

All Hallows' Five Dock



15th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 16th 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 Sebastian

Matthew 13:1-23 (shorter form: Matthew 13:1-9)

Jesus teaches that the kingdom of heaven is like seed that has been sown on good soil.

Today's Gospel reminds us that for God's Word to take root in us and produce abundant fruit, we must endeavour to be like good soil. Families, in particular, hold the responsibility for "preparing the soil" so that the seeds of God's Word can grow strong. There are many ways in which families do this-family traditions in which faith is celebrated, prayer and reading of Scripture, and instruction on the faith. In these ways, parents fulfill the promises they made at their child's Baptism.

Gather as a family and reflect together on the Sacrament of Baptism. Tell the story of the Baptism of each child, showing any pictures that were taken. If you have your child's Baptism candle or gown, share these as well. Recall together that one of the promises that parents make at their child's Baptism is to bring them up in the practice of our faith. Talk together about the importance of this promise to your family. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 13:1-23. Reflect together on the ways in which your family practices your faith (daily prayer, Mass attendance, religious instruction, etc.). Remind one another that we do these things as a family so that God's Word can take root in our lives and produce abundant fruit. Conclude in prayer together by praying today's Psalm, Psalm 65.

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 - 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.



World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, 23 July 2023



“From the elderly, we received the gift of belonging to God’s holy people” – Pope Francis

The Vatican will again offer a plenary indulgence to mark the third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly on July 23. The indulgence can be received by grandparents, the elderly, and all Catholics who, “motivated by the true spirit of penance and charity,” participate in Pope Francis’ July 23 Mass in St. Peter’s Basilica or another Grandparents’ Day celebration, or who visit the elderly, the Vatican said.

Chosen by Pope Francis, the theme of Grandparents’ Day 2023 comes from a verse in the Gospel of Luke: “His mercy is from age to age.” It will be marked this year on July 23, the Sunday before the Feast of Saints Anne and Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus.

An indulgence is defined by the Catechism of the Catholic Church as “a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven.” The usual conditions for a plenary indulgence require the individual to be in a state of grace, have complete detachment from sin, and pray for the pope’s intentions. The person must also sacramentally confess their sins and receive Communion, up to about 20 days before or after the prayers for the indulgence.

The July 5 decree stipulated that one way to receive the plenary indulgence for Grandparents’ Day is by dedicating time on July 23 to visiting the elderly, particularly those who are sick, disabled, or abandoned. A phone or video call can also count, the Vatican said. Another way is to attend Pope Francis’ Grandparents’ Day Mass at the Vatican or another Grandparents’ Day Mass.

Those who would like to participate in the indulgence but are unable to leave their homes due to sickness, age, or another serious reason, the decree said, can unite themselves spiritually to the celebrations of the day through “offering to the Merciful God their prayers, pain, and the suffering of their lives” while watching the pope’s Mass or another celebration on TV or online.



All Hallows invites parishioners to a morning tea in the gathering space after the 10am mass on the 23rd July to celebrate this special day.

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:

Fr Carl Ashton
Joe Mewburn
Jaun Vargas
Benjamin Moores
Aldo Isgro
Antonio Mercuri
Vince Cammareri
Merle Fraley
Joan Hurley
Keith Brown
Pius Kiss



Anniversaries:

Lydia Fiorini
Peter Fiorini
Loretta Gioia

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



Church Roof Update

You would all be aware that for some time now we have had several roof leaks which have to be rectified.



The problem is caused by the changing weather pattern over the past years and the design of the side roofs which were not designed for the more severe conditions we now experience.

The shallow box gutters require constant maintenance and even then cannot cope with the times when strong winds are added to heavy downpours.

We have been told that the rectification of the roof will start in 3 weeks and will be completed as soon as possible.

