

# All Hallows' Five Dock



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | Sunday 22nd 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 Richard

### "It is the Spirit that gives life"

My dear friends, there are so many things in life we do not seem to understand, so many experiences we cannot fathom. St. Basil the Great once said, "It is easier to measure the entire sea with a tiny cup than to grasp God's ineffable greatness with the human mind."

Jesus' teaching in the Gospel was a real shocker to his followers. Jesus was speaking about giving them his flesh and his blood. His followers could not fathom, this language was very hard for them. Now we understand that Jesus was speaking about his self-giving and the gift of the Eucharist. This is the body, or flesh, of the risen Christ transformed by the Spirit, which acts in us spiritually and brings us into communion with God. Many of Jesus' followers left but, in the name of those who remained, Peter pledged his fidelity.

In his teaching, Jesus makes it clear, "It is the Spirit that gives life ..." This heightens our need for the Holy Spirit to grasp the activity of God in the circumstances of life. The Holy Spirit is the Sanctifier, the Helper, Comforter, and the Giver of graces. It is the Holy Spirit who leads us to the Father and the Son. We are reminded that the Spirit is still at work within the gigantic disturbances which continually agitate and shake the whole of humanity. Through the Spirit, Jesus is invincibly consecrating the world and enabling humanity to arrive at maturity by means of innumerable crises and deaths that prepare for a resurrection.

It is therefore a test of our faith to believe that God continually works among us in our world. What should console us is the power of the Holy Spirit through whom we are saved, filled, sealed, and sanctified. This same Spirit reveals God's thoughts, teaches, and guides believers into all truth. In doing so, the Spirit gives life to us.

God bless you all!  
Fr Richard.

## 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 at 8am on our new YouTube channel. Please find the channel details below.

## This Week:

### Sunday 22:

21st Sunday in Ordinary Times  
Youth Group // 4pm - Cancelled

### Sunday 29:

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Times  
Youth Group // 4pm - Cancelled



## Notices from Fr Danny

### Visits

I have been travelling around the parish delivering bulletins, envelopes and tax receipts. Many could not pick up envelopes and tax receipts due to the lockdown. I just leave them in your letterboxes so as to be COVID compliant.

### Spreading the Good News

As you know, we are live streaming Mass at 8am every day at the moment – thanks to Fr Richard's technological ability. Join via the website and please let all parishioners know of this possibility. Homilies will be focussing on the Holy Spirit at the moment as many of the children preparing for Confirmation will be joining us, especially on a Sunday. Also on a Sunday, at 5pm, Mrs Squadrito our family educator, has a zoom liturgy which is participative and children friendly. You might let people know about this also.



### Confirmation

We have begun preparations. Please keep us in your prayers as we have been forced to prepare via zoom, which is not the greatest way of preparing for a sacrament. The COVID infections seem to be getting worse, so we guess that it will not be possible to have the Confirmation Masses in September as planned. However, the children will be prepared and, as soon as we possibly can, we will hold the Confirmations. I imagine this will be in the second half of November.

### Holy Communion

We have delayed the first Holy Communion Masses to the first weekend of December. Again, COVID is the cause of the delay. We are hoping that by December the Masses will be able to be held with as much participation, joy and sacredness as possible.



### The Right Attitude

Know that God is with us. COVID is part of God's loving providence. There is nothing to fear. Wonder what marvellous graces God is now working in us who love Him through this COVID time. So be patient, content, gentle and loving.

## National Day of Prayer for the COVID-19 Crisis

The National Council of Churches in Australia is leading a prayer for our nation this Sunday, where alongside fellow Christians, we can all unite in a prayer for an end to the COVID-19 crisis.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP is inviting you to join with him in a prayer during the 10:30am Solemn Mass at St Mary's Cathedral, live streamed on the cathedral's YouTube channel. The theme for the event is 'Lord Have Mercy', recognising the tremendous impact this crisis is having on our nation.



**Sunday  
22 August  
10:30am**

*Solemn Mass at  
St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney  
Principal Celebrant  
Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP*

*Livestreamed on the St Mary's Cathedral YouTube channel.*

## 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:

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

### 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



## THE POPE VIDEO

Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network

The Pope Video for August is about the Church's specific vocation—evangelization—and about the need for a reform which, according to Francis, must begin with “a reform of ourselves” through an experience of prayer, charity, and service, inspired by the Holy Spirit. The Pope Video has just been published with the prayer intention that Francis is entrusting to the entire Catholic Church through the [Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network](#). In this month of August, the Holy Father reflects deeply on the situation of the Church, its vocation, and its identity, and he calls us to renew it “by discerning God's will in our daily life.” For Francis, in times of crisis and difficulty the Church needs a reform that must begin with “a reform of ourselves” and “in the light of the Gospel.”

To watch the Pope video, please click [here](#).



