

All Hallows' Five Dock



The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary | Year B | Sunday 15th August

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,

While lecturing during my time at the Seminary, I came to realise that one sign of a weakening faith is when a people lose their devotion to Mary. Because, if we truly appreciate the great Mystery of the Incarnation – that the Eternal God took human flesh – then we cannot but marvel at the woman chosen to be God's mother: Mary. There is surely no subject more often painted, by all the great artists of history, than the Madonna and Child. How beautiful to contemplate Mary as she nurses God. What a challenge to paint!

Mary is a woman of great faith. Instantly she responded to the Angel Gabriel, "let what you have said be done." And of great humility, "I am the handmaid of the Lord." She is a great mystic, "my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour". She is a woman of action – immediately she sets forth on a long and dangerous journey to visit Elizabeth, her cousin. She is a person of deep reflection and wisdom, "she pondered all these things in her heart." She suffered. First she had to watch Jesus get into more and more trouble with the authorities. She saw him nearly killed when he came home to Nazareth. She is the woman of sorrows, cradling the dead body of her Son at the Cross. And she is a woman of the Spirit – being with the Apostles at Pentecost. And she is with us now, Mother of the Church. Last Saturday Greg Sheridan had a great article on Mary in the Weekend Australian. I'd recommend it to everyone.

Today we celebrate her Assumption into Heaven. She is the Queen of Heaven, the first and greatest of saints. I pray that we never lose our devotion to her in our parish or in our city, for coming close to Mary, we come so close to her Son, Jesus.

With best wishes -
Fr Danny.



Sacramental Life

Due to the lockdown currently in effect, there will be no congregations at masses at All Hallows Church until further notice.

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

We will also be streaming masses everyday on our new YouTube channel. Please find the channel details below.



This Week:

Sunday 15:

The Assumption of
The Blessed Virgin Mary
Youth Group // 4pm - Cancelled



Notices from Fr Danny



Confirmation Preparation Sessions

We commence our Confirmation preparation sessions this week. There are three sessions, Mondays and Wednesdays from 5-6pm and Thursdays, 3.30-4.30pm. Families join one of these sessions and the preparation is held over the coming three weeks. Due to the lockdown the sessions will be by zoom which is not a great way to prepare, especially with large groups in each preparation session. However, let's do our best. Please prepare well for each session.

The Confirmation ceremonies are due to occur on September 10,11&12. Hopefully the State will reach 50% vaccination by the end of this month, and there will be a relaxing of rules so as to allow for religious ceremonies with 4sqm spacing. This will allow us to go ahead. If this does not occur, then at least the children will have been prepared and we will proceed with the ceremonies when we can.

Visits

A number of people have contacted me regarding visits to bring Holy Communion. Please let me know if anyone would like a visit. We had a zoom rosary recently. Please let me know if anyone else would like to hold a zoom rosary or a prayerful Gospel reflection i.e. lectio divina.

New Assistant Parish Priest - Fr Richard Ddumba

Dear Parish community of All Hallows Five Dock, greetings to you all!

I hope you are keeping well and safe in these days of lockdown. I would like to briefly introduce myself to you all. My name is Fr Richard Ddumba from Uganda. I have been appointed Assistant Parish priest in your parish and am happy to be with you. I was ordained priest four years ago and have spent the past three year at John the Baptist Parish, Bonnyrigg. I arrived at Five Dock on the 2nd August and am looking forward to meeting you.



God bless you all.

Sunday Liturgy - 5pm

Marisa Squadrito, the family educator at All Hallows school, is conducting regular Sunday liturgies at 5pm which we can participate in. We read the readings of the Sunday, Fr Danny offers a homily, we pray and finish with a blessing. It is particularly designed for families and for participation. This week the liturgy will celebrate the Feast of the Assumption. If you would like to be involved, please click on the following link: [Sunday Liturgy via Zoom](#)



New YouTube channel - Parish All Hallows Five Dock



A YouTube channel has been created for parishioners to be able to join mass at All Hallows Church at 8am everyday during lockdown.

Please click on the link below to view:
[Parish All Hallows Five Dock You-Tube](#). Subscribe today!

Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

George Malouf
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:

Tony Bonaddio
Rosina Ginardi
Vincenzo Tripodi
Ngairé O'Connell
Rosina Ginardi
Felicetta Ageloni
Vita Mule
Pellegrino Di Blasio
Nancy Puglisi
Giuseppe Napoli
Magda Ghali
Patrick Heffernan
Maria Iolanda Scenna

Anniversaries:

Paul Hinds
Michael Coleman

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

What are the spiritual processes that Pope Francis has proposed?

