

All Hallows' Five Dock



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 9th July 2023

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

**“Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened,
and I will give you rest.”**

Paul Miller wrote: “The criteria for coming to Jesus is weariness. Come overwhelmed with life. Come with your wandering mind. Come messy.”

In this week's gospel, Jesus blesses the Father “for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children.” This does not mean that the intelligent people are excluded from the faith, but it is the glory of God that faith should not seem to be the privilege of the wise. Jesus invites everyone to come to him.

All that is required for anyone to respond to this invitation is the virtue of humility. The Catechism defines humility as “the virtue by which a Christian acknowledges that God is the author of all good” (2559). So, humility is less about recognizing how lowly we are than about recognizing how great God is. If we know that God is the author of all good, then we know that we are not. He is the Creator; I am a creature. He is infinite; I am finite. He is great; I am small. He is the source of all goodness; I am the recipient.

The humility of Jesus reveals to us the humility of God who never seeks to put us down or intimidate us, but instead always wants to raise us to him. “Come to me: I will not relieve you of your load but by placing my yoke on you, I give you the means of carrying the load.” Jesus, the humble teacher enables us to see the mercy of God in our lives and in our own cross.

Jesus wants you to come to him...

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:

Anthony O'Connor
Maria Rayment
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



Safeguarding Training

Safeguarding Training - Zoom sessions

The Safeguarding office is running a Zoom session for the **Safeguarding Induction Training** course on the **11 July at 9am**.

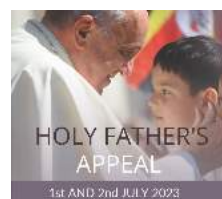


If you have been requested to complete this training and would like to join a zoom session, please email safeguardingtraining@sydneycatholic.org to register.

Holy Father's Appeal

Our thanks go to all who opened their hearts and gave generously to the Holy Father's Appeal. Through your gift, you have given hope to those in most need of our compassion. If you missed our appeal weekend, it is not too late to give.

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.

Youth Group

All Year 5 and 6 students are invited to join the All Hallows Youth group.

Join us for mass at 5pm, followed by discussion, pizza & games in the parish hall until 7pm.

The dates the Youth Group will run in term 3 are:

- 30th July
- 13th August
- 27th August
- 10th September
- 24th September



*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



2022/2023 Tax Receipts

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

Overshadowed: Filled with the Power of the Holy Spirit - 18-20 August 2023

Join the MGL Sisters in a weekend retreat exploring what happens when we say yes to the Holy Spirit. Experience the life-changing power of deepening in God's love, surrendering to Jesus and living under the grace of the Holy Spirit.

Venue: Carmel House,
345 St Andrews Rd, Varroville NSW
Booking: <http://www.trybooking.com/CFBQX>
(by 11 August)
Contact: Katherine - mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com

RESPECT CONFRONTING VIOLENCE & ABUSE TRI-DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE EVENING 2023



WEDNESDAY 26TH JULY, 2023
6 PM TO 8:30 PM
- CATHOLIC INSTITUTE OF SYDNEY -
99 ALBERT ROAD STRATHFIELD, NSW 2135

Leonie Westenbergh | School of Theology, Charles Sturt University
Kristy | DFV Advocate and Survivor
Victoria Fitzmaurice | Photographer & Advocate
Commander Sharon Marshall | Central Coast DFV leader, NSW Police
NSW Department of Communities and Justice
Julie Macken | Justice & Peace Office
Fr Peter Smith | Justice & Peace Office



Eucharistic Exposition / Adoration

Please join us for Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration including Divine Mercy Chaplet, Reconciliation and Benediction.

When: **Wednesdays between 12pm to 4pm**
Where: **All Hallows' Church**

All Welcome!



Catholic Women's League

Come along and enjoy **BINGO** on

Friday 14 July
10am in the Parish Hall

\$6 includes morning tea.

All welcome!



All Hallows Formation - Word on Fire

The WORD on FIRE Institute's Formation Program on the Mass is currently on break for the school holidays. Please note that it resumes on the **20th July** in the church. The Young Adults program will resume on the **21st July** in the parish hall.



Planned Giving Envelopes



A gentle reminder to **discard all old planned giving envelopes** and **only use the blue 2023/2024 envelopes** for planned giving. This will ensure that the contributions are allocated to the correct person as some envelope numbers have changed.

