

# All Hallows' Five Dock



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C | Sunday 13th February 2022

## 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,

Two friends were talking about their life experiences. One of them said: "It is very hard to trust God and to realize that His hand is still leading us in the dark phases of our life!" "Well," said the other, "if you cannot trust a person out of sight, then he/she is not worth much! And if you cannot trust God in the dark, it simply shows... you don't trust Him at all!"

Jesus, just like Jeremiah, describes for us a choice between two types of trust: firstly, a genuine trust in God and secondly, a trust in the good things of God that the devil can often manipulate to draw our hearts away from God.

Jesus' sermon is very clear. In terms of what's most important, worldly blessings like riches, food, laughter and praise can be spiritual woes and curses. On the other hand, worldly woes like poverty, famine, tears and rejection can become spiritual blessings. It's a sad truth that the more one is filled with human blessings, the easier it is to push God to the side, to think that one doesn't need God.

We're being presented with the choice between two paths. It's the choice between putting our trust fully in God or placing it somewhere else. We might think it's a choice between poverty and wealth, between hunger and sumptuous foods, between laughter and tears, between friends and enemies. But that's not what it's really about. It's really a choice between streams of living water or deserts, between beatitudes and woes, between life and death.

In both good times and in the dark phases of our lives, may we always choose the streams of living water; the beatitudes and life that God gives us through Jesus Christ. The real question each of us needs to face is: whether our values are like Jesus' or like those of the world.

With best wishes -  
Fr Richard.



## Sacramental Life

**Holy Mass:**

**Saturday:** 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

**Sunday:** 8.30am, 10am and 5pm

**Monday - Friday:** 8am

**Wednesday:** Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration - 3pm

**Reconciliation:**

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

**Sick Calls:**

Any time - day/night.

**Baptisms:**

Every Sunday.

**Weddings:**

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



## Lenten Groups



The penitential season of Lent, beginning on Ash Wednesday, 2 March 2022, leads us into the greatest season of the year- Easter when we recall through the liturgy, Jesus' passion, death and resurrection. By the practice of prayer, fasting and almsgiving during Lent we grow in faith and become spiritually stronger.

This year the Lenten program will be running again and you are invited to join one of the groups that will be meeting at various times each week.

We will be using the Remember Lenten Program book which contains Sunday Scripture readings, reflections, prayers and discussion points. This year Fr Antony Jukes OFM from the Franciscan Friary in Killarney, Ireland, breaks open the Sunday Gospels and Mother Hilda Scott OSB (abbess at the Benedictine Abbey in Jamberoo NSW) is back by popular demand to provide spiritual direction based on the Sunday Scripture readings. Remember also features beautiful, full colour religious artworks from Botticelli, Titian, Tissot, etc with a commentary on each by Monsignor Graham Schmitzer.

**To register for a day and time suitable for you, please add your name and contact details to the relevant sheet which you will find in the gathering space.**

Enquires: Ann Kerley: 0408 720 461

## Liturgy Office



The Liturgy Office is planning to resume delivering training / formation courses for Readers, Acolytes and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. At this stage they are trying to develop a plan that would meet the needs of the parishes of the Archdiocese as much as possible.

To help the Liturgy Office with their planning, they have asked that we let them know if any parishioners would be interested in going to any of these courses. If you are interested in attending any of these training courses, please contact the Parish Office.

## Become a Catechist or Helper in 2022

Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools. Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2022. Starting off as a helper, you'll receive easy step-by-step lessons and hand out activity books in primary schools.



Find out more about the work catechists do here, whether at primary or secondary level:  
<https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/>

"Being a catechist is the most spiritually fulfilling thing I've done"- Rose.

Please speak with Fr Danny / Fr Richard or contact the parish office if you are interested in volunteering.

