

All Hallows' Five Dock



21st Sunday of Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 27 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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the Ministry and
Mission of our Parish.



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A Reflection by Fr Sebastian

Gospel Reading Matthew 16:13-20

Simon Peter acknowledges Jesus as the Christ and is given the key to the Kingdom of Heaven.

Today's Gospel reminds us that the Church is built on the foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. Peter announces the core of our faith, that Jesus is God's only Son. The family, as the domestic church, has this same faith as its foundation. As you gather as a family, talk about people whose faith has helped you to be a member of the Church and talk about what you have learned from leaders in our Church today. Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 16:13-20. Talk about what you know about Peter and his importance to the early Christian community. Talk about what we can learn from Peter and his profession of faith about Jesus. Conclude in prayer together an Act of Faith.

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>).



Raising Fathers Event 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 tasks on earth - Fathering! Join us for the RAISING FATHER'S Evening as we unpack practical advice and share stories that are powerfully important, impacting, informative and instructional for fathering in today's world.

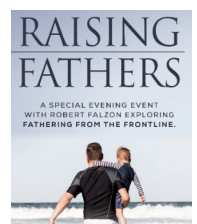
Dates:

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

Visit [Raising Fathers Evenings 2023 Tickets](#). [Multiple Venues \(see above\)](#) | [TryBooking Australia](#) to register.



Church Roof Repairs Appeal

The scheduled work on the roof has now been completed. You may now use the side doors of the church as needed.

Thank you for your continued support of our Church Roof Repairs Appeal. This week we raised \$4,295.00, making our total so far \$7,035.00. Only \$22,965.00 to go to meet our target of \$30,000!

Thank You!

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



Any donations, large or small, would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your generous support!

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.



Social Justice Day - 27 August

Australia's Catholic bishops have called on the nation to seek "a new engagement" with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in their annual Social Justice Statement for 2023-24. Since the 1940s, the bishops have published annual statements that urge the Catholic community to reflect and act on social, economic and ecological issues. The statements are published as a focal point for Social Justice Sunday, which will be marked on August 27 this year.

This year's statement, Listen, Learn, Love: A New Engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, was launched in western Sydney on August 17 by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, chair of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice, Mission and Service.

"One of the objectives of this statement is that we want Catholics to understand that Catholic social teaching and Catholic social action are not simply theoretical and academic exercises," he said. We hear what God is saying to us about justice by being with our sisters and brothers on the peripheries of society." For more information, please go to:

<https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2023/08/22/social-justice-statement-2023-24/>

Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Siosilia Sikulu
Philippa Mary Sikulu
Giuseppe Intili
Donato Giandomenico
Anthony O'Connor
Maria Rayment
Lorenzo Bocconi
Emilia Bocconi
Andrew Ammendolia
Christian Bonaddio

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

Recently Deceased:

Francesca Fazio
Michele Bertini
Giovanna Iacono
Bartolo (Bob) Picone
Calogero Gugliotta
Robert McTavish



Anniversaries:

Antonio Piscitelli
Giuseppina Chiofalo
Antonio Chiofalo
Lydia Fiorini
Peter Fiorini
Loretta Gioia
Andrew Moschella
Matthew Moschella
Giuseppe Iacono
Rocco Romeo
Bartolo (Bob) Piccone
Maria Luchini
Mario Gugliotti
Teresa D'Addona
Donato D'Adonna

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



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.

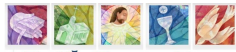
Note: Any Parishioners interested in joining the RCIA team are welcome, please contact either one of the priests or the parish office.

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.



All Hallows Adult Faith Formation / Enrichment Program



Recently, 20 All Hallows parishioners participated in a stimulating & beneficial six-session course on the Mass, delivered by Bishop Robert Barron. We will be running another of Bishop Robert Barron's programs, **Pivotal Players**, in the near future. In this series Bishop Barron introduces saints, mystics, artists, and scholars, who not only shaped the Church but changed the world. He demonstrates that the best way to understand Catholicism is through its greatest men and women. You will fall in love with the beauty of Catholicism through six 20-30 minute videos, followed by a short discussion.

The series will commence on Thursday, 14 September at 7pm. More details will follow. To sign up, please add your name and contact phone number to the sheet in the gathering space. Enquiries: Sandy Lynch 0402 075 976 or Ann Kerley 0408 720 461.

