

# All Hallows' Five Dock



2nd Sunday of Lent | Year B | Sunday 25th February 2024

## 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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and Mission of our  
Parish.



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## A Reflection by Fr Sebastian

### Gospel Reading Mark 9:2-10

*Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John.*

Every family has special moments that they remember and share again and again. In sharing these stories, the meaning and importance of these events develop and deepen over time. This is how it was with the disciples' remembrance of Jesus' Transfiguration. The full significance of what they had seen and experienced could only be understood after Jesus' death and Resurrection. As they told other believers about this event and recorded the story for us in the Bible, our understanding of what it means to call Jesus God's own Son has also deepened.

As you gather as a family, think about some special family memories that your family tells repeatedly. Talk about why these memories are important to you. Recall that in the Bible we find many important memories about Jesus that have been recorded for us so that we can believe that Jesus is God's Son. Read today's Gospel, Mark 9:2-10. What do we learn about Jesus from this Gospel? (He fulfills the promises God made to Israel through the Law and the prophets. God glorified Jesus in his Resurrection. Jesus is God's Son.) Conclude in prayer together that as we continue to read the Bible, we will deepen our understanding of and our love for Jesus. 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 - Communion Service - 8am**

**Tuesday - Friday:** 8am

**Wednesday:** Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration - 12pm - 4pm

- Start: Exposition at 12 noon
- Divine Mercy prayers: 3:00pm
- Reconciliation: 3pm – 3:40pm (when priest is available - contact office to confirm)
- 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](mailto: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>).

## 2024 Lenten Groups



During Lent, a time of penance and preparation, we engage in the spiritual life through prayer, fasting and almsgiving with the aim of deepening our connection with God, recognising Christ's Sacrifice for us, his passion and death and His resurrection. It is a time to reflect, repent and revitalise our commitment to our faith, to express our gratitude for Christ's sacrifices and to joyfully celebrate the arrival of Easter, the most important feast in the Church's calendar.

Parishioners are invited to join a Lenten group and journey together in preparation for Easter. The groups will run for 6 weeks, although parishioners are welcome to attend fewer meetings if they are unable to commit to all meetings. Sign-up sheets are available in the Gathering Space. If you don't wish to leave your details on the sign-up sheet, they can be left with the parish secretary.



*Please consider joining your fellow parishioners in this opportunity to reflect on scriptural verses and to pray together.*

*Please direct enquiries to*

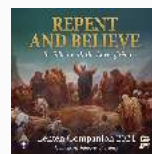
*Sandy Lynch - 0402 075 976 or Ann Kerley - 0408 720 461.*

**Lent**



## Repent and Believe - Lenten Companion 2024

This free booklet contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Lent until Easter Sunday, and Gospel reflections by Marilyn Rodrigues, Mark Lysaght, Sister Maliya Suen, RSM, Dr Kevin Wagner, Hazel Lim, Fr Sam Lynch, and Fr Richard Sofatzis. Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online, the resource will be available to collect in the gathering space of the church (limited copies) and online at [www.gomakedisciples.org.au](http://www.gomakedisciples.org.au).



## Project Compassion



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family. *Please donate to Project Compassion.*

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.



You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800 024 413.

## Easter Mass times



### Holy Thursday – March 28

7pm – Mass of the Last Supper followed by Adoration until 11pm.

**\* There is no 8am mass**

### Good Friday – March 29

10.00am - Stations of the Cross  
3.00pm - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

### Holy Saturday – March 30

5:30pm - Easter Vigil Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

**\* There is no 8am mass**

### Easter Sunday – March 31

Masses are at 8:30am and 10.00am

**\* There is no 5pm mass.**



## Please remember in your Prayers:

### **Sick:**

Giuseppina La Spina  
Anthony B.  
Ellen Poole  
Moreen Price  
Emilia Bocconi  
Frank Hume  
Siosuia Sikulu  
Philippa Mary Sikulu

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

### **Recently Deceased:**

Rosa Thi Di Nguyen  
(mother of Fr Nguyen in Bankstown)  
Nunzia Colacicco  
Tullio Fonti  
Dorina Zurla  
Amelia Amata  
Margaret English  
Antonio Trevisan  
Fr Michael Kelly  
Nunziata (Nancy) Gatto  
Norman Merlino  
Bartolo Ziino



### **Anniversaries:**

Michael Modini  
Eric Burnage  
Francisco Mercado  
Antonio Lombardo  
Nicolo Rando  
Lydia Fiorini  
Peter Fiorini  
Loretta Gioia  
Eva Zin  
Frederick McTavish  
Veronica McTavish  
Vincenzo Restelli

*May all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.  
Amen*



# Parish Notices



## Communion Service

Please be advised that **no morning Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, 29th February and Friday, 1st March.** There will be a Communion service only on those days.



## World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian laywomen's initiative. It is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding and action throughout the year.

This year, the World Day of Prayer is to be held at

Five Dock Drummoyne Uniting Church,  
5 Garfield Street, Five Dock



**on Friday, 1st March at 10 am**

It will be followed by a morning tea.