1		A Church which goes forth	A community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive. One that takes the evangelizing initiative boldly, going out to those who are far away and seeking the excluded.
2		Integral Human Ecology	The publication in 2015 of the encyclical <i>Laudato si'</i> was a call to pay attention the urgent challenge of protecting our common home.
3		Welcome, promote, protect, and integrate migrants and refugees	The Migrants and Refugees Section was born as a result of the papal visit to Lampedusa and Lesbos (2016), in order to guarantee that people who are forced to flee their homes are not excluded or marginalized.
4		The fundamental role of women	Francis has been asking that lay women be given greater participation in leadership roles in the Church, and that they be included in instances where important decisions are made.
5		A new path of peace and fraternity	In his encyclical <i>Fratelli tutti</i> (2020), Francis renewed his call to remember that God has created all human beings equal in rights, duties, and dignity, and has called them to live together as brothers and sisters.

“Reform in the Church has been carried out by men and women who were not afraid to enter a crisis and allow themselves to be reformed by the Lord. It is the only way.”
POPE FRANCIS



Supporting our Parish

You can support our Parish financially by accessing the BPoint Secure Payment Service on the Parish website or you can use the QR Code printed here. For contributions to the First Collection, please select *Pastoral Revenue* from the drop down menu. For Planned Giving contributions, please select *Planned Giving* from the drop down menu and include your name and your Planned Giving Number (if known).

Safeguarding our Parish

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



What is the Church's specific vocation?

EVANGELIZE

Go out to meet others, without proselytism.

BE MISSIONARY

Transform its structures to evangelize today's world.

SOME ELEMENTS FOR A REFORM OF THE CHURCH

Begin a spiritual process as individuals and as a community.

Begin with reforming ourselves, allowing the Gospel to transform us.

Follow Jesus' lifestyle: prayer, charity, and service.

Rid ourselves of our ideological prejudices and prefabricated ideas.

Listen to the Holy Spirit and allow Him to guide us, which requires prayerful discernment on a personal and community level.

Have the courage to be open to anything, placing our trust in the Lord.

"A Church which 'goes forth' is a Church whose doors are open. Going out to others in order to reach the fringes of humanity does not mean rushing out aimlessly into the world. Often it is better simply to slow down, to put aside our eagerness in order to see and listen to others, to stop rushing from one thing to another and to remain with someone who has faltered along the way."

(*Evangelii Gaudium*, 46)

Pray as you Go

Download the Pray as you Go app for prayers on your daily walks.

<https://pray-as-you-go.org/>



Children's Corner

God has done great things for me

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

Try to find these words:

- baby
- child
- Elizabeth
- Holy Spirit
- hungry
- Judea
- Mary
- mercy
- power
- rich
- three
- Zechariah

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Rv 11:19; 12:1-6, 10 A reading from the book of the Apocalypse <i>I saw a woman clothed with the sun and with the moon at her feet.</i> The sanctuary of God in heaven opened, and the ark of the covenant could be seen inside it. Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman, adorned with the sun, standing on the moon, and with the twelve stars on her head for a crown. She was pregnant, and in labour, crying aloud in the pangs of childbirth. Then a second sign appeared in the sky, a huge red dragon which had seven heads and ten horns, and each of the seven heads crowned with a coronet. Its tail dragged a third of the stars from the sky and dropped them to the earth, and the dragon stopped in front of the woman as she was having the child, so that he could eat it as soon as it was born from its mother. The woman brought a male child into the world, the son who was to rule all the nations with an iron sceptre, and the child was taken straight up to God and to his throne, while the woman escaped into the desert, where God had made a place of safety ready. Then I heard a voice shout from heaven, 'Victory and power and empire forever have been won by our God, and all authority for his Christ.'</p>	<p>(R.) The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.</p> <p>1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house. (R.)</p> <p>2. So will the king desire your beauty: He is your lord, pay homage to him. They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king. (R.)</p> 	<p>1 Cor 15:20-26 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians <i>As members of Christ all people will be raised, Christ first, and after him all who belong to him.</i> Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order; Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
	<p>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>1st Reading: Joshua 24:1-2, 5-18</p> <p>2nd Reading: Eph 5:21-32</p> <p>Gospel: John 6:60-69</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>Mary is taken up to heaven, and the angels of God shout for joy.</p> <p>Alleluia!</p>

