

# All Hallows' Five Dock



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 30th 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 13:44-52 (shorter form: Matthew 13:44-46)**

### Jesus teaches about the Kingdom of Heaven.

Like the person who found the buried treasure and the merchant who acquired the pearl of great price, we seek to find the signs of the kingdom of heaven in our lives. In fact, we even work to bring about God's kingdom in our actions and in our words. We pray that our family values reflect our pursuit of the kingdom of heaven. As Jesus' disciples, we place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

As you gather as a family, talk about what your family values. Make a list together of those things that your family considers most important, such as family, friends, faith, trust, and love. Place this list before you as you read today's Gospel in its shorter form, Matthew 13:44-46. In these parables, Jesus teaches us that it is worth giving up even valuable things to possess the kingdom of heaven. Look at the list your family made and talk about how these things are important to the kingdom of heaven. What has your family given up making these values important in your life? As Jesus' disciples, we place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God. Pray together for God's kingdom by praying the Lord's Prayer.

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](mailto: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>).



## July update from All Hallows Catholic Primary School

At the end of last term students and their families supported the St Vincent de Paul Society in a variety of ways. Our generous families donated many items to the Winter Appeal to assist those in need and participated in the Winter Sleepout to raise awareness of the issues of homelessness.. Led by our wonderful Family Educator, students who are participating in the Pope Francis Award program gathered together after school and made sandwiches for the Vinnies night patrol van.



In the coming weeks our students have a lot to look forward to beginning with a special mass, morning tea and visit to the classrooms for World Day of Grandparents and elderly. All Hallows will also be celebrating the feast of Australia's very own saint by students participating in a faith celebration with the very talented musician, John Burland.

## First Holy Communion



The Sacrament of First Holy Communion at All Hallows, Five Dock will be celebrated on the weekend of the **18th and 19th November, 2023**. Children of the parish who are in year 3 or above and have made their First Reconciliation are invited to register.

### First Holy Communion Masses:

- **Saturday 18th November**– First Holy Communion Mass at 12:00pm (Mass 1) & 3:00pm (Mass 2)
- **Sunday 19th November**– First Holy Communion Masses at 12:00pm (Mass 3) & 3:00pm (Mass 4).

### Registration:

Register online from **7am on Monday 31 July**. To register, please go to the parish website [www.allhallows.org.au](http://www.allhallows.org.au), click on the "Sacraments" tab and select First Holy Communion, then click on the "Register for Holy Communion" link.

*You will have the opportunity to choose the Holy Communion Mass you wish to attend via [Trybooking.com](http://Trybooking.com). The link can be found at the end of the online Registration form.*

### Parent Information Evening:

- Wednesday October 11 at 7.00pm in the church (children do not need to attend).

### Lessons (Preparation):

- The cost of the program is \$50 payable by cash or credit card at the Parent Information Evening.
- Lessons commence the Week beginning 16th October and continue over 4 weeks on a Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday evening at 7.00pm in the parish hall.

### Rehearsal:

- Rehearsal for Mass 1 will be held on Wednesday 15th November at 4.00pm
- Rehearsal for Mass 2 will be held on Wednesday 15th November at 5.00pm
- Rehearsal for Mass 3 will be held on Thursday 16th November at 4.00pm
- Rehearsal for Mass 4 will be held on Thursday 16th November at 5.00pm

## The Feast of the Assumption Procession - Ferragosto

Sydney's most loved Italian street festival will celebrate 26 years on the **20th August, 2023**. In 2019 Council inaugurated the Feast of The Assumption Procession to honour the origins of Ferragosto. The Feast of the Assumption Procession will precede the start of Ferragosto and is scheduled to commence at 9.30am and conclude at 10am with the blessing of Ferragosto. The Most Rev Daniel Meagher DD VG auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Sydney will lead the procession. For more information about Ferragosto please go to:

<https://www.canadabay.nsw.gov.au/lifestyle/our-area/our-events/ferragosto>



## Please remember in your Prayers:

### Sick:

Bartolo (Bob) Picone  
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:

Salvatore Catania  
Teresa Mastrangelo  
Mary Eileen Ommundson  
Rocco Romeo  
Michele Ciaglia  
Harry Lake  
Joe Natoli  
Fr Carl Ashton  
Joe Mewburn  
Jaun Vargas  
Benjamin Moores



### Anniversaries:

Bernard Mattson  
Ngarie O'Connell  
Michael Roche  
Alessandro Giardina  
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 God, rest in peace.  
Amen*



# Parish Notices



## Tax Receipts

Planned Giving tax receipts have now been emailed out to parishioners. If you have not received yours via email or would like a printed copy, please contact 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

## Magi Pilgrimages

Fr. Brendan Murphy from Our lady of Rosary Parish, St Mary's would like to invite you for an 18-day pilgrimage, departing on 9th October 2023. This pilgrimage features Avila, Fatima, Santiago, Oviedo, Turin, Assisi, Rotondo and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8940. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au).



