

All Hallows' Five Dock



4th Sunday of Lent | Year B | Sunday 10th March 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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Parish Bulletin: We ask that you take home
your bulletin. Please do not put it back for
others to reuse or leave it on the pew for
others to pick up. Thank you.

A Reflection by Fr Sebastian

Gospel Reading John 3:14-21

Jesus tells Nicodemus that the Son of Man will be raised up so that those who believe in him will have eternal life.

Parents whose children are afraid of the dark are struck by John's observation that darkness is preferred to light. Perhaps this is as it should be. God made us to live in the light of his love. But this original friendship with God was corrupted by sin. Our sin causes us to shy away from Christ, the light that has come into the world. During the season of Lent, we try to fight this tendency by remembering God's great mercy and the salvation that we have received through Jesus. We do not fear confessing our sins, knowing that God forgives us, and so, during Lent, we seek out opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

After your family gathers, sit for a time in darkness, then light a candle. Invite people to talk about what it felt like to be in the darkness and to compare that to their feelings when the candle was lit. What are we able to see by the limited glow of the candlelight that we couldn't see when we were sitting in darkness? Read today's Gospel, John 3:14-21. John's Gospel teaches us that Jesus was the light that came into the world. In this light we know ourselves to be sinners, but we are not condemned. Instead, we have been saved because we have been forgiven through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Conclude in prayer together, thanking God for the great gift of forgiveness we have received through Jesus. Pray together the [Act of Contrition](#).

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 - 8am Communion Service

Tuesday - Friday: 8am Mass

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:

Sunday: 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>).

Project Compassion



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.

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 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.**



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

Recently Deceased:

Wayne Spaulding
Patrick O'Donnell
Josefa Ramea
Rosa Thi Di Nguyen
(mother of Fr Nguyen in Bankstown)
Nunzia Colacicco
Tullio Fonti
Dorina Zurla

Cana Communities

Some 225 people in Sydney sleep rough every night, and Cana Communities operates homeless shelters in Sydney, with St Francis Shelter the latest to open its doors in Redfern. Run entirely by volunteers, Cana needs volunteers for Tuesday (women's only night) and Friday shifts (6pm-9:30pm or 9:30pm-7:30am) to welcome and assist guests and prepare meals. All volunteers will receive training. The impact on guests at these shelters cannot be overestimated, considering the alternatives. Be part of a caring community passionate about helping others and making a change. Find out more about becoming a volunteer by emailing info@cana.org.au.



Anniversaries:

Domenico Gerace
Bob Acquaro
Mario Acquaro
Maria Pignata
Benjamin Moores
Monica Moschella
Family of John & Ena O'Grady

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



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.

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.



*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.*

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network - March

For the Martyrs of our day, witnesses to Christ

Let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world might imbue the Church with their courage and missionary drive.



Parish Notices



Save the Date - Fr Richard's Farewell

A farewell for Fr Richard Dumba is being planned for the **7th April**. We will farewell Fr Richard at the 10am Sunday Mass followed by a morning tea in the parish hall. We hope you can join us.

Transport Roster - Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed to transport elderly parishioners to Mass for the weekend Masses. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office.



Southern Cross Catholic College

The Southern Cross Open Evening on **Tuesday, 12th March, 5pm - 8pm** will provide an excellent opportunity for students and families to visit our school and experience the array of pathways available to students.

We are a unique Year 9 to 12 coeducational secondary college in Burwood offering industry, performing arts and university pathways. We offer a wide variety of Nationally accredited Certificate II and III courses, along with school based apprenticeships and traineeships.

We accept enrolments from across all of Sydney Catholic Schools, we do not have specific feeder schools.



OPEN DAY
Tuesday 12 March
5.00-8.00pm

Register Now



Sydney Catholic Singles meetup group

ALL AGES WELCOME!



Please scan QR code to join the group or search 'Sydney Catholic Singles' on Meetup.com

Baptisms



We welcome

Eleanora Therese Macri
Isabella Rose Warne

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.

Lost Property

If you have lost anything in the church, please check the lost property box. We will be donating items left in the box to St Vincent de Paul on the 15th March.

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 next meeting of the Youth Group is on the **17th March**.



Stations of the Cross

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

All Welcome!



Palms for Palm Sunday Needed



As Palm Sunday is fast approaching, does anyone have any palms that they would like to donate? These would be cut up and blessed and available for people to take on Palm

Sunday. Please place donated palms in the box in the gathering space of the church by Friday, 15th March for preparation.





Children's Corner

God gave his only Son to save us


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

Try to find these words:

condemn
eternal
everyone
faith
love
never
Nicodemus
people
save
send
Son
world

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23 A reading from the second book of Chronicles <i>The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people.</i></p> <p>All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.</p> <p>Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'</p> <p>And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'</p> 	<p>(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!</p> <p>1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. (R.)</p> <p>2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)</p> <p>3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! (R.)</p> <p>4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! (R.)</p> 	<p>Ephesians 2:4-10 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians <i>When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life.</i></p> <p>God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.</p> <p>This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p> <p>5th Sunday of Lent 1st Reading: Jer 31:31-34 2nd Reading: Heb 5:7-9 Gospel: John 12:20-30</p> 	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!</p> 

Gospel

<p>John 3:14-21 A reading from the holy Gospel according to John <i>God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.</i></p> <p>Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'</p> 

LOOK

Sunday 10 March 2024

John 3:14-21

4th Sunday of Lent

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

LIGHT OF THE WORLD!

What did he do about it?

God loved the world so much that he sent his Son, _____, to bring light and love into the dark world.



I will bring light and love into the world this week when I...

God sent his Son Jesus to live with us in our world so that we can see and feel just how much God loves us. Jesus is the light that shines to show us the way to be good.

Light

Can you find all these sources of light in the word search?

C	A	N	D	L	E	FIRE
L	A	M	P	B	T	SUN
TORCH	G	S	X	F	U	O
LASER	O	O	N	I	L	R
LAMP	D	N	U	R	B	C
	L	A	S	E	R	H
						GOD
						SON

God loves the whole world!

God loves everyone

Jesus came into the world so that everyone could learn to love God and each other. Colour in Jesus. Help these people from all over the world find their way to Jesus.



Jesus is the light of the world

Fill in the letters to find out some ways light is important. Draw a line to link the pictures to the right sentence.

We need light to _ e _ (se) in the d _ _ _ (rka).

Plants need light to g _ o _ (wr).

Light can bring us h _ _ t (ae) to stay warm.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for loving me so much. Thank you for showing me the way to live. Help me to follow your example and be even more loving to the people I meet every day. Amen.

Answers: God ... sent his Son Jesus. Ways light is important: see, dark, grow, heat.