## Mini Vinnies Formation Program

The Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) for students in Years 4 – 6 is available for those who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. The Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) will nurture students, who undertake the program, to be a light in the world, inspired by the spirit of Blessed Frederic Ozanam and Gospel values. For more information please visit <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>

**Please remember in your Prayers:**

**Sick:**

Silvana La Selva  
Joseph Cacnio  
George Malouf  
Norman Merlino

**Recently Deceased:**

Maria Tritico  
Maria Di Giacomo  
Rosa Gullotta  
Mary Davis  
Leon Zander Barnfield  
Antonio Merlino  
Pina Scibilia  
Bartolo Sidoti  
Alice Tam

**Anniversaries:**

Mary O'Dwyer  
Noel Loughman  
Robert McTavish  
Gloria Randazzo  
Teresa O'Donnell  
Domenico Triulcio  
Dominichi Triulcio  
Veronica Roche

**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



ENROLLING NOW FOR 2024



**DOMREMY COLLEGE**

**OPEN DAY**

Sunday 6 March  
11am-3pm



domremy.catholic.edu.au



## Catholic Retirement Living

**Are you looking to retire and retain your faith at the same time?**

Why not join Monsignor John Peoples Catholic Retirement Village at All Hallows Parish, Five Dock. Offering all the security and peace of mind retirement living provided in a pastorally rich Catholic Community. A low maintenance, carefree lifestyle awaits you in an established community where neighbours soon become friends.

**SPECIAL NEW YEAR OFFER - \$200,000**

We have two 1-bedroom units which are vacant NOW!

You can secure one of these units with a \$10,000 deposit – FULL PRICE \$200,000, on a Loan / Licence basis and a 50% Retention.

Contact ROBERT O'SHEA to arrange an inspection.

Phone 0414 611 158 or

Email: Robert@osheamanagement.com.au.



## Baptisms

We welcome



**Alessia Maria Di Pasqua**

who is being baptised into our parish  
Community of All Hallows' this weekend.

## Taize Retreat

**The Gift of Joy! A Retreat in the Spirit of Taizé.**

**PRESENTER:** Brother Matthew (Taizé community, France)

Rest, pray and reflect in community with the songs and prayers from Taizé in the season of Lent. Workshops, group sharing and personal reflection time will be a part of this retreat. All welcome, with a special invitation to those aged 18-35.

Accommodation, meals and retreat program included in the cost. Discounted rates apply to those aged 18-35 for shared room or BYO tent accommodation.

**WHEN:** Mar 11-13, 2022 , 6pm (Fri) - 12:30 pm (Sun)

**WHERE:** Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, 247 St Andrews Road, Varroville, NSW

**COST:**

**Retreat Centre accommodation**

- Triple plus (3 or more guests) and bathroom: \$200
- Shared room (2 guests) and bathroom: \$270
- Own room with ensuite: \$300

**Camping**

- (BYO tent): \$140

**Day rates**

- \$55 (lunch or dinner)
- \$70 (lunch and dinner)

Register and pay at: [www.mtcarmel.com.au](http://www.mtcarmel.com.au)



## Children's Corner

Happy are the poor, God's kingdom belongs to you

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

Try to find these words:

cities  
cruel  
crying  
eat  
flat  
hungry  
insult  
joy  
laugh  
mountain  
poor  
reward

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p><b>Jer 17:5-8</b> A reading from the prophet Jeremiah <b>A curse on those who trust in humanity; a blessing on those who trust in the Lord.</b> The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited. 'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'</p> 	<p><b>(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.</b></p> <p>1. Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)</p> <p>2. He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)</p> <p>3. Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)</p>	<p><b>1 Cor 15:12, 16-20</b> A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians <b>If Christ is not raised from the dead, your faith is in vain.</b> If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people. But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.</p> 
	<p><b>Next Week's Readings</b></p> <p><b>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> <b>1st Reading:</b> 1 Sam 26:2,7-9, 12-13, 22-23 <b>2nd Reading:</b> 1 Cor 15:45-49 <b>Gospel:</b> Lk 6:27-38</p>	<p><b>Gospel Acclamation</b></p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven. Alleluia!</p>

## Gospel

<p><b>Lk 6:17. 20-26</b> A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke. <b>Happy are the poor. Woe to the rich!</b> Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said: 'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God. Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied. Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh. 'Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets. 'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now. Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry. Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep. 'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'</p> 
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## Reflection by Greg Sunter

