

All Hallows' Five Dock



25th Sunday of Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 24th 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 20:1-16

In the parable of the workers in the vineyard, Jesus teaches about God's generous mercy.

The workers in this parable sound very much like squabbling children, comparing what they have each been given and making complaints to the parent. Among children there is a tendency to equate love with gifts and material things. This tendency can devolve into a spirit of entitlement, which runs counter to the spirit of gratitude. Any effort we make to overcome this tendency, to keep love from being entwined with gifts and possessions, will enable our children to accept completely the love that God gives freely and generously.

Observe together any tendency within your family to make comparisons. Are children sometimes heard saying that another child received a greater portion of a favourite food at dinner or dessert? Does one person complain that a parent spends more time with one child over another? Ask if such comparisons are helpful. Discuss together why such comparisons are made. Then read together today's Gospel, Matthew 20:1-16. Consider these questions: Why do the workers grumble? Is the landowner's assessment accurate? Unfortunately, we are sometimes like these workers when we make the comparisons we discussed earlier.

Conclude in prayer together remembering that love cannot and ought not to be measured. Sit quietly together acknowledging God's great love for each person as individuals and for your family. 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>).



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.



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.

Free Seminar on Wills for the Catholic Community

Writing or updating a Will can be a complicated task. So, looking after your loved ones during this process is often challenging. This is why the Sydney Archdiocese is delighted to announce a FREE SEMINAR designed to make the world of Wills and Elder Law easier to comprehend and navigate.

When: Thursday 12 October 2023, between 10.30am-12.00pm

Where: St Martha's, 38 Renwick Street, Leichhardt

Note: light refreshments will be available on the day. All are welcome. Parking available on site. Please scan the QR code below to register or visit: www.trybooking.com/CLCJW. Alternatively, call Tony Maricic on 1800753959.

Please join us as we help you gain a better understanding of important topics such as Estate planning, Enduring Guardianship and Powers of Attorney. A leading industry specialist with over 30 years' experience will present on the day, offer their expertise and answer your questions. Representatives from the Sydney Archdiocese will also explain how your parish community and Archdiocese can directly benefit from the offering of legacy gifts in wills.



For further information, contact Tony Maricic on 1800 753 959, or tony.maricic@sydneycatholic.org.

All Hallows Roof Repairs Appeal

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Church Roof Repairs Appeal. This week we raised \$1,430.00, making the total raised \$11,945.00 so far. *Thank you for your generous support!*

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!

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 21st September, 7 - 8pm in the Church..**

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.

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.



Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Terry McCabe & family
Anna Tan
Donald Skinner
Denis Castledine
Clarence Rodrigues
Siosuia Sikulu
Philippa Mary Sikulu
Giuseppe Intili
Donato Giandomenico
Emilia Bocconi
Andrew Ammendolia

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

Recently Deceased:

Joan Dougall
Giuseppe Serio
Maria Pirrello
William Williams
Lorenzo Bocconi
Anna Serra
Francesca Fazio
Michele Bertini



Anniversaries:

Grazia Anzecchini
John O'Grady
Ena O'Grady
Gaetano Iacono
Michael Coleman
Carmela Pedano
Leonardo Pedano
Delia Doyle
Giovanna Iacono

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



St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina Feast Day - 23rd September



St. Padre Pio was an Italian priest who was known for his piety and charity, as well as the gift of the stigmata. He lived his entire religious life in prayer, obedience and humility. Pope John Paul II recognized Padre Pio as a saint on June 16, 2002. His feast day is the **23rd September**. He is the patron of civil defense volunteers, adolescents, and the village of Pietrelcina.

Stay with Me - Prayer of St. Padre Pio

Stay with me, Lord, for it is necessary to have You present so that I do not forget You. You know how easily I abandon You.

Stay with me, Lord, because I am weak and I need Your strength, that I may not fall so often.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my life, and without You, I am without fervor.

Stay with me, Lord, for You are my light, and without You, I am in darkness.

Stay with me, Lord, to show me Your will.

Stay with me, Lord, so that I hear Your voice and follow You.

Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love You very much, and always be in Your company.

Stay with me, Lord, if You wish me to be faithful to You.

Stay with me, Lord, for as poor as my soul is, I want it to be a place of consolation for You, a nest of love.

Stay with me, Jesus, for it is getting late and the day is coming to a close, and life passes; death, judgment, eternity approaches. It is necessary to renew my strength, so that I will not stop along the way and for that, I need You.

It is getting late and death approaches, I fear the darkness, the temptations, the dryness, the cross, the sorrows. O how I need You, my Jesus, in this night of exile!

Stay with me tonight, Jesus, in life with all its dangers. I need You.

Let me recognize You as Your disciples did at the breaking of the bread, so that the Eucharistic Communion be the Light which disperses the darkness, the force which sustains me, the unique joy of my heart.

Stay with me, Lord, because at the hour of my death, I want to remain united to You, if not by communion, at least by grace and love.

