

# All Hallows' Five Dock



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | Sunday 29th 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,

True religion affects the whole of our being: mind, body, spirit. It engages the heart.

Jesus was troubled by a religion that was just of external activity, but did not engage the heart of the person. So he criticised the many external practices of washing and cleaning practised by the Jewish people of the time. They can just become empty ritual, devoid of any personal meaning. So, too, he said that what we eat does not matter, because what we eat does not touch the heart, so cannot defile us. Rather, Jesus makes it clear that what defiles us are the many things he lists – fornication, theft, murder and so on – which emerge from our hearts.

That is not to say that we are to abandon external activity. No, not at all! But what we do must cohere with what is in our hearts. If we love God, we will build beautiful churches. We will come to Mass reverently and worship with voice and heart. We will have statues and holy pictures at home to help our hearts stay attuned to God. Our faith is properly expressed in all we do. And when what we do is good and holy, our activity reinforces our faith.

Having said this, I must say that I have become troubled since coming here to All Hallows. Some of our practices around funerals, it does not seem to me, would please Jesus, given what he said in the Gospel today. For sometimes the people at the funeral/rosary/memorial Mass seem not to know whether to sit/kneel/stand and often have no idea what responses they are to say. Is there any faith here?, I wonder. Or just empty practices passed down from our elders, like the Jewish people of Jesus' time?

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



## This Week:

### Sunday 29:

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

### Sunday 5:

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Youth Group // 4pm - Cancelled

## Notices from Fr Danny

### Confirmation

Classes are continuing. This week we focused on the event of Pentecost and next week we will look carefully at the gifts the Apostles mentioned they received when the Holy Spirit came upon them. We will finish the first three sessions of our Confirmation workbook by zoom. Please God we will get the go ahead to celebrate Confirmations towards the end of November. We will be in contact with all who have completed the preparations when the Government (hopefully) gives the go ahead for liturgies.

### Zoom Liturgies

Mass is live streamed each morning at 8am, including Sundays. Also, on Sundays at 5pm, we have a children's liturgy of the Word facilitated by our family educator, Mrs Squadrito. The links to the Masses and the Sunday children's liturgy are on the home page of the parish website. They are also found in this bulletin (below & on the next page).

### 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.

## 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

## Email Scam

Please be aware that there is another email scam doing the rounds. The email says that it's from Fr Danny asking you to reply to the email as soon as possible. It is sent from "search@jobme.contact" and asks you to reply to email address "parishpastorxc@gmail.com". Please know that we will only send parishioners emails from email address "[parishallhallows@gmail.com](mailto:parishallhallows@gmail.com)". Fr Danny will never ask you to buy or send him any type of gift cards or send you any emails asking you to reply to him without stating why. If you receive any of these emails, please forward it to the parish office so we can warn others. We would then advise that you block the sender and delete the email.

## Caritas Australia

### Humanitarian crises unfolding in Afghanistan and Lebanon

As the situations in **Afghanistan** and **Lebanon** deteriorate, you can help to support families caught up in the crises.

In **Afghanistan**, people have been forced from their homes, with half of the population in urgent need of food, water, shelter and protection.

In **Lebanon**, the country is running out of power, water, fuel, medicine and food. Even hospitals are facing massive fuel shortages and will soon have to turn off the lights.

**Please donate to Caritas Australia so that we are able to respond to crises like these and others across the world.**

Visit [caritas.org.au/lebanon](https://caritas.org.au/lebanon) or [www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan](https://www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan) or call 1800 024 413 toll free to provide much needed support.

## Please remember in your Prayers:

### Sick:

George Malouf  
Norman Merlino  
Christine Bailey  
Tom Graham  
Tony Michael

### Recently Deceased:

Gina Pinto  
Giuseppa Mauro  
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

We pray for the Souls of those who have died of COVID

### Anniversaries:

Maria Iolanda Scenna  
Domenico DeFrancesco  
Graziella DeFrancesco  
Christine Daujotis  
Sean O'Bryan  
Grace Cacuio  
Mary Cardosa

### 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



## Children's Corner

Good hearts and kind words allow you to worship God

I S A J U G T E A C H E R C A  
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 B C X X D F O O D F Q O H A H  
 J N G W W O R D S T H W B N I  
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Try to find these words:

- ancestors
- crowd
- disciples
- eat
- food
- hands
- heart
- stealing
- teacher
- washing
- words
- worship

## 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!



**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). You can also contribute using the Tap and Go devices in the Gathering Space at the entrance to the church.

