

All Hallows' Five Dock



32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year B | Sunday 7th November

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,

We celebrate Confirmations this weekend, one Mass on Friday evening, two on Saturday and two on Sunday. One hundred and forty three children will receive an outpouring of God's Holy Spirit, which will change them forever. Deep within their hearts, the Holy Spirit will establish Herself and, in Her wake, bring many gifts and fruit. So it is that, at Confirmation, the children take new names.

I will try to encourage the children to open up to receive God's Spirit – which is the love of God – and to care for the gifts they receive. God gives us His gifts for a purpose. So that, as individuals, we grow into mature, loving, responsible adults – good Christians and leaders of our community. We have vocations to live out – to be loving spouses and parents; or generous, wise and active single people; or holy and humble religious. We need all the gifts God gives us to do this and for all of us to build up our parish of All Hallows.

Our culture pushes selfishness. We are made to feel that we have to be wealthy or beautiful or successful and that pleasure is what life is all about. So people become increasingly unhappy and neurotic searching selfishly after many external things, but inside they are empty. God's gifts fill our hearts with peace and joy; then they call us to generous, outward going love. God calls us to serve others happily, to give like the widows in the first reading and Gospel today. In giving we receive.

The Gospel message is very counter cultural and I fear that many of the children Confirmed today may not understand or appreciate the life God is offering us. So, please do pray for them. The more they live in the Spirit, the happier they and all of us will be.

With best wishes -
Fr Danny.



Sacramental Life

Holy Mass:

Saturday: 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5pm

Monday - Friday: 8am

Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration:

Wednesday: 3pm

Reconciliation:

Saturday:

8:30am-9am / 4:45pm - 5:15pm

Or any time by appointment.

Sick Calls:

Any time - day/night.

This Week:

Sunday 7:

Corpus Christi Sunday

Youth Group // 4pm - Cancelled

Sunday 14:

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Youth Group // 4pm - Cancelled

Baptisms:

Every Saturday and Sunday.

Weddings:

Contact the parish office.



Notices from Fr Danny

Holy Communion Classes

Classes for children preparing to receive their first Holy Communion will commence this weekend. There will be four classes and the first Holy Communion Masses will be on the first weekend of December. Thankfully, by then, we will not need to wear masks in Church, we will be able to have double the spacing and the congregation will be allowed to sing.



Welcome to parents of those to be baptised



At Masses this weekend, we welcome John and Anna-Maria Casserta, John and Melissa Hanna, Daniel and Stefani Gaudiello and Derek and Mairead O'Conner. Their babies will be baptised soon here at All Hallows. This Sunday we welcome them in the Rite of Welcoming and commit to maintain a good, Christian parish to nourish their babies in their journeys of faith.

Saturday, 27 November: A morning for reflection and healing

The parish has been through a tumultuous time and I think it is good for those who would like to come together to reflect on what has happened and, hopefully, experience some healing. Would you please set aside Saturday morning on 27 November, starting 9.30am, if you would like to be involved? There will be prayer and conversation, following a spiritual conversation method that was used recently at the Church Plenary. We will gather in the hall for the reflection and finish with a Mass of Reconciliation in the Church. Sr Jo Brady, who facilitated Plenary meetings, and Sandy Lynch of our parish will facilitate.



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

The Holy Fathers' Pray Intention for November

Every month Pope Francis entrusts his Worldwide Prayer Network with prayer intentions that express his great concerns for humanity and for the mission of the Church. His monthly prayer intention is a global summons to transform our prayers into "concrete actions"; it is a compass for a mission of compassion for the world.

November Universal intention - People who suffer from depression.

We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.



Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Silvana La Selva
Joseph Cacnio
George Malouf
Norman Merlino
Christine Bailey
Tom Graham
Tony Michael

Recently Deceased:

Thea Bettridge
John Cammareri
Giuseppe Princi
Michael Koprivnjak
Teresa Benitez
Myriam Estevez Da Silva
Robert Musumeci
Peter Morkos
Jill Prentice
Esmae Salmon
Antonio Ranea
Angela Remollino
Luciano La Selva
Teresa Fonsdituri

Anniversaries:

Rosa Ilaqua
Lucia Benfatto
Vincenzo Benfatto

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



Advent books are available in the Church

To prepare for Christmas we have some Advent Reflection books available for parishioners to take. The book is called "Blessed" and from the Diocese of Wollongong. The book contains daily reflections and features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters such as Murillo, Botticelli and Reni. Please feel free to take one. They will be in the Church gathering space.

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!



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.



Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal 2021

This weekend marks the start of the **Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal**. Your generosity donations support our sick and retired priests, providing them with appropriate accommodation and assistance with transition into retirement, medical and dental care, pastoral and other practical support – to give them a life of relative comfort and dignity in retirement.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION



To donate visit www.ourfaithhourworks.org/prf or scan the QR Code.

Sydney Archdiocese WYD Local Celebration

Join Sydney Catholic Youth for the biggest youth event since Sydney's lockdown in June 2021! On the 21st of November from 6:00pm to 7:15pm we will be having a local celebration of World Youth Day on the Feast of Christ the King.

We are inviting all young people in our Archdiocese to gather together for a Mass at St Mary's Cathedral celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher. So if you are a youth leader, please bring along your young people! Or if you know any young adults or young people, please encourage them to come along!

The evening will include:

- 6:00pm - Mass at St Mary's Cathedral with Archbishop Anthony Fisher**
- 7:15pm - Dinner to be given out to all participants outside St Mary's Cathedral College Hall**

THERE ARE ONLY 100 SPOTS AVAILABLE SO PLEASE REGISTER ASAP.

Registration is essential.

Please register for the event no later than 10/11/21.

Register via this link:

<https://forms.gle/7NPGutbjvBrxNken9>

Children's corner

Show your generosity and faith

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

Try to find these words:

- coins
- gave
- money
- more
- offering
- pennies
- people
- poor
- rich
- sitting
- temple
- widow

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>1 Kgs 17:10-16 A reading from the first book of the Kings <i>The widow made a little scone from her flour meal and brought it to Elijah.</i> Elijah the Prophet went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks; addressing her he said, 'Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.' She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. 'Please' he said, 'bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.' 'As the Lord your God lives', she replied, 'I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.' But Elijah said to her, 'Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: "Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth." The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.</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 bowed down. It is 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> <div data-bbox="678 694 885 929" data-label="Image"> </div>	<p>Heb 9:24-28 A reading from the letter to the Hebrews <i>Christ offered himself only once to take the faults of many on himself.</i> It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him.</p>
<p>Next Week's Readings</p>		<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
<p>33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Daniel 12:1-3 2nd Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 Gospel: Mark 13:24-32</p>		<p>Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Alleluia!</p>

Gospel

Mk 12:41-44
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
This poor widow has put more in than all who contributed.
Jesus sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny. Then he called to his disciples and said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, this poor widow has put more in than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have all put in money they had over, but she from the little she had has put in everything she possessed, all she had to live on.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

We would normally hear or read the second half of this week's gospel as a stand alone example of generosity and faith – often without the section that immediately precedes it. Whilst the actions of the widow are certainly worthy of comment, when we read it in the context of the condemnation that immediately precedes it, the widow's offering is placed in a different light. Jesus condemns the scribes who parade their wealth and seek trappings of earthly power and glory: being recognised and greeted as they walk the streets; taking the front seats in synagogue; and expecting to be seated in the place of honour at banquets. Whilst parading their wealth and feasting at banquets, they are also swallowing up the property of widows – taking advantage of those in need.

We often hear widows and orphans named in the scriptures as those in need. Widows and orphans (and strangers in the land) are marked out for special attention in the Torah. They are named as deserving of special care – the lost and broken of society. So despite holding a special place in Jewish Law and tradition, the widows are being taken advantage of by the scribes, who are taking over their property for their own gain. One of the duties of the scribes was to administer the proper payment of Temple taxes. The treasury referred to in the passage is the Temple treasury. Rather than a great act of generosity, we can now see the widow's payment of Temple tax as a burdensome, heart-wrenching obligation to pay the very last coins she had to a corrupt, uncaring system. We usually read praise into Jesus' comments about the widow's offering, but it can also be read as moral outrage at the system that demands this woman pay all that she possesses to the Temple.



Sunday 7 November 2021
Mark 12:38-44
32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



My name is _____

BE GENEROUS!

Who will give to charity?

Follow the tracks to find out whether the rich man or the poor widow is going to give money to charity today.



How much money?

The rich man has dropped his bag of money! Some coins have rolled away around the page. Count them and write the number in the box.



I can share

We can be generous to people in many ways.

Draw yourself sharing your sweets with a friend.



IN THE GOSPEL TODAY

Jesus warns us against putting on a show and thinking we look good while really being mean and nasty. We are living as God asks when we are generous and we trust God, like the poor widow who gives all she has to the Temple.



Follow God's law

Jacob's mum is very busy. Jacob wants to help. Circle the ways that he can be very generous with his time and help his mum.



Put the shopping away

Tidying up

Stay on the laptop

Make his bed

Watch TV

Washing up

A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, please help me not to care too much about what people think of me. Help me to care more about how loving and generous I am, so that I grow to be like you. Amen.

Answers: Ten coins - fifteen including the ones on the puzzle!