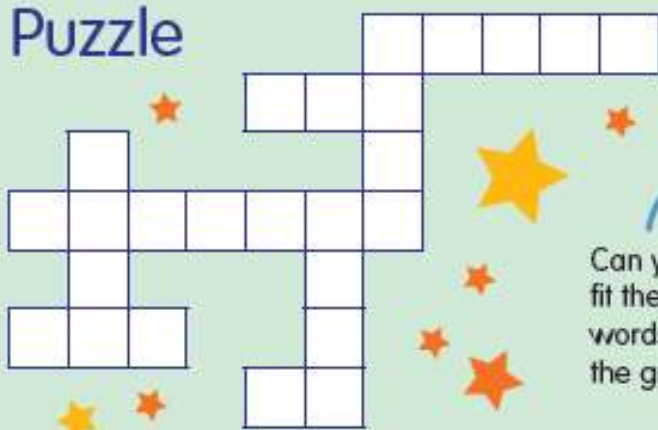


Guess how many hairs are on your head. Do you love anyone enough to try to count the hairs on their head? Give it a go!



Draw yourself and your hairstyle here.

Puzzle



Can you fit these words into the grid?

**EVEN
 THE
 HAIRS
 ON
 YOUR
 HEAD
 ARE
 COUNTED**

How many sparrows?

How many sparrows can you find hidden on this page?



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, sometimes I am afraid and do not know what to do. Please help me to remember you love me and are always supporting me. Help me to find people to help and find a way round my worries. Amen.

My supporter

The Gospel today tells us that Jesus is on our side.

Do not be afraid



Write your name on Jesus' banner, to show he supports you.



Answers: Fifteen hairs. Six sparrows.