Baptisms



We welcome

Alexander Joseph Perez

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.

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!

All money raised goes to charities supported by the CWL.



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



Catholic Women's League

Congratulations to our founding member Margaret Hinds on receiving a Jean Arnot Recognition Award honouring her tireless work for women and her community.



Margaret was presented with her Certificate of Recognition on Monday 14 August at Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney.


Children's Corner

Who do you say I am?

L L Q C N Q E L I J A H O M
R N B N U Q B E P O W V M U
M N L E V K D W X Y K M E A
H M C K C D E Y Z V B C S K
F H H D I S C I P L E S S E
S J U C N D F P M K U N I Y
F E R S O N P E T E R H A S
O R C J U L X L I C N C H Y
K E H B A P T I S T H Y V U
F M C H B Z K N L I V I N G
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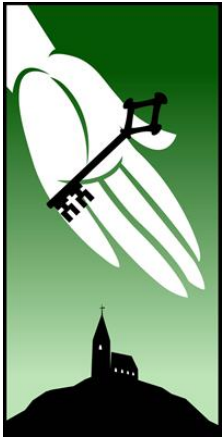
Baptist
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Messiah
Peter
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First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Isaiah 22:19-23 A reading from the prophet Isaiah I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.</p> <p>Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah.</p> <p>I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.</p>	<p>(R.) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.</p> <p>1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)</p> <p>2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)</p> <p>3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)</p>	<p>Romans 11:33-36 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans From him, through him, and in him are all things.</p> <p>How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counselor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory forever! Amen.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
	<p>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Jer 20:7-9 2nd Reading: Rom 12:1-2 Gospel: Mt 16:21-27</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!</p>

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



Reflection - What's in a Name?

Jesus had a sense of humour! Simon, son of Jonah, was far from being a rock solid supporter of Jesus. So Jesus gave him the nickname 'Rocky' which in the Greek is Petros. Jesus puns with the nickname: 'You are Rocky and upon this rock I will build my church.' The natural personality of shifting sands was being transformed by the blessing just given (the only blessing bestowed upon an apostle by Jesus). Notice that Jesus only makes promises about 'my church', not a church shaped by human imagination, e.g. modes of Roman Imperial rule or with a Eurocentric mindset. Fortunately, we have a successor of St Peter responding to our Risen Lord's command to St Francis of Assisi, 'Rebuild my church'. We could pause for a moment to pray that the Risen Lord showers the 265th successor of St Peter with every blessing so that the Church of Jesus the Christ continues to prevail over the forces of death which threaten humanity.



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In the
GOSPEL TODAY

ASK!

Jesus chooses Peter to lead his followers forward as their Church begins to grow.

Open the doors

Peter has 7 keys for 7 doors.
But which key opens which door?



We are the Church!

We are all part of Jesus' Church. Fill in the faces of your Church family.

Turn these faces into you, your family and friends by adding colour, freckles, glasses and smiles!



Thinking about Jesus

People think of Jesus in lots of different ways. Choose the ones you like best from the list to tell Jesus about who you think he is. Or make up your own...

Jesus I think you are

God's Son

Lord of the whole universe

a miracle worker

very kind

my friend

loving

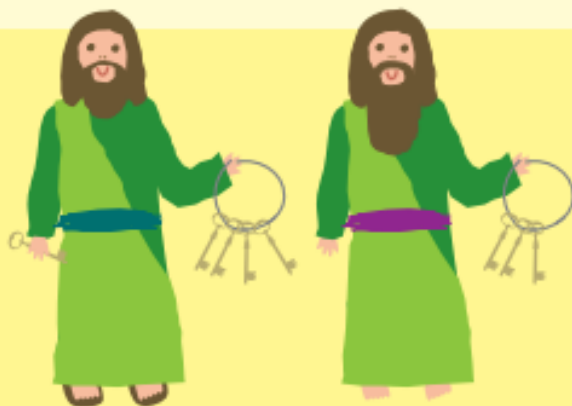
someone who understands

A PRAYER TO SAY

I know, Jesus, that I am not always perfect, but just like St Peter, I love you. Help me to follow his example and keep on trying to do what is right. I know you will always help me. Amen.

Spot the difference

Here are two pictures of Jesus' friend, Peter. Can you find the five differences in these pictures?



Answers: Number of keys on ring, key in hand, sandals, beard, colour of belt.