## Sacramental Dates 2024

### Sacrament of First Reconciliation - Year 3 & above

- Parent Information Night - Tuesday 7th May at 7pm in the Church.
- 4 week preparation course - Details of session times given at the Parent Information Night.
- Celebration of First Reconciliation: **Wednesday (evening), 12th June at 7pm in the Church.**



### Sacrament of Confirmation - Years 6 & above

- Parent Information Night - Tuesday, 30th July at 7pm in the Church.
- 4 week preparation course - Details of session times given at Information Night.
- Celebration of Confirmation: **Saturday, 7th September** - times to be advised.



### Sacrament of Holy Communion - Year 3 & above

- Parent Information Night - Tuesday, 24th September at 7pm in the Church.
- 4 week preparation course - Details of session times given at Information Night.
- Celebration of First Holy Communion: **Saturday, 16th November and Sunday, 17th November** – times to be advised.



## Baptisms



We welcome

**Milana Manca  
Millie Vee Laidler**

who are 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.*

## 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 1 are:

- \* 3rd March
- \* 17th March

## Rite of Christian Initiation

Last Sunday at St Mary's Cathedral the Archbishop welcomed over 400 candidates and catechumens as they prepare to be received into the Catholic church at the Easter vigil. Here in our parish we have four people preparing to be received into the parish community. They are Eden Cox, Selin Valletta, Edgar Vargas and Marcello Fiorentini. We ask the good Lord to be with them and their sponsors in their journey towards Easter.



## Stations of the Cross

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church on **Fridays at 6pm.**

*All Welcome!*



## Children's Corner

This is my Son and I love him

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

Try to find these words:

alone  
clothes  
cloud  
frightened  
high  
Moses  
mountain  
Peter  
shelters  
Son  
teacher  
three

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p><b>Genesis 22:1-2. 9-13. 15-18</b> A reading from the book of Genesis <b>The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith.</b></p> <p>God put Abraham to the test. ‘Abraham, Abraham,’ he called.’ Here I am’ he replied. ‘Take your son,’ God said ‘your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.’</p> <p>When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. ‘Abraham, Abraham’ he said. ‘I am here’ he replied. ‘Do not raise your hand against the boy’ the angel said. ‘Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.’</p> <p>Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son.</p> <p>The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. ‘I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.’</p>	<p><b>(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.</b></p> <p>1. I trusted, even when I said: ‘I am sorely afflicted.’ O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. (R.)</p> <p>2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord’s name. (R.)</p> <p>3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)</p> <div data-bbox="643 703 935 922" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p><b>Romans 8:31-34</b> A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans <b>God did not spare his own Son.</b></p> <p>With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.</p> <div data-bbox="1139 719 1473 902" data-label="Image"> </div>
	<p><b>Next Week’s Readings</b></p> <p><b>3rd Sunday of Lent</b> <b>1st Reading:</b> Ex 20:1-17 <b>2nd Reading:</b> 1 Cor 1:22-25 <b>Gospel:</b> John 2:13-25</p> <div data-bbox="564 1182 1011 1263" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b></p> <p>Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father’s voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!</p> <div data-bbox="1474 1162 1538 1252" data-label="Image"> </div>

Gospel
<p><b>Mark 9:2-10</b> A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark <b>This is my Son, the beloved; listen to him.</b></p> <p>Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Rabbi,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.’ Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.</p> <p>As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what ‘rising from the dead’ could mean.</p> <div data-bbox="1289 1413 1544 1910" data-label="Image"> </div>

Gospel Focus – A new vision
<p>Part of Peter’s mistake is to see the appearance of Elijah and Moses as a confirmation that Jesus has come to continue the work of the great prophets of the past. Rather than placing Jesus in the old tradition of the prophets, the appearance of Elijah and Moses, together with the voice of God, is to endorse the new direction that Jesus’ ministry is taking. Jesus’ new vision for the world is informed by the relationships forged between God and the prophets of the past, but it is a vision of a completely different way of relating to God: a much more personal relationship that calls us to respond from the heart to those around us.</p>



Sunday 25 February 2024  
2nd Sunday of Lent  
Mark 9:2-10

## In the GOSPEL TODAY

### LISTEN TO HIM!

#### What a shock

What happened on the mountain was a great shock to Jesus' three friends.

Make these faces show their SURPRISE.



### A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you for loving me, Jesus. Help me to show you how much I love you by listening to you and living as you ask. Amen.

Jesus takes his friends, Peter, James and John, up a high mountain. Suddenly Jesus looks gloriously different and his clothes shine brightly. Then they all hear a voice from heaven saying, "This is my Son. I love him. Listen to him."

#### Jesus gives some advice

Peter, James and John were afraid when they saw Jesus shining and bright. What do you do when you are afraid?

Who comforts you when you are afraid?

Work out the code to hear Jesus' advice.

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 ◆ ▲ ● ✕ ◆ ● ✱ ■

a = ●    b = ◆  
 d = ■    e = ▲  
 f = ✕    i = ✱  
 n = ✓    o = ○  
 r = ◆    t = ⊕

#### Puzzle

Fit these words to the grid below. The first one has been done for you.

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|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>8 letters</b><br>MOUNTAIN | <b>5 letters</b><br>PETER | <b>4 letters</b><br>JOHN |
| <b>7 letters</b><br>SHINING  | JAMES                     | JESUS                    |
|                              | CLOUD                     | VOICE                    |



#### A mountain path

Jesus brought his friends Peter, James and John up a high mountain. Which is the highest mountain? Draw a path up the highest mountain for Jesus and his friends to follow.



An advert: A drive - Do not be afraid.