## 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.



## Spending time with Jesus at home

***Our Churches may be closed, but the temples of the Holy Spirit remain open...that's you and me!***

Jesus, in the Blessed Sacrament, is physically present within the tabernacles in churches all over the world. Sadly many of the churches, including our own, are currently closed. However, God is not far from us - He is very near. At Baptism, He has made His dwelling place in our souls, and desires to remain there. St Teresa of Avila tells us "If I had understood, as I do fully now, that in the little palace of my soul such a great King was living, I think I would not have left him alone so often." Let us keep company with Jesus, and take time everyday to be with Him in prayer!

### STEP 1 / Create a Prayer Space

Find a place in your home where you will be able to visit each day and spend time in prayer. This can be a little altar in your bedroom or a corner in your living room - as long as it is somewhere that you will be able to pray without distraction. Make your prayer space beautiful; put in place a crucifix, a statue, or a holy image so that you will be able to focus easily on God. It is also helpful to have a candle and perhaps some flowers. Don't forget your Bible!

### STEP 2 / Getting Started

Sit or kneel in a position that will help you to enter into a time of prayer. Begin, as always, by making the Sign of the Cross. This reminds us that we have been invited into the life of the Holy Trinity through our Baptism, and that God dwells within us. Blessing ourselves with holy water is also a tangible reminder of our Baptism. Now, take some time to recollect yourself, and really be mindful of His presence - this is an act of faith. Note: It is a good idea to keep holy water in the home. If you do not have any, you can ask your Parish Priest for some.

### STEP 3 / Invoke the Holy Spirit

Ask the Holy Spirit to help you to pray. You may pray this or a similar prayer:  
*Come Holy Spirit! Help me to pray. Help me to put aside anything that will distract me. I give You my worries and concerns and all the burdens that I carry - they are now Yours. Help me to be close to You at this time, and to hear what You want to say to me. Grant me the desire and the will to respond to You in love.*

### STEP 4 / Allow God to Love You

Be still and allow God to love you. Prayer is our response to the love of God, but our response needs to be more like Mary than Martha (Lk 10:38-42), or like St John resting on the heart of Jesus (Jn 13:25). Here, seek to be as still as possible, and allow Him to do something for you - to love you and give you His peace.

### STEP 5 / Listen to God's Word

God speaks to us and guides us through His Holy Word in Scripture. Take your Bible and choose a passage. You may open the Bible at any page, as God's Word will always have an effect. You may prefer to choose a book of the Bible and work through it, praying with a passage each day. Or you could read the Gospel reading of the day. Did something strike you? Did something touch you? Is there a lesson in the text for you? Ask God to reveal what He wants to say to you at this moment. Then make a specific decision about how you will respond. If it helps, write it in a prayer journal so that you can come back to it.

### STEP 6 / Praying for Specific Needs

Are there any specific needs that you would like to entrust to God at this moment? Speak to Him; tell Him what you need. Call to mind those who have asked you to pray for them; the things that have come up in your prayer today, and anything that you may have been struggling with for some time. Now, place all of these cares into the hands of God, who is your Loving Father, trusting that He loves you and wants to give you everything that you need.

### STEP 7 / Give Thanks

Thank God for the opportunity that you have had to be with Him and for all the good things that He continuously gives you. Even if you didn't feel anything today, know that God loves you and that He has brought about something new in your heart.

Conclude with the Sign of the Cross.