Stay with me, Jesus, I do not ask for divine consolation, because I do not merit it, but the gift of Your Presence, oh yes, I ask this of You!

Stay with me, Lord, for it is You alone I look for, Your Love, Your Grace, Your Will, Your Heart, Your Spirit, because I love You and ask no other reward but to love You more and more.

With a firm love, I will love You with all my heart while on earth and continue to love You perfectly during all eternity.

Amen.



Baptisms



We welcome

Jordan Mascera



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.

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!

Craft Stall for Church roof repairs appeal



Thank you to all who supported the craft stall last weekend. The stall raised **\$670.00** towards the Church Roof Repairs appeal.

A big thank you to Margaret who created the items on sale and ran the stall!



Congratulations!

We are proud to announce that a member of the All Hallows community, **Krystal Cheers, has received the Archbishop's Award for Student Excellence 2023.**

Krystal joined our parish community when she was 3 years old and attended All Hallows Primary school before commencing at Domremy College. She has been a member of the 10am Mass music Ministry for the past 8 years.



We congratulate Krystal on this wonderful achievement!

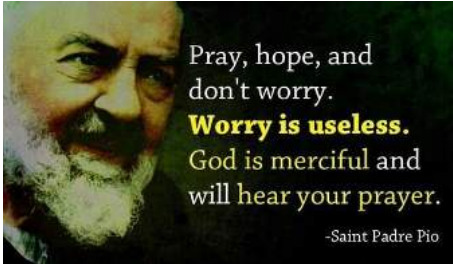

Children's Corner

The first will be last

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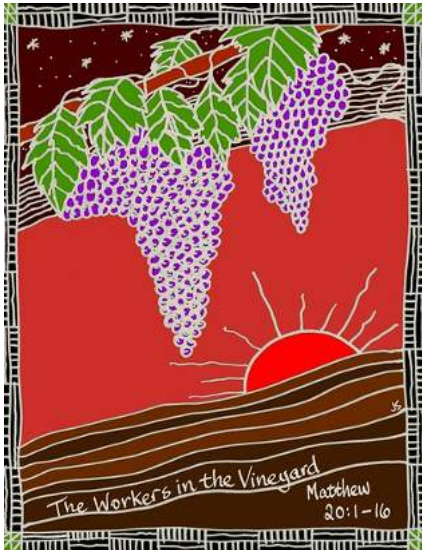
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First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Isaiah 55:6-9 A reading from the prophet Isaiah <i>My thoughts are not your thoughts.</i></p> <p>Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.</p> 	<p>(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.</p> <p>1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name forever. the Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)</p> <p>2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)</p> <p>3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts. (R.)</p>	<p>Philippians 1:20-24. 27 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians <i>For me to live is Christ.</i></p> <p>Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.</p>
Next Week's Readings		Gospel Acclamation
<p>26th Sunday Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Ezek 18:25-28 2nd Reading: Phil 2:1-11 Gospel: Mt 21:28-32</p>		<p>Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!</p> 

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’



Have you thought? Equality or Equity?

How would you feel if you had done a full day’s work and were paid the same as someone who had only worked for one hour? Is the landowner in the parable being unjust? He pays the workers exactly what he promised them – but he promised everyone the same amount, regardless of when they started work. The workers who started at 6.00 am complain. How do you think the workers who started later in the day felt? The landowner claims the right to be generous – is generosity unfair? There is a difference between treating people equally and equitably. What has the landowner done here?

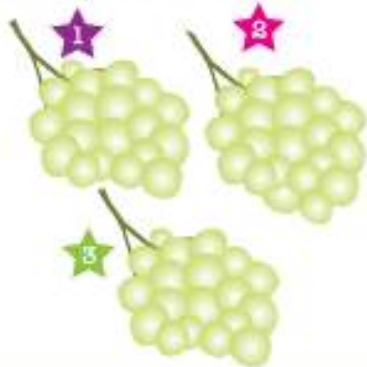


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In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Odd one out

Look carefully at these bunches of grapes. Can you spot the one which is different?



Pay the workers

The landowner gives all the workers equal pay. Draw the right number of coins next to each worker.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Lord, for loving us all so much. Help me not to grumble when things go well for other people. Help me to be generous and to look at everyone with love and kindness. Amen.

God is generous and welcomes everyone into his kingdom. Jesus says God is like a landowner who hires workers for his vineyard. Some people start working early in the day while others only do a bit of work – but they all get the same pay!

BE GENEROUS!

Maze

The landowner has come to find some workers. Can you show them the way to his farm?



Please help

Sometimes, some people need more help than others. Find the types of people who need our help in the word search below:

SICK	K	P	B	I	B	I	A	K
SAD	H	O	M	E	L	E	S	S
POOR	L	O	N	E	L	Y	A	I
HOMELESS	S	R	K	L	B	D	D	C
LONELY	S	C	F	D	E	A	F	K

Answers: Odd one out = 2. The workers will all get four coins.