## 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.



## 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](mailto:mgl sisters.sydney@gmail.com)



## Baptisms

We welcome



**Charlie Juan Carlos Droguett**

who is 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>

## HSC students



Please pray for our HSC students who are preparing for their HSC trials which start on the 31st July.

*May the Lord give them the gifts of wisdom, good judgment, knowledge and courage. May He bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams. Amen.*

## 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!*




## Children's Corner

Finding the hidden treasure


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

Try to find these words:

buy  
 field  
 find  
 happy  
 heaven  
 hidden  
 kingdom  
 one  
 pearl  
 sell  
 shop  
 treasure

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>1 Kgs 3:5.7-12 A reading from the first book of the Kings <b>You have asked for wisdom.</b></p> <p>The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'</p>	<p><b>(R.) Lord, I love your commands.</b></p> <p>1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. (R.)</p> <p>2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. (R.)</p> <p>3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. (R.)</p> <p>4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. (R.)</p>	<p><b>Rom 8:28-30</b> A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans <b>He predestined us to become true images of his Son.</b></p> <p>We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.</p> 
	<b>Next Week's Readings</b>	<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>
	<p><b>The Transfiguration of the Lord</b></p> <p><b>1st Reading:</b> Dan 7:9-10,13-14 <b>2nd Reading:</b> 2 Pet 1:16-19 <b>Gospel:</b> Mt 17:1-9</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><b>Mt 13:44-52</b> A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew <b>He sells everything he owns and buys the field.</b></p> <p>Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'</p>	
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## Scriptural context – Matthew Ch 13

Over the last few weeks we have now heard Matthew Chapter 13 almost in its entirety. We heard first the parable of the sower then last week three short parables about weeds amongst the wheat, the mustard seed growing into a great tree and leaven in the flour. Finally, today we have had these additional pithy parables. The entire chapter seeks to paint metaphoric images of the kingdom. Woven through these images is a suggestion that the kingdom is open to all – all are presented with the invitation – but not everyone will accept that invitation or respond to it in the same way.

## Have you thought? Interpretation

In today's passage the gospel writer appears to describe himself: 'every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.' It is a fantastic description of what it means to be an interpreter of the gospel. To interpret scripture, one must draw on what is old; applying understandings of the text in its original context and its original audience. But one must also draw on what is new; making connections between that original setting and the context in which it is being read today.

# LOOK

Sunday 30 July 2023  
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Matthew 13:44-52

In the  
**GOSPEL TODAY**

## SEARCH FOR TREASURE!

### How much is the pearl worth?

Jesus tells us that heaven is like a pearl that is so valuable that people would pay anything to have it. How much is the man on the left offering for the pearl? How much is the man on the right willing to pay?

Who will own  
the pearl in  
the end?



## A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for inviting us to be part of your special kingdom. Help us to build your kingdom here, now, by treating other people with the same love and respect that you always showed. Amen.

Jesus tells us the kingdom of heaven is like the most special, valuable pearl that is worth searching for and finding.

## My treasure

We can have many different types of treasure in our lives: it might be a person, a place, a memory, or a thing. Draw a picture of your favourite treasure.

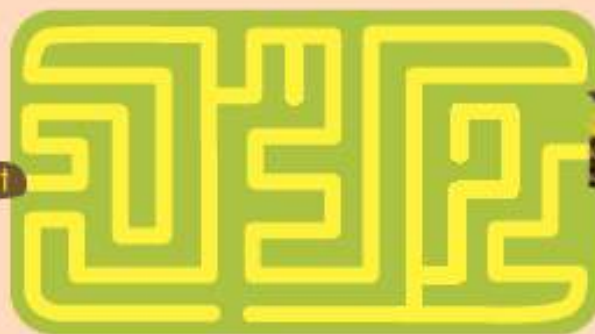


What is your treasure? \_\_\_\_\_

Why is this important to you? \_\_\_\_\_

## Help the man find the treasure

Jesus told a story about a man who finds treasure in a field. He sells everything he has and buys the field because he wants the treasure.



## Word search

Find the things that will help make our earth more like heaven.

PRAYER  
PEACE  
CARE  
LOVE  
TRUST

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

Answer: The one who is willing to pay £100.