

All Hallows' Five Dock



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | Sunday 5th September

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

Dear Parishioners,

Sisters and brothers, in this day in age, we face new challenges each day that could easily shift our focus from what really matters. As we celebrate Fathers' day this weekend, let all fathers know that they are loved and that they are always in our thoughts and prayers.

Not long ago we celebrated Mothers' day. In my former parish, at the end of the Mass, I asked all mothers to rise for a special blessing. I noticed a gentleman up-standing with the mothers. Later after Mass he assured me that he had done it deliberately since he's a single father and always acts as mother to his children. Today, we celebrate not just our biological and spiritual fathers but all the father figures in our lives.

In this weekend's gospel, we find a lot of inspiration regarding the vocation of a father. The people bring Jesus a Gentile deaf-mute, and ask Jesus to heal him. By this miracle, Jesus showed that he had within himself, within his human person, all the health and welfare that we need, and he communicated this to the sick one. Jesus also reveals that God has no favourites. To him all his children are important and precious.

This miracle takes place gradually, an illustration of a growth in faith. This is what happens to every Christian. In baptism Christ touches our ears so that we can hear, and touches our tongues so that we can profess our faith. This does not happen instantaneously. In our Latin rite, for instance, the sacrament of Confirmation – at a later stage - demonstrates a shift in the faith journey of the child. Although confirmation posits a maturity of faith, it is in fact a beginning! And so, growth in faith demonstrated here is something that happens over the course of a lifetime.

As we celebrate the gift of fatherhood, let us be reminded of the role fathers play in supporting and caring for us along the journey of life. This is a true reflection of Jesus who healed the deaf-mute, who continues to do so through the love and sacrifice of our fathers.

May God bless all fathers as they help us to hear God's voice and speak God's message through our manner of life. And may God grant eternal rest to our deceased fathers who have nurtured us through life's journey.

With best wishes -
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 5:

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

Sunday 12:

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Youth Group // 4pm - Cancelled



Notices from Fr Danny

Tax receipts and envelopes

Since parishioners were unable to pick up tax receipts and weekly envelopes due to the lockdown, I have been delivering them. You may have found them, together with the bulletin, in your letterbox.

I suspect that some of the addresses are out of date. So, if you have not received your receipt and envelopes, please let us know and we can update your details.

Thanks to all who are continuing to support the parish financially during the lockdown. The bills are still coming in. I have received lots of envelopes and, of course, the credit card payments arrive regularly. We have applied for Government assistance – the business grant and Jobsaver payments – however I have not heard yet whether we have been successful.



Confirmation Preparation

The first three sessions of the Confirmation preparation have now been completed. Thanks to the parents who attended and guided your children through the sessions and particular thanks to our sacramental team: Karen Lau, Chrissie Conti, Fr Richard, Marisa Squadrito, Brigid Vieira and Gina Bonaccorso. We completed the sessions by zoom and, if I must say, they were done very professionally.

And, let's remember the tireless work of Elsa, our parish secretary, who so very patiently guided us all through the process.

Now we have to wait for the government to give us permission to let us go ahead with the Confirmation Masses.

As soon as we hear, we will be in contact with all the parents. We will need to set the new dates. Then parents will need to book. Then we arrange rehearsals and, finally, please God we will have grace filled Confirmation Masses and about 140 of our children newly Confirmed and filled with God's Holy Spirit.

Father's Day

May God bless all the fathers of our parish. By their wisdom, generosity, strength and faithfulness our fathers give us the guidance we need to live well and to progress in the ways of true life.

Father's Day prayer

Lord, thank you for the gift of our fathers.

Thank you for their love and care
and for the direction they give to our lives.

They sacrifice themselves for us.

So we ask that you bless them abundantly this Father's Day,

Lord, With strength of mind and body;
and with peace of heart and mind.

One day may we all live together - one family - in our Eternal
Home with You.

Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

HAPPY 
Father's
Day

Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

George Malouf
Norman Merlino
Christine Bailey
Tom Graham
Tony Michael

Recently Deceased:

Luciano La Selva
Teresa Fonsdituri
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

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

Anniversaries:

Angella Gaetano
Fegelitto & Family
Francesco LaCava
Nunciata LaCava
Maria Iolanda Scenna
Domenico DeFrancesco
Graziella DeFrancesco
Christine Daujotis
Sean O'Bryan
Grace Cacuio
Mary Cardoso

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.



Child Protection Week

6 - 12 September 2021

Protecting children is everyone's responsibility



Parish Notices



The Life of St Padre Pio

What can we learn from the suffering of Padre Pio?
How can we apply this in the 21st Century?

THE UPPER ZOOM



Talk by Fr. Bernard Mary

Join us on the Feast of St Padre Pio, where Fr Bernard Mary will be reflecting on this great saint – his stigmata, his suffering, his incredible life – and teaching us how we can learn from Padre Pio for our own lives.

DON'T DO IT ALONE! The Upper Zoom is your reminder that you are not alone, and faith + ministry shouldn't be done alone.

Date: Thursday, 23 September

Time: 7:00PM – 8:30PM

[Register here](#) in advance for this meeting

Are you OK?

If you or someone you know is struggling, please get help! The government website below has a list compiled of services that can assist.

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/mentalhealth/services/Pages/support-contact-list.aspx>



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. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



Plenary Council Prayer Campaign

People across the country are invited to participate in the “Fan the Flame” prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia.



The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections, musical suggestions and multimedia content.

Find the resources at:

www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fantheffame/

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!

Evening with Mary - Birthday of the Blessed Virgin

“She is the flower of the field from whom bloomed the precious lily of the valley.” [St Augustine]

On the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary, join Sydney Catholic Youth and Life, Marriage and Family Office for an evening with Mary to pray the Rosary together on Zoom. Reflections will be lead by Fr Noel Custodio.



Date: Wednesday, 8 September

Time: 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm

[Register here](#) in advance for this meeting.

Children's corner

Everything Jesus does is good

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

Try to find these words:

amazed
begged
crowd
deaf
Decapolis
Effatha
fingers
good
hear
heaven
ten
tongue

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Is 35:4-7 A reading from the prophet Isaiah <i>Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.</i> Say to all faint hearts, ‘Courage! Do not be afraid. ‘Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.’ Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.</p> 	 <p>(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!</p> <p>1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)</p> <p>2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)</p> <p>3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion’s God, from age to age. (R.)</p>	<p>Jas 2:1-5 A reading from the letter of St James <i>Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?</i> My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, ‘Come this way to the best seats’; then you tell the poor man, ‘Stand over there’ or ‘You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.’ Can’t you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.</p>
	<p>Next Week’s Readings</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
	<p>24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Isaiah 50:5-9 2nd Reading: James 2:14-18 Gospel: Mark 8:27-35</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!</p>

Gospel

Mk 7:31-37
 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.
 Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man’s ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, ‘Ephphatha,’ that is, ‘Be opened.’ And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. ‘He has done all things well,’ they said ‘he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.’

Reflection by Greg Sunter

Strangely, this week’s gospel about the healing of a man who was deaf and dumb is less about healing than it is about Jesus being the Messiah. The theme is set up in the first reading when the prophet, Isaiah, describes the signs by which the coming of the Messiah will be recognised: the blind will see; the deaf will hear; the lame will leap; and the dumb will speak. When Jesus healed the man in the gospel story the crowd were admiring of what he had done. They even exclaimed, ‘he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.’ These words are a direct echo of the Isaiah text – they were recognising Jesus as fulfilling the prophecies of the promised Messiah.

However, the passage also demonstrates to us that Jesus was trying to show the people that he was not exactly the Messiah that many of them were anticipating. This healing story takes place in the region of The Decapolis – south-east of the Galilee region and populated mostly by Gentiles. By travelling in this area and working miraculous healings, Jesus is making the point that his mission is to all people, not just ‘the Chosen People’ of Israel. He commands the crowd who witnessed the healing to tell no one about it but, filled with the idea that Jesus was the Messiah they had been waiting for, they broadcast the news. Jesus wanted their silence because he knew that they did not fully understand the sort of Messiah that he was. Only when they understood that this Messiah must suffer and die would he have allowed them to speak of his deeds.



