

All Hallows' Five Dock



The Transfiguration of the Lord | Year A | Sunday 6th August 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

We celebrate the glorious Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain before three of his disciples: Peter and James and his brother John. "His face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light." Before the Transfiguration, Jesus informed his disciples that "he would suffer greatly, be rejected by the elders, killed, and rise on the third day" (Matt 16:21). This revelation troubled the disciples, but Jesus reassured them and rebuked Peter for his fear.

The feast of the Transfiguration is a celebration of God's revelation. The glory of God that was veiled in the law and prophets - from Moses to Elijah - is now unveiled before the Church, to the Apostles and us who receive their message. This feast does not simply point to a God who is brilliant upon a mountain. It also prepares us to remain faithful to a God crucified on a mountain.

This extraordinary experience aimed to help the disciples accept the truth about Jesus' suffering and death. More so, witnessing the Father's testimony made Jesus' words trustworthy - "This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him." For this reason, when we encounter challenging teachings or struggle to accept God's will, we must listen to Jesus carefully and seek understanding.

Although we may not witness the Transfiguration like the disciples did, we should believe God's words as if directly spoken to us. On this day, envision Jesus transfigured with Moses and Elijah, and let the Father's voice convince you to embrace Jesus' divinity and listen to him wholeheartedly.

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>).



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)



Do you know any **ADULTS** who would like to become Catholic, or any **ADULT** who would like to be received into the Catholic Church or to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church?

- An adult who has never been baptized.
- An adult who was baptized in another 'Christian church' and wants to become Catholic.
- A baptized Catholic (adult) who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Anyone 16 years and over is welcome to prepare for the reception of the sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil (30th March 2024).

The course will commence in October 2023. For enquiries, please contact the parish office.

Note: Any Parishioners interested in joining the RCIA team are welcome, please contact either one of the priests or the parish office.

Catholic Men's Group

Is Everything OK with the Catholic Church?
How can you enrich your Catholic Faith?
All Hallows Catholic Men's Group is hosting a Men's Breakfast.



- Speaker: George Favotto
- Topic: Letter to a *Suffering Church* by Bishop Robert Barron
- Saturday 2 September 2023
- Mass at 8:00am followed by breakfast 8:30am.
- Sausage and egg in a roll. \$10 donation
- Ready to start 9:00am to 10:30am (Includes a group discussion)
- All Hallows Parish Hall Five Dock
- 2 Halley St Five Dock
- Book online <https://www.trybooking.com/CJSOM>
- or RSVP any member no later than 28 August
- George Favotto 0407 927 787
- Norm Reavell 0438 515 441
- Phillip Moschella 0413 995 101
- Patrick Di Cosmo 0412 259 571
- Places limited.



The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) August 2023 Appeal



The Charitable Works Fund (CWF) August 2023 Appeal is happening this weekend and they need your help.

Please keep alive the vital ministries of the Church in service to those who need it most. In hospitals, churches, schools, communities and families, your donation is making our world a loving, caring and compassionate place. Please give generously. Your tax-deductible gift changes lives. Donate at www.ourfaithourworks/give-to-cwf or complete the parish envelope. All donations contribute to our Parish target.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network - August intention

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.



Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

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:

Bartolo (Bob) Picone
Antonia Messina
Salvatore Catania
Teresa Mastrangelo
Mary Eileen Ommundson
Rocco Romeo
Michele Ciaglia
Harry Lake
Joe Natoli



Anniversaries:

Liam Edward McGill
Domenico Truichio
Dominichi Truichio
Michael Forbes
Paul Hinds
Giuseppe Cappa
Livrena Cappa
Gaspere Messina
Julie Rando

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



Mobile phone found

A mobile phone has been found in the church. If you think it may be yours, please contact the parish office.

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.



Welcome All Hallows Year 1 and Year 2 families

Welcoming the families of the All Hallows year 1 and year 2 classes, who will be playing an active role in the 10am Sunday mass and providing a lovely morning tea afterwards. *All parishioners are invited to join them for morning tea after the 10am Sunday mass in the parish hall.*



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.

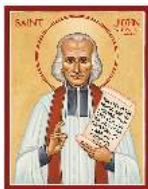
The dates the Youth Group will run in term 3 are:



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

Support your priest Sunday - 6th August

Each year, Catholic priests commonly get together to commemorate their ordination on or near 4th August, the feast of St John Mary Vianney. Often, they gather around their bishop at a special celebration, honouring the service of priests celebrating a significant anniversary of ordination. Lay people may also honour their priests at this time. This year, Support Your Priest Sunday will be held on **Sunday 6th August 2023.**



How can I support my parish priest?

Lay people are encouraged to give their parish priest a token of thanksgiving and support for his ministry in the days surrounding this feast day. This may take many forms such as cards and letters of thanks, words of encouragement, fasting and other acts of penance can be offered for our priests.



Baptisms



We welcome

Harrison Michael Wilson

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.

Catholic Women's League

Come along and enjoy morning tea and a game of Bingo.