### 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](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



## New All Hallows YouTube channel



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

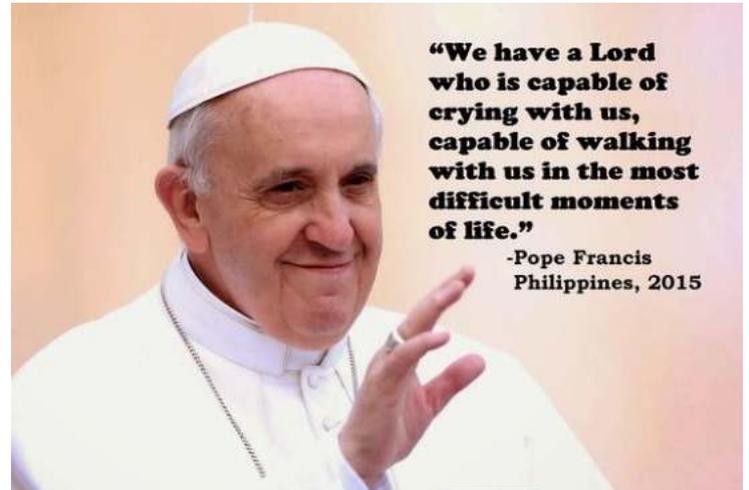
Please click on the link below to view: [Parish All Hallows Five Dock You-Tube](#).

Subscribe today!

## 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. If you would like to be involved, please click on the following link:

[Sunday Liturgy via Zoom](#) Password: 949746



## Children's Corner

The Lord has the words of everlasting life

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

Try to find these words:

- backs
- beginning
- bread
- eternal
- faith
- one
- Simon Peter
- speak
- Spirit
- twelve
- understand

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p><b>Jos 24:1-2. 15-18</b>  A reading from the book of Joshua  <i>We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.</i>  Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'  The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'</p>	<p><b>(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.</b></p> <p>1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)</p> <p>2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal. (R.)</p> <p>3. They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)</p> <p>4. Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)</p> <p>5. Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. (R.)</p>	<p><b>Eph 5:21-32</b>  A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians  <i>This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.</i>  Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything.  Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.</p>
	<p><b>Next Week's Readings</b></p>	<p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b></p>
	<p><b>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>  <b>1st Reading:</b> Deut 4:1-2, 6-8  <b>2nd Reading:</b> James 1:17-18,21-22,27  <b>Gospel:</b> Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia!  Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!</p>

**Gospel**

**Jn 6:60-69**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John  
*Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.*  
After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?' 'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life. 'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.  
Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

**Reflection by Dianne Bergant**

The decisions called for in today's readings are life decisions. The people at the time of Joshua had to decide which god they would worship. The disciples of Jesus had to decide if he was the one who would fulfill their messianic expectations. We have life decisions to make as well. How will we choose? The choices we make determine the character of our union with God. God called us out of the slavery of sin and protected us throughout the journey of our lives. Jesus walked with us through the challenges of life and performed wonders for us. Why should we look elsewhere? Because we face new challenges. The new demands placed on us may be so great, or the commitment required of us may be so demanding that we feel that we can no longer walk with him. The church may be changing in ways we do not appreciate, or it may not be changing in the ways we believe it should, and so we may feel that we can walk with him no longer. If we decide to commit ourselves, we will enter into a union with God that is deeper than anything we have previously known. However, this union will be based on faith. We may understand no more than we did in the past, things may be no more to our liking. But, 'to whom shall we go?' Jesus is God's holy one; he has the words of eternal life.



# IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

**S**imon Peter tells Jesus that his close friends will never leave him. They have faith in him and know that he is the Holy One of God. What Jesus teaches his friends is true.

My name is \_\_\_\_\_

## JESUS IS MY FRIEND

d= f= h= n=   
e= g= l= o= y=

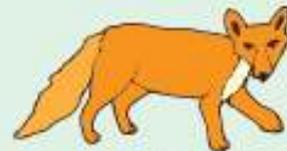
Crack the code and see who Jesus is.



Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_

## Something special

Fill in the spaces with the first letter of each picture.












The disciples had \_\_\_\_\_ in Jesus

## A PRAYER TO SAY

**D**ear Jesus, help us to always have faith in you and what you teach us about God our Father. May we be like the disciples and stay with you no matter what happens. Amen.

## True or false?

The disciples knew that what Jesus taught them was true. Are these statements **true** or **false**?

We need water to live.

All birds have wings.

Jesus teaches us about God.

Apples are vegetables.

Football are square.

✓ Tick the ones that are **true**.

All fish have legs.

## True friends

Jesus' friends loved him very much. True friends stay with you no matter what happens.

Friends are **FUN** and **KIND**. They **CARE**, **SHARE**, **UNDERSTAND**, **LISTEN** and **LOVE**. Fit these words into the grid. What word can you read down the red column?

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				T						
	V						S			
K										
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Answers: Jesus is the Holy One of God. True friends: FRIENDS. Something special: FAITH