Volunteer Opportunity: Mary MacKillop Place

Mary MacKillop Place (MMP) holds a special place in Australia and for our Church. Situated in North Sydney, 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! Necessary training and support will be provided. For more information, please contact Sr Annie Bond at annie.bond@mmp.org.au



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>

Contact: Katherine - mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com

Our Lady of Terzito Annual Feast

The annual feast of Our Lady of Terzito will be held at **Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, Gladesville** (cnr Westminster & Victoria Rds, Gladesville) on **23rd July, 2023, with Mass at 1.30pm**, followed by a procession in the street and Benediction.

It will be preceded by a triduum on Thursday 20th July, Friday 21st July and Saturday 22nd July with the Rosary at 7.10pm followed by Mass.

A small amount of onsite parking is available via Oxford St.



Baptisms

We welcome



Matilda Joy Armstrong
Marin Karlo Badikovich
Lottie Rose Thompson

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.

Catholic Women's League

Ladies, you are welcome to join members at the CWL Branch meeting on **Monday 17 July** commencing with morning tea at **10am in Parish Hall**

Special Guest: State President, Michelle Pedersen

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.



Vinnies Winter Appeal



Keep Women & Children Warm. Give the gift of warmth this winter to women and children escaping domestic violence or facing homelessness. This Winter Appeal will

provide emergency relief and specialised services to families and individuals at-risk and experiencing homelessness. Your donation will help our frontline team rebuild lives. All St Vincent de Paul donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. To donate, please go to

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>


Children's Corner

The seed fell on good ground


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

Try to find these words:

birds
boat
crowd
farmer
Galilee
Lake
road
shore
soil
stories
sun
teach

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Is 55:10-11 A reading from the prophet Isaiah <i>The rain makes the earth fruitful.</i></p> <p>Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'</p> 	<p>(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.</p> <p>1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. (R.)</p> <p>2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. (R.)</p> <p>3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)</p> <p>4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)</p>	<p>Rom 8:18-23 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans <i>All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.</i></p> <p>I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
	<p>16th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Wis 12:13, 16-19 2nd Reading: Rom 8:26-27 Gospel: Mt 13:24-30</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live forever. Alleluia!</p>

Gospel

<p>Mt 13:1-9 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew A sower went out to sow.</p> <p>Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'</p>	
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Historical Context – Matthew's community

The gospel of Matthew is written at a time and particular context in which the community audience were feeling the effects of having been ostracised from the Jewish community. They were confounded by the fact that other Jews could not accept the reality of the Jesus message as they had. This parable, and the accompanying conversation with the disciples in which they are blessed for their understanding, would have been a comfort for the Matthew community. Although they were frustrated, they were being told through this story that not everyone is ready to hear the message that they had heard and accepted.

Living the Gospel – Scatter that seed!

The teaching of the parable of the sower is as true for us today as it was in its original context. The word of the kingdom continues to fall on people who are at various stages of readiness to receive it. What Jesus suggests to his disciples – and to us – is that the 'good soil' can't always be predicted. Jesus doesn't tell his disciples to only sow the word in people who are receptive. Rather, he wants them – and us – to scatter the word everywhere and to rejoice when it does find good soil and yields a rich harvest.

LOOK

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Matthew 13:1-23

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Spot the difference

Can you spot five differences between these two sowers?



Jesus tells us a story about a man who sows some seed. Some seed did not do well but some seed landed on good soil. This seed grew big and strong. Jesus wants us to listen to his message of love. If we really listen with our hearts, we will grow strong in God's love.

Break the code

The disciples did not understand Jesus' story and had to ask him to explain. Decode the words and write what Jesus is saying on the lines.

a =	b =	d =	
e =	G =	h =	
i =	l =	n =	
o =	P =	r =	s =
t =	u =	w =	y =



God's word helps me grow

Jesus said we are like seeds.

Just like a seed needs good soil to grow, we need to listen to God to grow.



JESUS WANTS TO HELP

When we listen to God and do as he asks, we will be the very best we can be!

Join the dots to see what is growing here.

Help the farmer with his crops

Help the sower find the best place to sow his seeds.

Answers: Plant God's word in your heart. Spot the difference: hat, basket, sandals, beard, height.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, help me to grow strong in your love. Help me to listen to your message and do what I know is good and kind. Help me to bear good fruit. Amen.