Sunday 5 September 2021
Mark 7:31-37
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

My name is _____

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

A deaf man who has difficulty speaking is brought to Jesus. Jesus lays his hand on the man, touching his ears and his tongue. The man's ears are opened and he can speak clearly!

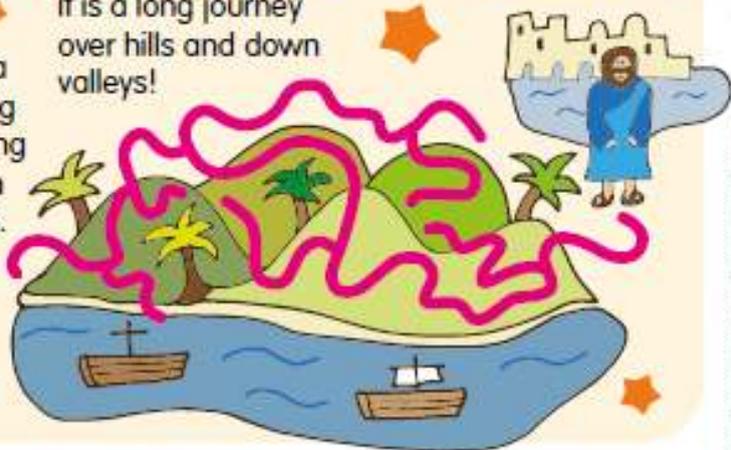
LISTEN AND HELP!

Maze

Jesus travelled a long way healing people and telling them how much God loved them.

Help Jesus make his way through Sidon to Lake Galilee.

It is a long journey over hills and down valleys!



Sign language

People who are deaf are often better listeners than those of us who can hear. They use sign language or lip-read and have to pay close attention to what is being signed or spoken.



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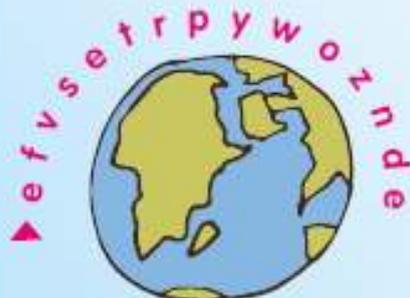


Y _ U

Perhaps you already know some sign language. Add the letters to see what these signs mean.

Who does God love?

Starting with e write down every 2nd letter.



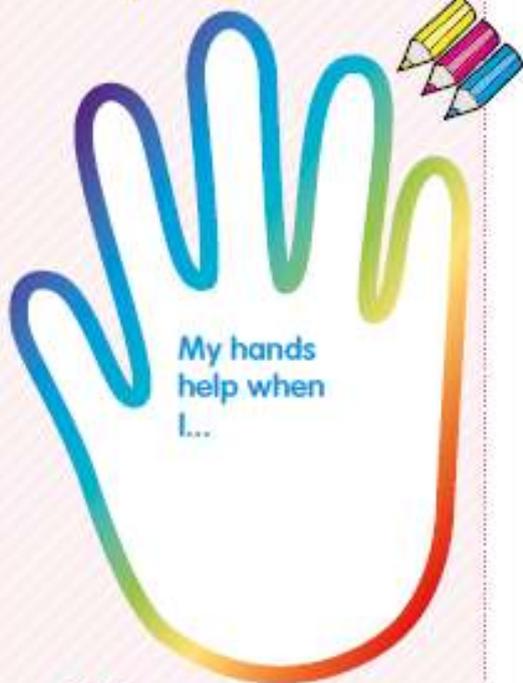
God does not have any favourites. God loves each one of us the same.

e _____



Make this face look happy with the good news!

Helping hands



My hands help when I...

Jesus touched the deaf man when he healed him. I can use my hands to help people too. Draw or write your ideas in this hand.

A PRAYER TO SAY

Open my ears, Jesus, and help me to hear your message of love. Help me to use my tongue to speak kindly to everyone I meet today.

Answers: Love, me you. Everyone