Source: [Spending Time with Jesus at Home](#)

## Pray as you Go

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

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



First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p><b>Dt 4:1-2. 6-8</b>            A reading from the book of Deuteronomy  <i>You may add nothing to the word which I speak to you – keep the commands of the Lord.</i>            Moses said to the people: ‘Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, “No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation.” And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?’</p> 	<p><b>(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.</b></p> <p>1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?            He who walks without fault;            he who acts with justice            and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)</p> <p>2. He who does no wrong to his brother,            who casts no slur on his neighbour,            who holds the godless in disdain,            but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)</p> <p>3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may;            who takes no interest on a loan            and accepts no bribes against the innocent.            Such a man will stand firm forever. (R.)</p>	<p><b>Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27</b>            A reading from the letter of St James  <i>Be doers of the word.</i>            It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.            Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.            Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.</p>
	<p><b>Next Week’s Readings</b></p>	<p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b></p>
	<p><b>23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></p> <p><b>1st Reading:</b> Is 35:4-7  <b>2nd Reading:</b> James 2:1-5  <b>Gospel:</b> Mk 7:31-37</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia!            The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.            Alleluia!</p>

**Gospel**

**Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23**  
 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark  
*You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.*  
 The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the marketplace they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?’ He answered, ‘It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: These people honour me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.’  
 He called the people to him again and said, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men’s hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.’

**Reflection by Dianne Bergant**

The overarching theme of the readings for this Sunday is ‘words spoken in truth’. On one level, the laws are the words of the covenant. They are part of the contract that was drawn up between God and the people. They are words of truth, because they are the reliable revelation of God and because they genuinely reflect righteous living. The biblical covenant laws are truly humane. Obedience to the words of the covenant leads to life and blessings, while disobedience results in the opposite. Our religious customs always carry some profound religious meaning, but we may not know or care what it is – and yet we perform them. Do people know or care why we stand or sit or kneel during liturgy? Do people have a ‘church’ wedding because it is a religious event, or because ‘that’s the way we have always done it’? Religious practices do not always flow from a deep religious conviction. But once we realise our need for God, these practices become genuine expressions of religious sentiment. When the word of God has taken root in us, everything becomes a religious practice. This word can come to us through the teachings of our faith, through the example of good people around us, through the wonder and mystery of creation. When it does take hold of us, our inner eye is opened, our hearts are softened, and we turn instinctively to God like a flower turns to the sun. When we are brought to birth in this way, covenant law becomes sacred, religious practices are cherished, and we are filled with the power that saves.



# IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

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

**S**ome Pharisees complain that some of Jesus' disciples are eating without washing their hands in the traditional way. Jesus says that people should do things because they love God and not just because it is what usually happens.

## LOVE GOD

We know that washing our hands is important to stay healthy. Help Albie find his way to the sink through the maze.



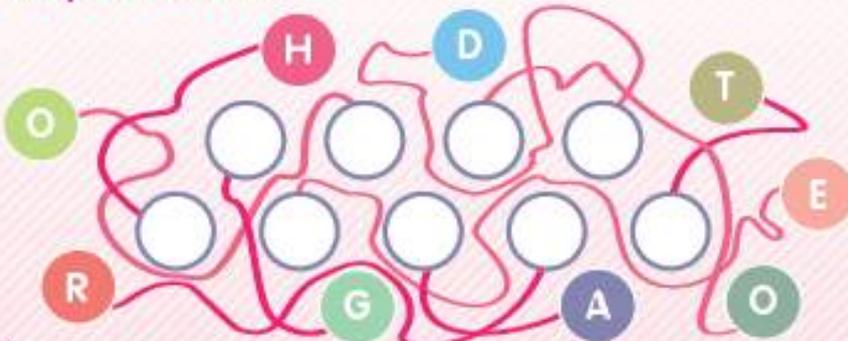
### Odd one out

Circle the word describing a body part that doesn't belong in the hand.



### Even more important...

Jesus says that something is even more important than clean hands! Move each letter to its empty circle to see what it is.



### Using our hands

We use our hands to do so many things.

Find some of them by matching the beginnings and ends of these hands.



### A PRAYER TO SAY

**D**ear Jesus, thank you for our good hearts and our wonderful hands which do so many things. Help us to use them wisely and help other people whenever we can. Amen.

Answer: Odd one out: toe. Using our hands: wash, touch, clap, wave, help, pray. Even more important: good heart.

