

All Hallows' Five Dock



5th Sunday of Lent | Year B | Sunday 17th 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 12:20-33

Jesus teaches his disciples about the way in which he will be glorified by God, and a voice from heaven is heard to affirm this teaching.

Family life is often a balancing act in which we prioritize and attend to a variety of competing needs. We learn the value of putting others' needs ahead of our own. In family life we also learn that when we make personal sacrifices to serve others, we gain so much more than we may have lost.

As you gather as a family, talk about how important it is to your family life to gladly serve one another. Ask each person to consider the last time that another family member asked for help. What was your response? Did you cheerfully try to honour the request, or did you ask, "Why me?" Read today's Gospel, John 12:20-33. How do you think Jesus would want us to respond when someone in our family asks for help? Invite each family member to make a commitment for the next week to try to respond cheerfully to requests for help. Pray together, asking God's help with this commitment. Pray the Prayer of Saint Ignatius of Loyola.

With best wishes -
Fr Sebastian



Palms for Palm Sunday



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 20th March for preparation. Thank you.

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:

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>).

Thank you Fr Bob!

This weekend will be the last weekend that Fr Bob is filling in for Fr Sebastian. We would like to thank Fr Bob for the wonderful job he's done at our parish over the last 5 weeks. It's not the last time we'll be seeing Fr Bob at All Hallows though, as he will be back to help us with other Masses when needed. Thanks Fr Bob!



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.**



Project Compassion

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations. 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.

Sign up Sheets - Easter Masses

Sign up sheets are available in the gathering space if you would like to volunteer to assist as a minister of Holy Communion at one of our Easter Masses or as a participant at the Washing of the feet at the 7pm Holy Thursday Mass on the 28th March.



A Biblical Walk through Mass

Discover the Beauty, the Riches, & the Profound Meaning of the Mass.

The Croatian Catholic Women's Group at Summer Hill invites women of all ages to join this study program. This study program will be held on the first Monday of each month, aligning with our monthly women's group meetings.

Venue: Croatian Catholic Centre, St. Anthony of Padua
15 Prospect Rd Summer Hill NSW 2130

Dates: Monday 1 April 2024
Monday 6 May 2024
Monday 3 June 2024
Monday 1 July 2024

Timings: 7:15pm Holy Mass
8pm Rosary
8:30pm Study program (video & discussion)
9:30pm close



Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Damian Natoli
Ann Kerley
Michele McCabe
Giulia Mercuri
Ava Lynch
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:

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



Anniversaries:

Lydia Fiorini
Peter Fiorini
Loretta Gioia
Nunzia Colacicco
John Vincent

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



Happy Birthday!



Happy 101st Birthday to Pat Strelein who celebrated her birthday on the 13th March.

May God bless and protect her always.

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.

2024 Lenten Groups

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.



Collection Plates – Purpose and use of your donations

1ST Collection – Pastoral Revenue Collection. This collection is used to pay for our priest's living expenses, stipends, council rates and utilities such as electricity and water. This money belongs to the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Parish is not able to use these funds.

2ND Collection - Church collection. This includes Tap & Go and B-Point Giving belongs to the Parish and is used for the day to day running and upkeep of the parish. This includes Church/Presbytery insurances, employee wages, repairs and maintenance, church cleaning, liturgical items, flowers, printing, hospitality and special projects.

Baptisms



We welcome

Leon Dales

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.

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**.



Catholic Women's League



WELCOME LADIES to the CWL meeting on **Monday 18 March at 10am** In the Parish Hall



Morning tea will be served

Women of all ages can join CWL. Members enjoy sharing happy moments together with special outings & occasions promoting a sense of community.

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

The grain that dies gives much wheat

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

Try to find these words:

certain
disciples
fall
Father
grain
ground
lose
love
more
one
servant
wheat

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Jeremiah 31:31-34 A reading from the prophet Jeremiah <i>The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.</i></p> <p>See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.</p>	<p>(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.</p> <p>1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt. and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)</p> <p>2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)</p> <p>3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. (R.)</p>	<p>Hebrews 5:7-9 A reading from the letter to the Hebrews <i>He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.</i></p> <p>During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lent </p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Next Week’s Readings</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Palm Sunday</p> <p style="text-align: center;">1st Reading: Is 10:4-7 2nd Reading: Phil 2:6-11 Gospel: Mk 14:1 - 15:47</p> <p style="text-align: center;"></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!</p> <p style="text-align: right;"></p>

Gospel

John 12:20-33
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John
If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest.

Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’ A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. ‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’ By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.



Gospel Focus – Love of Life

Jesus says, ‘Anyone who loves (their) life loses it; anyone who hates (their) life in this world will keep it for the eternal life.’ This can seem pretty tough! It challenges us about how much we cling to the ‘things’ of this life. Are we concerned about the labels on our clothes; the number of our friends; how much money we have; the sort of house we live in? If this is the ‘life’ that we place meaning on, then we will surely lose it. However, if we put aside the world’s focus on material things and focus our attention on others then we are assured of eternal life.

LOOK

Sunday 17 March 2024
John 12:20-33
5th Sunday of Lent

In the GOSPEL TODAY

NEW LIFE!

Find the wheat

How many ears of wheat can you find on this sheet? []

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

Word search

Find these words from the Gospel today:

- | | |
|---------------|--------------|
| GROW | LIFE |
| WHEAT | EARTH |
| DIE | GRAIN |
| GROUND | NEW |

Growing things

What will these things grow into?
Draw or write your answers in the spaces.



A PRAYER TO SAY

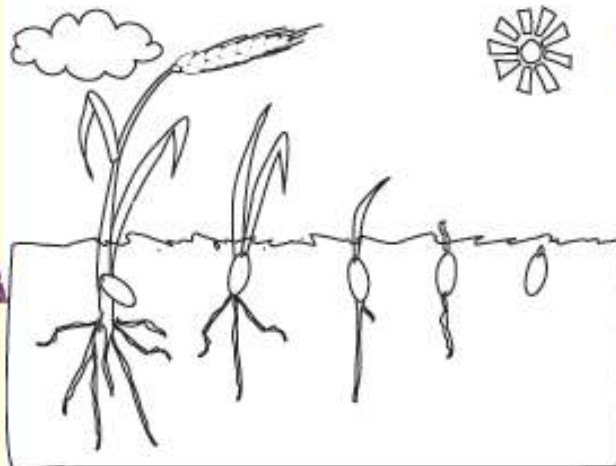
Thank you, Jesus, for showing me how to be loving and kind. Help me to grow more like you every day. Amen.

Jesus knows that he is going to die but he also knows this is how he will show us how much God loves us. Jesus explains that unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies it will not make more plants. The grain brings life into the world - and so will Jesus, in an even more wonderful way!

Grow with Jesus

What new things can you do now you are no longer a baby?

Write, or draw, them in the fruit.



Life!

Colour the new wheat growing from these seeds, ready for the rich harvest.



Answers: There are seven hidden ears of wheat. These things will grow into a chicken, an adult and a plant.