If you have not yet picked up your planned giving envelopes, please pick them up from the parish office.




Children's Corner

If you are burdened, I will give you rest


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

Try to find these words:

Father
heavy
learn
light
one
ordinary
rest
shoulders
Son
tired
wise
yoke

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Zec 9:9-10 A reading from the prophet Zechariah See how humbly your king comes to you!</p> <p>The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'</p> 	<p>(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. (R.) 2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.) 3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.) 4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. (R.) 	<p>Rom 8:9.11-13 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.</p> <p>Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
	<p>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>1st Reading: Is 55:10-11 2nd Reading: Rom 8:18-23 Gospel: Mt 13:1-23</p> 	<p>Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!</p> 

Gospel

<p>Mt 11:25-30 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew I am gentle and humble of heart.</p> <p>Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.</p> <p>'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'</p>	
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Have you thought? Thank God!

Jesus' quite intimate words to the Father in today's passage carry with them an enormous amount of relief and perhaps released frustration. It is almost a cry of 'Thank God!' for his disciples have finally 'got it'. Jesus blesses the Father for revealing the truth to these simple men whom Jesus had chosen to follow him. The men Jesus chose as disciples were not following another rabbi and so had not been the very best students from their village. They had the education of most children but nothing more – otherwise they would have been following someone else!

Living the Gospel – Shoulder my yoke

Jesus invites us to shoulder his yoke and learn from him for he is gentle and humble in heart. The yoke he invites us to shoulder is the deceptively simple teaching: love God and love your neighbour. To love God is to consciously make a place in our lives for God. The busy spin that tends to be characteristic of so many people's lives today does not allow room for God; does not allow room for prayer and quiet; does not allow room for compassionate response to others. To love God and love our neighbour we must first make room for them.

LOOK

Sunday 9 July 2023
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 11:25-30

In the GOSPEL TODAY

JESUS WANTS TO HELP

A heavy load

Here is someone who is carrying a heavy load. When we are worried it can feel as though we are carrying something heavy. Inside this sack draw or write something which worries or troubles you.

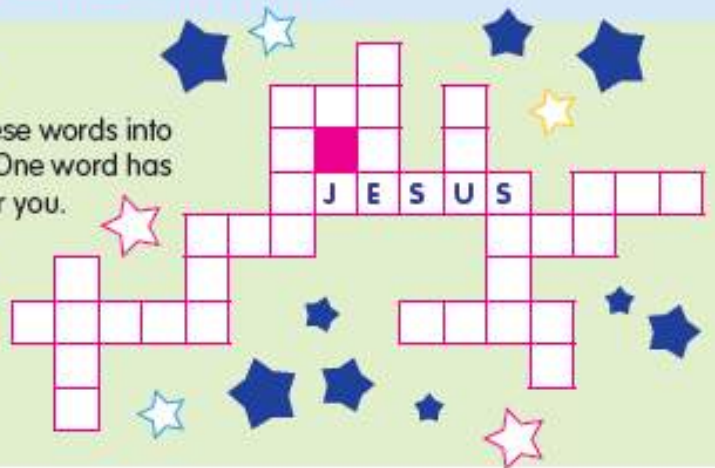


When Mary goes to the tomb where Jesus is buried she finds the stone is rolled away from the entrance and Jesus' body is not there! Mary rushes to tell the others. When they see the grave cloths they understand – Jesus has risen. He is alive!

Puzzle

Can you fit these words into the squares? One word has been put in for you.

**JESUS SAYS
COME TO HIM
ALL WHO ARE
TIRED AND
HE WILL GIVE
YOU A REST.**



Heavy or light burdens

In Jesus' day people used to carry heavy loads on yokes resting on their shoulders. The loads Jesus spoke about were troubles which weighed them down. Draw a line from each of these words to the bucket you think it goes in.

HAPPINESS

SICKNESS



Give it to God!

God loves us. He doesn't want us to carry heavy loads. God says that we can give all our troubles to him. In your imagination hand over to God your big, heavy sack of troubles!

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me and wanting to help me. Please help me to share your love with other people, so they know you love them and want to help them too. Amen.

Come to me

Jesus wants to help us. Help this person get to Jesus.