Gospel

Lk 1:39-56
 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
The Almighty has done great things for me; he has lifted up the lowly.
 Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'
 And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy – according to the promise he made to our ancestors – of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'
 Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant

In the Western church this feast celebrates the assumption of Mary into heaven; in the East it commemorates her dormition or her falling asleep. The readings invite us to reflect on the role that she plays in the mystery of our redemption. Whatever we honour in Mary in some way points to her son. Over the centuries devotion to Mary has been expressed in forms taken from the culture out of which it developed. Sometimes she is pictured as a humble peasant girl. At other times she is depicted as a queen robed in gold of Ophir who rules from heaven. Probably the most familiar pose is that of a mother with her child. Perhaps the most dramatic of these themes is that of the celestial woman from the vision found in the Book of Revelation. It is because of the cosmic significance of Jesus that this tradition has been applied to Mary. Though the first reading depicts a cosmic woman, the gospel reading characterises Mary as a simple peasant woman intent on offering service to another. However, the words that are placed in her mouth are words of prophetic challenge. She announces the great reversals of God's good news. The greatness of Mary is a reflection of the greatness of the Son of God whom she bore. He was the firstfruits of salvation. He was the victor who won the kingdom. Her part in this victory was to bring him to birth and into maturity.

LOOK

Sunday 15 August 2021

Luke 1:39-56

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

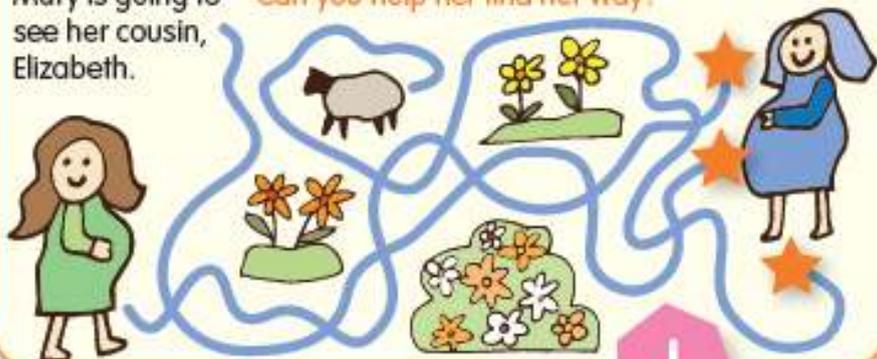
My name is _____

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

When Mary find out she is pregnant, she goes to visit her cousin, Elizabeth. While she is there, Mary gives a prayer of thanks to God for the baby she is expecting - Jesus!

THANK YOU!

Mary is going to see her cousin, Elizabeth. Can you help her find her way?



Thank you God!

Use the picture clues and fill in the missing letters to find some things we can say "thank you" for.



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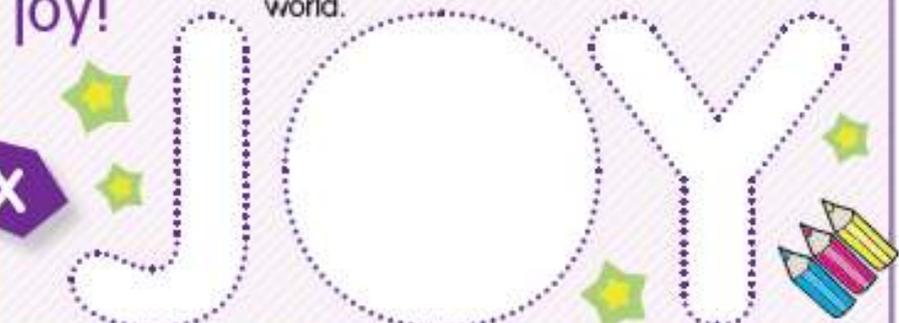
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S ---

Bringing joy!

Mary's baby, Jesus, brings joy to the world. How will you bring joy to the world this week?



Draw yourself inside the "O" doing something to spread happiness!

Mary's prayer

There are ten letters hidden around this page. When you find them, circle the same ones on the grid to reveal Mary's prayer.

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

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, I love you and, like Mary, I am so happy that you came to us. Be with me today and always. Amen.

Answers: Thank you God: PETS, HOME, FAMILY, RAIN, DRINKS, SUN. Mary's prayer: My soul praises the Lord.