

All Hallows' Five Dock



31st Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | Sunday 31st October

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,

On the day Mother Teresa died a man said, "Today I'm proud to be a human being because Mother Teresa was one." First of November celebrates the feast of All Saints. The saints serve as our models in following Christ. They challenge us, perhaps even shame us, into living a Christian life. Like all saints, each of us has the capacity for goodness. St John of the Cross once said, 'In the evening of our lives we will be examined on love.' There is no higher vocation than to love.

The readings for this weekend instruct us in the commandment of love. Love – "of God and of neighbour" - is the fulfillment of the whole of the law. Devout Israelites were to keep all 613 commands found in the Torah - the first five books Bible (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers & Deuteronomy). Jesus says today that all these, and all the teachings of the prophets, can be summarized by two verses of this law: Love of God and love of neighbour.

The first of all commandments regards love for God, "You shall love the Lord, your God". To love GOD is not a commandment like the others, because the commandments show specific actions that we should undertake or avoid. For instance, you shall rest on the day of the Lord, or you shall not steal. When it comes to loving God there is no limit. In fact, love of God is not presented as a commandment in the New Testament, but as the fruit of the Spirit that God gives to his sons and daughters.

The commandment "love your neighbour as you love yourself" comes second, because it cannot be understood or fulfilled without love of God. There is no authentic love of neighbour without the love God. Generally, love of neighbour in Jewish tradition was restricted to fellow-Israelites. For Jesus, Love of neighbour meant everyone, Jews and gentile, enemies as well as friends. It meant concern for the needy, the outcast, and, above all, the sinner.

True love of neighbour springs from love of God and there can be no true love of God that does not express itself in love of neighbour. And so, failure to love is the greatest failure in a Christian. To be a saint is to be a witness to love.

With best wishes -
Fr Richard

Sacramental Life

Holy Mass:

Saturday: 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5pm

Monday - Friday: 8am

Reconciliation:

Saturday:
8:30am-9am / 4:45pm - 5:15pm
Or any time by appointment.

Sick Calls:

Any time - day/night.

This Week:

Sunday 31:

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Youth Group // Cancelled

Sunday 7:

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Youth Group // Cancelled

Baptisms:

Every Saturday and Sunday.

Weddings:

Contact the parish office



Notices from Fr Danny

Baptisms

When a person is baptised, it is perhaps the greatest day in their lives. For they receive the Spirit of God, who raised up Jesus from death and, so, they are united with God and given the hope of eternal life. However, it is not just a celebration for the individual. We parishioners at All Hallows also share in God's Holy Spirit, so the newly baptised joins the parish community. So it is also a parish event and a parish celebration. We welcome them, will support them, will pray for them and, please God, we will all share eternal life together. To reflect this communal dimension, you will notice the rite of welcoming of babies at a baptism is celebrated during the Mass, so we can all welcome the babies and their parents. Some time afterwards, the baptism then occurs.

All Saints Day / All Souls Day

Monday is our feast day. Mass is at 8am. There is a liturgy for the school at 12pm and Mass will also be celebrated at 7pm. A kind parishioner has donated flowers so that we can beautify our Church and celebrate our feast day more worthily. On All Souls Day, Mass will be at 8am and, also, at 7pm at night.

Confirmations

Confirmations will be celebrated next week. Due to COVID restrictions, and having nearly 150 children in the program, we will have five ceremonies over the weekend: Friday at 6pm; Saturday at 12pm and 2.30pm and Sunday at 12pm and 2.30pm. Normal Mass times will stay the same, as will times for Confession. Particular thanks to all in the Sacramental Team who have worked very hard under lockdown and amidst much uncertainty to ensure that the Confirmations do go ahead this year.



All Hallows Advent groups - 28th November - 17th December



This year has been a rollercoaster of emotions and challenges, especially in light of recent lockdowns. As we hopefully ease back into the routines of our lives from the advent of lockdown, may we see how our re-emergence into new life mirrors the Advent season as we await the birth of the Saviour.

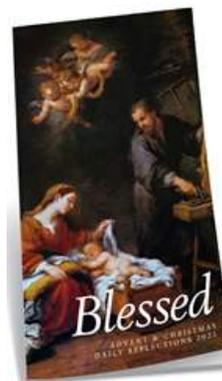
As we countdown the days to Christmas during these difficult times, we pray that by meditating on God's Word in these daily Advent and Christmas reflections, you may be graced with moments of silence to ponder in your heart (cf. Lk 2:19) the many "blessings" in your life—inspiring you in your call to "blessedness" (that is, "holiness") where true happiness is gained (cf. Pope Francis, *Gaudete et exultate*, 64).

All Hallows' parish invites you to join in and participate in one of the Advent Groups which will be meeting during this liturgical period. Please consider being a Leader of a group or participating in a group, once Leaders have volunteered. Groups will meet weekly during Advent between 28 Nov and 17 Dec.

You will find Sheets in the Gathering Space to register your name, either as Leader of a Group or as a Participant. Please ensure you add your contact details.

Further enquiries: Ann Kerley E: amkerleystuart@gmail.com or P: 0408 720 461

Participants will receive 'Blessed', a 92-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (28 November 2021) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January 2022). *Blessed* features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters such as Murillo, Botticelli and Reni with enlightening "Artwork Spotlight" reflections written by the popular Monsignor Graham Schmitzer.



Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Joseph Cacnio
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:

Robert Musumeci
Peter Morkos
Jill Prentice
Esmae Salmon
Antonio Ranea
Angela Remollino
Luciano La Selva
Teresa Fonsdituri
Gina Pinto
Giuseppa Mauro

Anniversaries:

Margaret Hume
Carolino Coruso
Loretto Kerley
Robert "Charlie" Stuart

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



Eucharistic Exposition / Adoration

Please join us for Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration including Divine Mercy Chaplet, Reconciliation and Benediction.



When : **Wednesdays between 3pm to 4pm**

Where: **All Hallows' Church.**

All Welcome!

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist Roster

Please note that a new roster is available in the gathering space of the Church.

Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to help run the piety store before and after the weekend masses. If you are able to help, please contact the parish office.



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.



Baptisms

We welcome



**Alexa Goldie Hamilton
Willow Betty High
Louie Thomas High
Violet Antonia Velovski
Mattia Andolfo**

who are being baptised into our parish community of All Hallows' this weekend.

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults)

Dear Parents and Teachers,

Do you know any ADULTS who would like to become Catholic, or any ADULT who would like to be received into the Catholic Church or to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church?

- An adult who has never been baptised.
- An adult who was baptised in another 'Christian church' and wants to become Catholic.
- A baptised Catholic (adult) who has not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Anyone 16 years and over is welcome to prepare for the reception of the sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil (early next Year).

The course will commence in November!

For enquiries, please contact the parish office ASAP.

Ph: 9713 7960 **or** Email: parishallhallows@gmail.com

Regards,
Fr Richard

Children's Corner

Love the Lord your God. Love your neighbour

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

Try to find these words:

arguing
commandment
first
Godheart
important
Israellaw
love
Mosessecond
teachers

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Dt 6:2-6 A reading from the book of Deuteronomy <i>Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.</i> Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow. 'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'</p> 	<p>(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.</p> <p>1. I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.</p> <p>The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)</p> <p>2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be to the God that saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown love for his anointed. (R.)</p> 	<p>Heb 7:23-28 A reading from the letter to the Hebrews <i>This one, because he remains forever, has an eternal priesthood.</i> There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains forever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living forever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect forever.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p> <p>32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: 1 Kg 17:10-16 2nd Reading: Heb 9:24-28 Gospel: Mark 12:38-44</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!</p>

Gospel

Mk 12:28-34
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.
One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord you God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

Reflection by Dianne Bergant

Israel was called by God. To what was Israel called? To what were the crowds who followed Jesus called? To what are we called? To a covenant relationship with the Lord who is God, the one who is Lord alone. We have been invited into an intimate personal relationship with the creator of the universe, the one who plays with black holes and white dwarfs and at the same time with infinite interest has numbered the very hairs on our head (cf. Matt 10:30). We have heard this so often that it may have become commonplace. The marvel of it may escape our attention, because it has become just a part of our religious language. It is well that once in a while we are shaken to our senses, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord is your God, the Lord alone!'

It is not marvel enough that this mysterious God has created us; we have also been redeemed. As victim-priest Jesus has offered himself on our behalf. He is the sacrifice that sealed the covenant; his blood was the expiation for our sins; he is our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, our shield, our stronghold. Only one thing is asked of us in return: that we open ourselves to him and cling to the covenant, that we proclaim with all our hearts 'The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!' We are to love with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength; we are to love God and to love others.



Sunday 31 October 2021
 Mark 12:28-34
 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
 (Scotland, Ireland)

IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus says that love is the answer. We must love God with our heart, soul and strength and love other people as much as we love ourselves. We can't have one without the others – love is at the heart of everything!

My name is _____

LOVE IS THE ANSWER!

How do we show our love for God?

- By saying our **p** ___ **y** ___ (sarre)
- By being ___ **n** ___ to others (dki)
- By saying ___ **r** ___ when we do wrong (yosr)
- By going to ___ **h** ___ (rcuch)

Following God's commandments

If we love God and love other people we are doing everything that God asks. How are you going to love God this week? (Remember, if you love God you will love everyone God made, and if you love others you will be loving God.)

Draw or write your ideas in the heart.

To do at home

You will need:



- Scissors
- Felt tip
- Card

To make:

1. Cut out a circle (someone kind will help you). Write **God** on one side, and **Others** on the other side.
2. Toss it up, to see which way it lands. It's like two sides of a coin.

THINK: If you love God you will be kind to others, and if you are kind to others you are loving God!

Love our neighbour

Fill in the crossword to find out ways that we can love our neighbour.



Jesus told us to love our neighbours as ourselves.

Across:

1. If our neighbour is late and we are in a hurry, we can show love by being this way
3. When we give others some of our things
6. When someone is talking, we love them if we give them our full attention

Down:

1. We show love by speaking to God about someone
2. When someone helps us, we should say this to them
4. We show love to others by wrapping our arms around them
5. If someone does something bad to us, we love them by telling them that we F _____ them

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, thank you for loving me so much. Please help me to love you with all my heart and to love other people, just as much as you did. Amen.