

All Hallows' Five Dock



28th Sunday of Ordinary Time | Year A | Sunday 15th October 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

Someone once received a wedding invitation that read, "**Your presence itself is a present. We don't want any presents at the wedding.**" After re-reading it repeatedly, he concluded that he was not invited. So, he decided not to attend.

In this week's gospel, Jesus compares the kingdom of God to a wedding feast. God's invitation is loud and clear! "... **everything is ready. Come to the wedding.**" God invites us to a banquet where there is a place for everyone. However, despite the many invitations over Israel's past, few people responded. Now, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants, his apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people - good and bad alike - to the feast of his kingdom. This is a true image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad (see Matthew 13:24-43, 47-50).

This parable also describes a personal history of each of us. God never ceases to invite us. God invites, but how often we refuse. We go so far to fear God's invitation, imagining that he will "spoil our fun". We forget that he is our Creator and above all, our loving Father. He knows the difference between the fun that leads to real happiness and the fun that leads to bitterness and despair.

At the end of the parable Jesus mentions that many are called, but few are chosen to imply that only few discover through the gospel true freedom and new life. If God's invitation is listened to and responded to, our destiny is safe, our future glorious, our life in order. We can examine history and see it for ourselves. If people have truly responded, they have rejoiced to feel the power of God work in their lives. But if they have closed the way to God, then often they fear his power. It is fear of the unknown.

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>).



All Hallows Roof Repairs Appeal

Thank you for your ongoing support of our Church Roof Repairs Appeal. This week we raised \$909.00, making the total raised \$13,954.00 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!

Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Anna Macri
Terry McCabe & family
Anna Tan
Denis Castledine
Clarence Rodrigues
Frank Hume
Siosuia Sikulu
Philippa Mary Sikulu
Giuseppe Intili

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

Volunteer Opportunities - English Teachers, Youth Workers & Youth Ministers

The Cagliero Project is an initiative of the Australia-Pacific Province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, providing overseas volunteer experiences for Australians who wish to work with young people in the Asia-Pacific region.

We are seeking enthusiastic volunteers for January 2024 departure. Our volunteer placements run for 6-12 months and are centered around working with young people in educational settings. We are currently recruiting for volunteers for Cambodia, Samoa, Timor Leste, Australia and the Solomon Islands.

We aim to utilise the skills and talents of our volunteers to provide the best possible contribution to the host community. We are also present in host communities to be role models - people that young people can aspire to be.

For more information, or to send us an enquiry, follow this link: <http://cagliero.org.au/>

Applications close October 31st, 2023.

Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliero Project Email: lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

Recently Deceased:

Norma Hankinson
Donald Skinner
Rosalia Pipia
Rosetta Nicotra
Natalie Tan
Teresa Grieco
Francesca Tauriello
Giovina Cerrone
Margaret Finnigan



Catholic Mission Appeal



With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.

We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need.

Anniversaries:

Maria Pirrello
Pina Miletta
Concetta Condello
Pippo Catania
Rita Fedele
Benjamin Moores

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*



All Souls Day Mass - Rookwood Catholic Cemetery

All Souls Day is a special day for many to reflect and show their love and memories for those who are no longer with us. Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria invite you to their annual memorial masses at our cemeteries with live music and hospitality provided after the mass.



Saturday, 28 October at 12pm

Rookwood Catholic Cemetery - Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel

Parish Notices

Holy Communion

Just a gentle reminder that the Holy Communion Preparation Sessions start this coming week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Please note that these sessions run for 1 hour.



November Mass Offerings

The month of November is a time when we especially remember in our prayers all those who have died. All Masses celebrated during November are offered for the repose of the souls of all the faithful departed.



If you would like the names of loved ones added to our Book of Remembrance, please fill out a "November Masses" envelope, available in the gathering space of the church or the parish office. Please ensure they are handed in to Father or the parish office before the **30th October** to be included in our Book of Remembrance.