We are perhaps more familiar with the Beatitudes from the Gospel of Matthew in which the kingdom of heaven is promised to those who are 'blessed' because of their afflictions. Rather than the Sermon on the Mount from the Gospel of Matthew, the Gospel of Luke presents the same event and teaching as the sermon on the plain as it occurs on 'a piece of level ground'. This version may appear a little more confronting than the Matthew version. Rather than the afflicted being 'blessed', they are to be 'happy'. It seems odd that anybody should be happy to be poor, hungry, mourning or reviled and we would certainly regard these as states of sadness and difficulty; not times for rejoicing at our good fortune! However, this gospel in particular frequently reminds us that God does not think, feel and behave as we might expect. God's actions are frequently contrary to the expectations of society. The Gospel of Luke makes it plain that the reign of God will upend the structures of society. The lowly will be raised and the mighty will be brought low. It is in this context that the poor, the hungry and the outcast are regarded as happy. Their happiness comes from the reassurance that although they are rejected and dismissed by society, they are indeed the most favoured of God. Whatever the world dishes up to such as these, they can rejoice in the knowledge that in the reign of God their fortunes will be reversed and they will be favoured. However, just as the fortunes of the poor and afflicted will be reversed for the better, those who are rich, well fed, happy and well regarded will also have their fortunes reversed. Alas to them! Their comfort and joy leaves no room for the generosity of God!



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In the  
**GOSPEL TODAY**

**Be happy!**

Jesus wants us all to be happy.  
 Can you draw a picture of you  
 when you are happy?



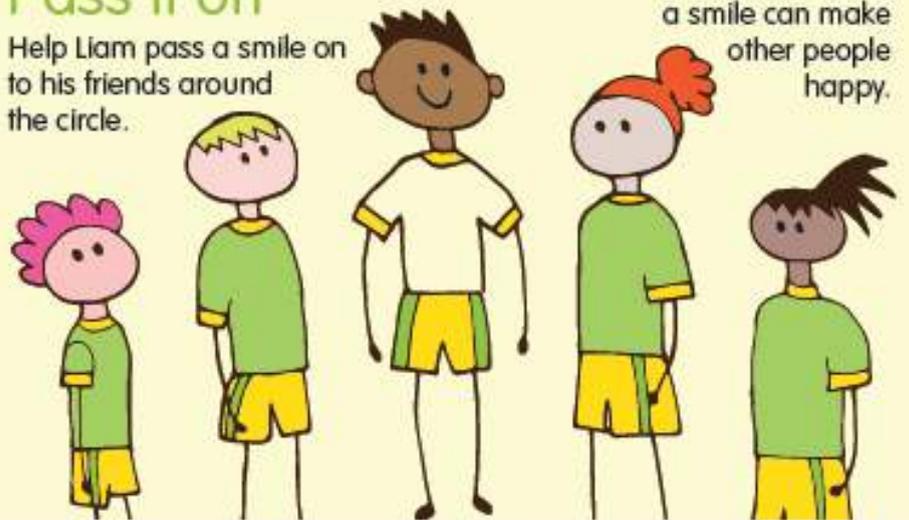
What makes you happy?

People have come from far and wide to be healed by Jesus and hear him speak. Jesus surprises everyone when he explains which people are blessed by God and will be really happy. Anyone who trusts God and puts love first will be truly happy.

**Pass it on**

Help Liam pass a smile on  
 to his friends around  
 the circle.

Sometimes sharing  
 a smile can make  
 other people  
 happy.



**Follow Jesus**

People come from very far away to see Jesus.  
 Where have these followers come from to see Jesus?



My name  
 is Manuel  
 and I  
 come from  
 S\_\_\_\_\_  
 (ANPI)



My name  
 is Karine  
 and I  
 come from  
 -RA\_\_\_\_\_  
 (CNFE)



My name  
 is Giovanni  
 and I  
 come from  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (IAYTL)



My name  
 is Sinead  
 and I come  
 from  
 \_\_\_\_LAND  
 (EIR)

And what about you? Fill in the sentence below using your own name and where you come from:

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ and I come from \_\_\_\_\_. I am a follower of Jesus!

**A PRAYER TO SAY**

Thank you, Jesus, for all the  
 good things in my life and for  
 all the happiness that I enjoy.  
 Please help me to share  
 with anyone who is not as  
 blessed as I am. Amen.

**Can you help?**

Help these  
 people find what  
 they need so  
 that they can be  
 happy again.



An swers: Spain, France, Italy, Ireland.