

All Hallows' Five Dock



14th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | Sunday 4th July

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 Message from Fr Danny

Dear parishioners,

It is certainly disappointing for us to be unable to celebrate Mass together. I have just been doing some banking and the teller was recounting how he and his children watched Mass at St Charles Ryde livestream last Sunday. This made me realise that livestreaming needs to be part of our normal life here at All Hallows.

In the Gospel this week, the people of Jesus' hometown refuse to accept him. Maybe, because Jesus grew up with them, they thought they knew who he was and could not accept that he was the Messiah. Familiarity breeds contempt. Maybe they were jealous. In any case it shows that if we lack faith in God, God's healing power is dried up. Indeed, if we lose faith and confidence in ourselves and each other, our powers dry up to achieve anything.

Last week there were two wonderful examples of people who had faith in Jesus and wonderful healings occurred. In fact, a little girl was raised from the dead.

Faith is something we need to pray for and to renew each day. Each day to pray. Each day to remind ourselves that this is God's world, not ours. God loves us all and is with us always. COVID is somehow part of God's loving providence and God can bring good out of what seems disastrous. So, whatever the circumstance, let's learn to trust in God, praise God and hand all our problems over to Him.

I look forward very much to us all getting together again for Mass.

With best wishes -
Fr Danny



Sacramental Life

Due to the lockdown currently in effect, there will be no masses at All Hallows Church until at least the 9th July, 2021.

As of 26 June 2021, churches across the entire metropolitan area as well as the Blue Mountains, the Central Coast, Wollongong and Shellharbour are closed. All public masses in greater Sydney will cease at 6pm on 26 June for two weeks.

While churches are closed as part of the effort to contain Covid, livestreaming of masses can occur and you can find more information on Livestreamed Masses on the Archdiocese of Sydney website [here](#).

Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

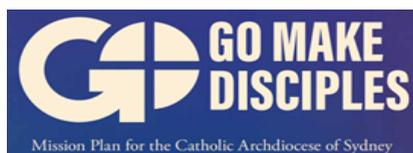
Norman Merlino
Christine Bailey
Tom Graham
Tony Michael

*Do you know of anyone who is sick
and in need of prayer?*

*Please send their name in an email to the Parish Office
and we will add their name in here.*

Recently Deceased:

Pellegrino "Paul" Di Blasio
Nancy Puglisi
Giuseppe Napoli
Magda Ghali
Patrick Heffernan
Maria Iolanda Scenna
Vincenzo Maiurana
Carmine Mascitelli



First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Ez 2:2-5 A reading from the prophet Ezekiel <i>The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.</i> The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'</p> 	<p>(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. (R.) Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. (R.) Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. (R.) 	<p>2 Cor 12:7-10 A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians <i>I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.</i> In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
	<p>15th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Amos 7:12-15 2nd Reading: Ephesians 1:3-10 Gospel: Mark 6:7-13</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; He sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!</p>

Gospel

Mk 6:1-6
 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
A prophet is despised only in his own country.
 Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel sees Jesus returning to his home town of Nazareth. He is well and truly into his public ministry at this point in the gospel and his reputation is obviously growing as a healer and teacher. When he goes to Nazareth the locals are quick to 'put him in his place'. They remember the boy, the teenager, the young man apprenticed to his father's craft. He's a nobody as far as they are concerned; just young Yeshua (Jesus) who grew up here. It is much the same within families and local communities today. No matter how successful and authoritative a young woman or man may have become, a trip home will quickly remind them that in the eyes of those they grew up with nothing has changed. In the gospel passage they even say, that's Jesus – he's just James' brother; no one special! Why would they think they had anything to learn from a brat who grew up in their own town? What could he possibly tell them? They try to force Jesus back into the mould of the person with whom they were previously familiar and comfortable.

We do this to one another all the time. We have certain expectations about the way a friend normally acts or thinks and when they behave differently we react in a way that lets them know that they are not 'being themselves'. In doing this, we are looking to maintain our own comfort zone. We take away the freedom of the other person to grow and change. Many people seem to enter into relationships thinking that neither of them will ever change. This, of course, is an unsustainable assumption. Surely, if we want the best for those we love and care for, we want them to be constantly growing and becoming all that they can be?