**Friday 11th August
10am in the Parish Hall**

\$6 includes morning tea.

All welcome!



Gentle Reminder

Just a gentle reminder that when we enter a Church, we are entering a sacred space. Many parishioners like the quiet of the Church to pray before and after mass. With this in mind, it would be appreciated if you can meet with other parishioners to catch up either in the gathering space or outside the church. We thank you for your cooperation.



CWL - Father's Day Raffle

Please support the Catholic Women's League annual Fathers Day Raffle.

**Tickets go on sale the weekend of
12th & 13th August**

\$5 for 3 tickets or \$10 for 7 tickets

Great prizes!





Children's Corner

Jesus' face shone like the sun


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

Try to find these words:

afraid
cloud
disciples
face
flat
James
John
Moses
mountain
Peter
sun
voice

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14 A reading from the book of Daniel <i>His raiment was as white as snow.</i></p> <p>As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened. I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.</p>	<p>(R.) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.</p> <p>1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice, let all the coastlands be glad. Cloud and darkness are his raiment; his throne, justice and right. (R.)</p> <p>2. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord of all the earth. The skies proclaim his justice; all peoples see his glory. (R.)</p> <p>3. For you indeed are the Lord most high above all the earth exalted far above all spirits. (R.)</p> 	<p>2 Peter 1:16-19 A reading from the second letter of St Peter <i>We heard this voice from out of heaven.</i></p> <p>It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain. So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p> <p>19th Sunday in Ordinary Times</p> <p>1st Reading: 1 Kings 19:9.11-13 2nd Reading: Rom 9:1-5 Gospel: Mt 14:22-33</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my delight: listen to him. Alleluia!</p>

Gospel

<p>Matthew 17:1-9 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew <i>His face was shining like the sun.</i></p> <p>Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'</p>	
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Living the Gospel - Down from the mountain

Sometimes we experience powerful moments of connection with God or with other people. Sometimes this might be through a special experience of nature; a meaningful retreat experience; a powerful sense of being 'in tune' with another person; a reflective prayer experience; or some other significant experience. The temptation when we have these experiences is to wish that we could remain in the experience. The challenge, however, is to take that experience back into the everyday of our lives – changed by it without remaining in it.

Have you thought? Transfigured / Transformed

Jesus' transfiguration was a physical transformation that was able to be witnessed by his disciples. In our lives we have many transforming moments but they are rarely as physically obvious to others as Jesus' transfiguration. Sometimes we fail to recognise a transformative event until well after the fact – sometimes years later. It might be nice if our clothes began to shine white whenever something significant and transformative was happening to us! It might help us to pay attention to the important and life-changing moments of our lives instead of letting them slip by!

LOOK

Sunday 6 August 2023
The Transfiguration of the Lord
Matthew 17:1-9

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

LISTEN!

Changes

Jesus changes, his face shines like the sun and his clothes become as white as the light. Draw a line from the object to the thing it changes into.



Jesus climbs up a mountain with Peter, James and John. Jesus changes and shines with God's glory. Moses and Elijah come to talk to him. Suddenly, a bright cloud comes down over them, and a voice says, "This is my Son. I love him and I am very proud of him. Listen to him!"

Who was on the mountain?

Moses and Elijah also appeared on the mountain.

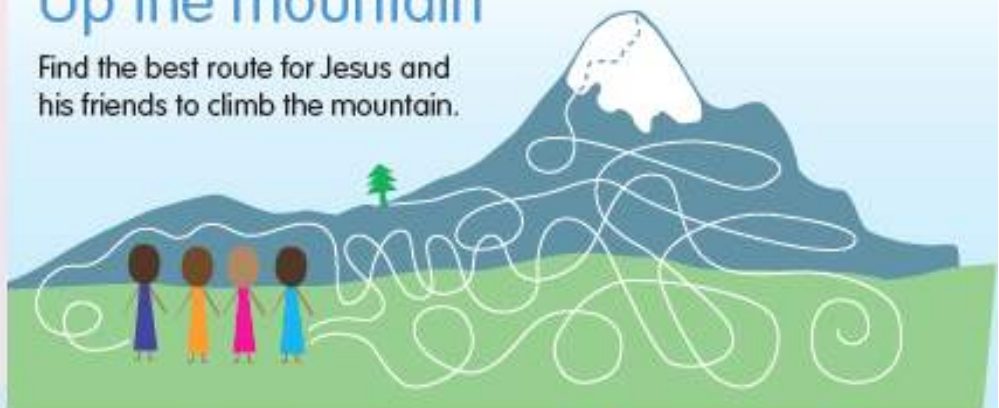
Can you find the names of all six people on the mountain?

Clue:
find the names in the Gospel

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Up the mountain

Find the best route for Jesus and his friends to climb the mountain.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, help me to listen to you this week and really dazzle the people around me. Amen.

Spot the difference

Peter wanted to make three tents for Jesus, Moses and Elijah.

Which of these three tents is the odd one out?