All Hallows Adult Faith Formation Program - The Pivotal Players

You are invited to join fellow parishioners at our All Hallows' Faith Formation Program, **The Pivotal Players**.

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.

19th October: St. Catherine of Siena – The illiterate young woman who counselled popes - Fr. Paul Murray, O.P., Dominican preacher and spiritual master.

26th October: St. Catherine – How to understand the spiritual life.

2nd November: Michaelangelo – How beauty leads people to God - Dr. Anthony Esolen, professor of Renaissance English Literature at Providence College

9th November: Michaelangelo – Have you seen this artistic masterpiece?

Please direct enquiries to Sandy Lynch 0402 075 976 or Ann Kerley 0408 720 461.



Baptisms

We welcome

Eliose Grace Carneiro



who is being baptised into our parish community of All Hallows this week.



"Anyone who welcomes this little child in my name welcomes Me." - Luke 9:48.

Catholic Women's League

Ladies, come along and enjoy morning tea & friendship with members at the CWL meeting



Monday 16 October at 10 am
Parish Hall



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 4 are:

- 15th October
- 29th October
- 12th November
- 26th November
- 10th December (Christmas party)



Aid to the Church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need invites all parishes, schools and families to take part in our annual "One million children praying the Rosary," on 18 October 2023. Last year 40,000 Australian children participated. Free resources can be found online including reflections for children and a prayer of consecration for children to the Mother of God. To learn more and to register visit www.aidtochurch.org/onemillionchildren.



Children's Corner

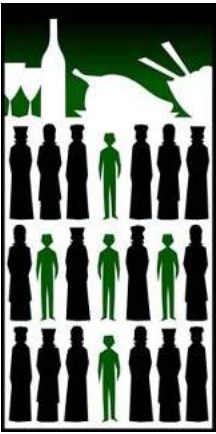
The banquet is ready

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Try to find these words:

army
banquet
farms
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room
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wedding

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Isaiah 25:6-10 A reading from the prophet Isaiah The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.</p> <p>On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death forever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.</p> 	<p>(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.</p> <p>1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)</p> <p>2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)</p> <p>3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)</p> <p>4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell forever and ever. (R.)</p>	<p>Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.</p> <p>I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.</p> 
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p> <p>29th Sunday Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Is 45:1, 4-6 2nd Reading: 1 Thess 1:1-5 Gospel: Mt 22:15-2</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!</p>

Gospel
<p>Matthew 22:1-14 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Whomsoever you find, invite to the wedding.</p> <p>Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'</p> 
<p>Have you thought? – Inclusivity</p> <p>This gospel parable reflects the inclusive way in which Jesus lived his life. In many ways, Jesus was a scandal in his society because he didn't obey the social boundaries. He was very clear in being inclusive and attentive to those who were normally shunned. Today, those boundaries are just as clear and easily identified but the methods of excluding people have perhaps become a bit more subtle. Who are the 'shunned' and 'left out' in our society today? Where do the boundaries lie? Who would Jesus be reaching out to and seeking to include in today's society?</p>

LOOK

Sunday 15 October 2023
28th Sunday In Ordinary Time
Matthew 22:1-14

In the GOSPEL TODAY

COME TO THE PARTY!

The invited guests don't come to the wedding, even though everything is prepared and ready for them. Instead, the king invites people from the streets to celebrate his son's marriage. In the same way, God is inviting us all to enjoy with him!

Party!

Put a circle around all the things that you would like to have at a party.



Parties need people!

Even if we have all these great things, without people we can't have a party on the left.



God invites

to join the party in heaven!

Dear God,
Thank you for your invitation.

will/will not be at your party in heaven.

Decorate this invitation and fill in your name. Then tell God you will be coming!

A PRAYER TO SAY

Lord Jesus, thank you for inviting me to be happy with you. Help me to always say "yes" to you and grow more like you every day. Amen.

Wedding party maze



Help all the guests find their way to the wedding party.