

All Hallows' Five Dock



20th Sunday of Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 20th 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

Najwa Zebian writes: "Don't break a bird's wings and then tell it to fly. Don't break a heart and then tell it to love. Don't break a soul and then tell it to be happy. Don't see the worst in a person and expect them to see the best in you...".

In a world darkened by sin and chaos, God chose Israel to be a light to the nations. They were called to be a kingdom of priests who were to reflect God's character to all nations. Sadly, the Jews usually looked down on pagans with marked contempt: they were the sons, the pagans were the dogs.

The terrible trial of a demonically tormented child could have wrecked the Canaanite woman's spirit, weighing her down with despondency and defeat. Jesus answered the afflicted woman repeating this well-known scornful saying of the Jews. "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs".

It may appear as if Jesus was trying to "break a bird's wings and then telling it to fly". Jesus said this not to disparage the woman like the Israelites usually did to foreigners but to test the woman's faith: would she insist when it appeared that even God would reject her? Her unwavering faith lifts her from the heaviness of hopelessness due to her daughter's situation. Jesus answered her, "'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again."

Coming to worship, we stand in the line of faith exemplified by the Canaanite woman. When our faith is put to a test, let us persist in our prayer. Our faith and trust in the Lord will never disappoint us because God can never "break our wings and then tell us to fly".

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>).



Church Roof Repairs Appeal

The roof repairs have been completed and only the leaf guards on the gutters are left to do. The leaf guards will help keep the gutters clear from all the eucalyptus tree leaves which constantly get washed into the gutters from the roof, causing blockages in the drain pipes. These blockages then cause the gutters to overflow resulting in the water flowing back into the church ceiling. As this work on the gutters is continuing this week, we ask that parishioners only enter and exit the church via the front doors and do not use the side doors at this time.

The Parish Finance Committee has requested a parish appeal be held to help pay for the repairs, which are estimated to be in the vicinity of \$30,000. Any donations, large or small, that parishioners could provide would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to contribute, you can donate by:

- ❖ Placing your donation in the envelopes provided on the church pews and on the side table in the gathering space
- ❖ Using the Tap n Go machines in the gathering space
- ❖ Credit card via our website – www.allhallows.org.au / Support Us / Donate or use the QR code on the right
- ❖ Direct deposit into the Church account :-
 - Account Name: Five Dock Parish Church Account
 - BSB: 062-784
 - Account number: 100000513



Thank you for your generous support!

Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Giuseppe Intili
Donato
Giandomenico
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:

Michele Bertini
Giovanna Iacono
Bartolo (Bob) Picone
Calogero Gugliotta
Robert McTavish
Antonia Messina
Salvatore Catania



Anniversaries:

Veronica Roche
Carmela Stella
Gerardo Stella
Amelia Stella
Michele Ciaglia
Anna Lampasona

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*



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.



Confirmation 2023



Confirmation is the sacrament that completes the grace we receive in Baptism. It seals, or confirms, this grace through the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit that we receive as part of Confirmation.

Please pray for the 94 children who will be celebrating their Confirmation this weekend.

We thank Bishop Danny Meagher and everyone involved in the organisation and celebration of this sacrament.

Parish Notices

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.

Parish Hall

Could any individuals or groups that have anything stored or left in the parish hall please contact the parish office. We are scheduling a clean up of the hall and will be removing these stored items unless notified.



Raising Fathers Evening 2023



In an age where there is a training manual to do almost everything, there is still no manual, map or compass to carry out one of the most important and impacting tasks on earth – Fathering! Join us for the RAISING FATHER'S Evening as we unpack practical advice and share powerful, impactful, informative and instructional stories for fathering in today's world.

DATES:

- Tuesday, 29 August - Marist College Eastwood - 44 Hillview Rd, Eastwood
- Wednesday, 30 August - Patrician Brothers' College: 268 The Horsley Drive, Fairfield
- Thursday, 31 August - St Patrick's College Francis St, Strathfield

To attend one of the evenings, please register at: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1092812?>

Catholic Women's League

Welcome Ladies to the CWL meeting on

**Monday 21 August at 10am
in the Parish Hall.**

Morning tea will be served.



All Hallows 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:



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

Church Roof Repairs donations

Thank you to all parishioners who have already donated to the Church roof repairs appeal. Last week we were off to a great start and raised **\$2,740.00!**

Thank You!

If you would like to contribute to this appeal, please refer to the notice on the opposite page for information on how to donate.

CWL - Father's Day Raffle

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



Tickets on sale this weekend

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

Great prizes!

Raffle drawn after the 10am Mass on August 27.

All moneys raised go to charities supported by the CWL.



Children's Corner

The woman had much faith

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

Try to find these words:


begged
Canaan
children
daughter
demons
disciples
dog
faith
food
healed
sheep
woman

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Isaiah 56:1.6-7 A reading from the prophet Isaiah</p> <p>I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.</p> <p>Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.</p> <p>Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.</p> 	<p>Ps 66:2-3 5-6. 8. R. v.4</p> <p>(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!</p> <p>1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)</p> <p>2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)</p> <p>3. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)</p> 	<p>Romans 11:13-15. 29-32 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans</p> <p>The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.</p> <p>Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.</p> <p>Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
	<p>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>1st Reading: Is 22:19-23 2nd Reading: Rom 11:33-36 Gospel: Mt 16:13-20</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.</p> <p>Alleluia!</p>

Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



From the perspective of... A disciple

As we passed through a little village near Sidon this Canaanite woman suddenly started calling on the master to help her daughter. We all expected the master to help her out as usual but he really put her in her place! He told her that his ministry was not for pagans like her. That should have stopped her, but she kept on and on, even turning the master's words back on him! She was so rude. We were about to push her out of the way so that the master could move on when he suddenly told her that her faith was great and that her daughter was better. Great faith? A Canaanite? He never ceases to surprise us!



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Matthew 14:22-33

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

ASK!

Who will help?



This boy is in hospital. Put a circle around the people who will be there to help him. Can you add anyone else?



Maze

The Canaanite woman wants Jesus to heal her daughter. Can you help her find Jesus?



An important word

The Canaanite woman believed Jesus could help her daughter.
 She had f ____ (t a i h)



Word search

Can you find these words from the Gospel in the word search?

- FAITH ASK
- JESUS HEALS GIRL

F	A	I	T	H
A	S	K	X	E
S	K	K	S	A
K	G	I	R	L
J	E	S	U	S

How many times can you find **ASK?**

Why do you think "ask" is in the word search more than once?

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you Jesus, for coming to help us all no matter who we are or where we are from. Help me to trust you and keep on praying, even if I don't seem to get an answer straight away. Amen.

Answers: An important word: FAITH, Doctor, nurse, teacher, Ask = 4 times