

All Hallows' Five Dock



24th Sunday of Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 17th September 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

Gospel Reading Matthew 18:21-35

Jesus teaches that we must forgive one another as God has forgiven us. Children learn to trust God's mercy and forgiveness when they experience forgiveness from those closest to them. We hope that we model God's love and forgiveness within our family life. Today's Gospel reminds us that forgiveness is measured by its quality more than its quantity.

Invite your family to consider some recent times when family members sought the forgiveness of another. Ask if there were any statements made that put conditions on our forgiveness such as "I will play this game with you if you apologize for knocking over my blocks" or "I will accept your apology after you clean up your room." Do we sometimes "keep count" or put conditions on our forgiveness of one another? This is something we may be doing without realizing it.

Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 18:21-35. Ask if we sometimes find ourselves sounding like Peter, concerning ourselves with quantity of forgiveness rather than offering forgiveness abundantly and unconditionally. Reflect upon the parable that Jesus tells. What does the servant do that makes the king so angry? He refuses to forgive his fellow servant the debt that he owes. Because we have all received God's forgiveness, God expects that we will also be forgiving toward others. Jesus' answer to Peter's question is found at the end of the parable. The number of times that we forgive one another is less important than the depth of our forgiveness. We must forgive one another from the heart. Conclude in prayer together that God's love and forgiveness is evident in your family life. Pray together 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. 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.

All Hallows Adult Faith Formation Program - The Pivotal Players

Please join fellow parishioners for our next All Hallows' Faith Formation Program, **The Pivotal Players**. The program is a stimulating series of 6 one-hour sessions beginning on **Thursday 14th September, 7 - 8pm**.



In this program, you'll discover the places where **St. Francis** gathered a group of friars and revived the Church. See the places where **St. Catherine of Siena** ministered and prayed; and through unprecedented HD footage, marvel at the extraordinary art of **Michelangelo**, from his David statue in Florence, to the Pietà at St. Peter's, to the Sistine Chapel.

Session 1: 14th Sept: St Francis of Assisi – Who is the most famous saint? – Fr. Raniero Cantalamessa, Franciscan priest and preacher to the papal household.

Session 2: 21st Sept: ST FRANCIS – How to find perfect joy.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY BREAK: 25TH SEPT – 6TH OCT

Session 3: 12th October: St. Catherine of Siena – The illiterate young woman who counseled popes - Fr. Paul Murray, O.P., Dominican preacher and spiritual master.

Session 4: 19th October: St. Catherine – How to understand the spiritual life.

Session 5: 26th October: Michaelangelo – How beauty leads people to God - Dr. Anthony Esolen, professor of Renaissance English Literature at Providence College

Session 6: 2nd November: Michaelangelo – Have you seen this artistic masterpiece?

The Study Guide, *Catholicism: The Pivotal Players Study Guide 1*, is very helpful for the program and can be purchased from Amazon Australia's website for \$45.17.

<https://www.amazon.com.au>



Faith Formation

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.

Craft Stall - Raising funds for the Church Roof Repairs

This weekend, a craft stall will be held after each Mass to raise funds for our Church Roof Repairs Appeal.

The goods are all hand made by one of our parish members and of fantastic quality. Some of the goods include woolen scarves, umbrella bags, hair scrunchies, colourful shopping bags, children's soft toys and many other interesting items. All of the items are reasonably priced and nothing over \$10.00 (Cash only)

Thank you for supporting this fantastic fundraiser.



Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Denis Castledine
Clarence Rodrigues
Siosuia Sikulu
Philippa Mary Sikulu
Giuseppe Intili
Donato Giandomenico
Anthony O'Connor
Maria Rayment
Emilia Bocconi
Andrew Ammendolia
Christian Bonaddio

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

Recently Deceased:

Lorenzo Bocconi
Anna Serra
Francesca Fazio
Michele Bertini
Giovanna Iacono
Bartolo (Bob) Picone
Calogero Gugliotta
Robert McTavish



Anniversaries:

Teresa Mastrangelo
Giovanna Iacono
Monica Moschella
Domenico Scenna
Benjamin Moores
Lydia Fiorini
Peter Fiorini
Loretta Gioia

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

All Hallows Roof Repairs Appeal

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Church Roof Repairs Appeal. This week we raised \$1,240.00, making the total raised \$10,515.00 so far.

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!

Safeguarding reminder

A gentle reminder for all who have been contacted regarding completing their Safeguard induction course or Safeguarding refresher course. We would appreciate it if you could attend to this matter as soon as possible. This includes Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Thank you.



