

All Hallows' Five Dock



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 23rd 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

Grandchildren have some interesting thoughts on their Grandparents. Below are some of them:

"Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars. They don't say, 'Hurry up.' Usually, grandmothers are fat but not too fat to tie your shoes. They can take their teeth and gums out. Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television because they are the only grownups who like to spend time with us. They know we should have snack time before bedtime, and they say prayers with us and kiss us even when we've acted badly."

In his message for the third World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Francis writes: "The Lord trusts that young people, through their relationships with the elderly, will realize that they are called to cultivate memory and recognize the beauty of being part of a much larger history. Friendship with an older person can help the young to see life not only in terms of the present and realize that not everything depends on them and their abilities. For the elderly, the presence of a young person in their lives can give them hope that their experience will not be lost and that their dreams can find fulfilment."

Jesus' parables this Sunday make this conjoined point: God in his providence will use even the apparent evil that attends us in life to some perfecting purpose; out of our littleness, our emptiness, our nothingness, God's greatness will flower in an astonishing way. The parables show that our God is the God who has "the care of all" – of the young and elderly, of the good people and 'not so good' people, of every situation, every circumstance, every moment. Nevertheless, the harvest draws near. Let us seek his mercy so that we might be numbered among the righteous children.

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>).



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 to celebrate this special day.

Pope Francis' Prayer for the World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly



Virgin Mary, Mother of faith and hope, an example for this humanity bent by indifference, make me as willing as You to accept the will of God, to magnify and praise His Mercy.



Mary, Mother of fortitude, you who knows my heart, do not allow me to become discouraged. I confidently surrender my life into your hands.
Heal my wounds.

May your tenderness accompany me on the way.
Your presence, Mother of love, brings us to experience the joy of seeing our families united.

Help me to transmit the tenderness and Love of God to the grandchildren and youth so that, in addition to praying for them, we can pray with them.

Mary, may the gift of the Holy Spirit intercede for me: sustain my weakness; breathe into my heart the consolation that I may leave traces of faith among the young, bearing witness to the beauty of life, knowing that life has a limit and that beyond it lies before us our Father's embrace.

Amen.



Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Anthony O'Connor
Maria Rayment
Lorenzo Bocconi
Emilia Bocconi
Andrew Ammendolia
Philippa Mary Sikulu
Christian Bonaddio
Frank Hume
Nick Hume

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

Recently Deceased:

Harry Lake
Joe Natoli
Fr Carl Ashton
Joe Mewburn
Jaun Vargas
Benjamin Moores
Aldo Isgro
Antonio Mercuri
Vince Cammareri
Merle Fraley



Anniversaries:

Gabriel Traino
Raphael Traino
Kamahl Wassif
Lydia Fiorini
Peter Fiorini
Loretta Gioia
Bernard Mattson
Alberico Mollica
Maria Mollica
Cristoforo Mollica
Liam Edward McGill

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.

Please be aware that scaffolding has now been placed on the sides of the church in preparation for the work to be done on the roof. **For your safety, please do not use the side paths and side doors of the church until the scaffolding is taken down.** Please only use the front entrance to enter and leave the church. We are sorry for any inconvenience this causes.

Reminder



A gentle reminder that no flyers, pamphlets or magazines are to be placed in the church without approval from Fr Sebastian. Any that are left in the church without permission will be removed.

Confirmation

Preparation sessions for Confirmation will be commencing this coming week from the 25th July. They will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights at 7pm in the parish hall. If your child is registered, please ensure your child has been placed in a group and attends with a parent each week. If you can't attend, please inform the parish office.



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

Baptisms

We welcome



Ada Grace Finderle
Sylvester Max Finderle
Roman Peter Iacono

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.

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>

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!



Pray as you Go app

Download the Pray as you Go app for prayers on your daily walks. <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>





Children's Corner

Take care of the harvest

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

Try to find these words:


barn
burn
enemy
farmer
field
good
plants
pull up
ripe
sleeping
weed
wheat

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Wis 12:13.16-19 A reading from the book of Wisdom <i>In the place of sin, you give repentance.</i></p> <p>There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.</p> 	<p>(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.</p> <p>1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)</p> <p>2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. (R.)</p> <p>3. But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me. (R.)</p>	<p>Rom 8:26-27 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans <i>The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.</i></p> <p>The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.</p> 
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
	<p>17th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>1st Reading: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 2nd Reading: Rom 8:28-30 Gospel: Mt 13:44-52</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

Mt 13:24-30
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."



Have you thought? Leaven

The parable of the woman placing leaven in three measures of flour is an intriguing one. In some translations, the text reads, 'The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and *hid* in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.' Whilst you might initially hide yeast in some dough, it doesn't take very long for the yeast to become apparent as it makes the dough rise. Such a large quantity of flour suggests the bread is being prepared for a festival – perhaps Passover when only unleavened bread was used? That would put a different spin on the woman's action!

Living the Gospel – Agents of change

We often hear that to fully live out the kingdom message of Jesus is to be counter-cultural. These parables are a perfect example of that call. Jesus himself acted in contrast to his cultural context and often used examples in his teaching that flew in the face of cultural expectation. What does it mean to be counter-cultural today? Our world is driven by an emphasis on the individual; an emphasis on acquisition; an emphasis on consuming. The kingdom parables of today's gospel call us to be the agents of change that 'irritate' in our own small way to make a difference in the world.



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 Matthew 13:24-43

In the GOSPEL TODAY

GOD'S KINGDOM

From small to large

Jesus tells us that heaven is like a small seed that grows into a big tree. Draw lines from the small things on the left side that grow into big things on the right.



Jesus tells some stories, to explain what the kingdom of heaven is like. The kingdom of heaven might have very small beginnings, like a mustard seed, but it will grow. The seed in Jesus' story grows into such a big tree all the birds can find shelter in it. We can find shelter in God's love too, as we grow big and strong.

Making choices

Jesus says that heaven is like a field where both good and bad seed is sown. Both grow together, but, at the end, only the good harvest is collected and stored. We all do both good and bad things.

What are the good things you do?
 Draw a picture or write about them.

What are the bad things you do?
 Write them on the rubbish bin to be thrown away.



GOOD

Just like good wheat and bad weeds grow side by side in today's story, there is also both good and bad in all of us. How many times can you find the word "GOOD" in the word search? []



How many times can you find the word "BAD"? []
 Which one wins, GOOD or BAD? _____



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, I know that you are helping me grow stronger in your love every day. Help me to make your kingdom real on earth by being kind to everyone I meet. Amen.

Heaven is like...

Finish colouring the pictures to show a little bit of heaven right where YOU are!



Answers: Good = 7 times. Bad = 3 times.