All Hallows Youth Group

All Year 5 and 6 students are invited to join the



**All Hallows Youth group on
Sunday, 24th September**

Join us for mass at 5pm, followed by discussion, pizza & games in the parish hall until 7pm.

Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at www.caritas.org.au



Blessing of the Animals

In honour of the feast day of St Francis of Assisi, which is held on the 4th October, All Hallows will be holding a Blessing for your beloved pets.

Please come to the grass area between the Church and the Parish Hall at
3pm on Saturday 7 October

to have your pets blessed.

There will be a special gift for your pets!

All Welcome!



Catholic Women's League

Ladies, welcome to the next CWL meeting on

**Monday 18 September at 10am
in the Parish Hall.**

Morning tea is included.



St Vincent de Paul Piety Store

Our Parish Piety Store offers a large range of devotional items, gifts for Sacraments, statues, Bibles, along with a varied selection of rosaries.

Volunteers are needed to help run the piety store before and after the weekend masses. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office.



Catholic Women's League - Fashion Parade

**Saturday 7th October
All Hallows Parish Hall**

Presented by Golden Girl Fashions
Entry \$10 includes afternoon tea

Raffle & Lucky Door Prize to be won
Entry plus 10% of sales on the day will go to CWL Charities

**RSVP: Josie Pappalardo 0421 329 953
by Friday 29nd September**






Children's Corner

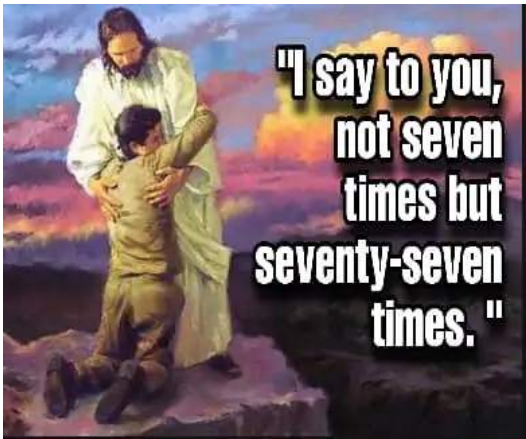
Forgive not seven times but seventy-seven times

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

Try to find these words:

- begged
- followers
- free
- heart
- hundred
- king
- money
- official
- owed
- pity
- seventy
- sold

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Sirach 27:30 – 28:7 A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.</p> <p>Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.</p>	<p>(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.</p> <p>1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)</p> <p>2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)</p> <p>3. His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry forever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults (R.)</p> <p>4. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. (R.)</p>	<p>Romans 14:7-9 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.</p> <p>The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.</p> 
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
	<p>25th Sunday Ordinary Time</p> <p>1st Reading: Is 55:6-9 2nd Reading: Phil 1:20-24 Gospel: Mt 20:1-16</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.</p> <p>Alleluia!</p> 

Gospel
<p>Matthew 18:21-35 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.</p> <p>Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and canceled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I canceled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'</p> 

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Sunday 17 September 2023
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Matthew 18:21-35

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

KEEP FORGIVING!

Find these hidden words which show some of the wrong things we might need to forgive other people for doing.

- HIT
- PINCH
- STEAL
- GRAB
- KICK
- KNOCK

S	E	R	T	G	J	K
H	I	T	O	G	B	N
G	R	I	T	R	H	O
K	S	T	E	A	L	C
W	K	A	L	B	E	K
P	I	N	C	H	R	D
A	C	S	T	O	D	H
S	K	H	N	K	F	N

Jesus tells us that we must keep on forgiving. We must forgive not just seven times, or seventy-seven times – but forever! God has forgiven us, so we can do the same.

Puzzle it out!

Sam's little sister pulled his hair. He's not sure what he should do but he knows the right answer is on one of these kites. Which one is it?



Read this story that Jesus told about a servant and a king

Once there was a who owed a lot of to the king. The let the off. The went out and met somebody who owed him a lot of . But the didn't let the man off. He threw him into . The was very angry. He said the should have acted like the king, and should have **forgiven** the man.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Lord, for forgiving me, no matter what. Please help me to forgive anyone who hurts me, no matter what. Amen.

Grow in love

When we forgive someone, our heart grows bigger with God's love.

Can you put these hearts in size order, starting with the smallest?:

Smallest Biggest

Answers: Forgive her! F is the biggest, then a, d, b, c, e.