

All Hallows' Five Dock



7th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C | Sunday 20th 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 Bishop Danny

Dear Parishioners,

Today's Gospel is one of the great "purple" patches in all the Scriptures, I think. We would do very well to learn it off by heart and to examine our consciences regularly by reference to it.

Essentially, Jesus calls us to be like God. We are created in the image of God, so let us become like God. Of course, it's demanding – but why not seek to fulfill our greatest potential? So, Jesus says, be compassionate, as our Father is compassionate. Give – and there will be a full measure for us. Love even your enemies – for our enemies are loved by God. Turn the other cheek. Forgive – seventy times seven times. Do not judge. Do not condemn.

Judging, condemning, hurtful gossiping, remembering past hurt and brooding over them only creates poison in our own hearts. The more we do it, the more the poison spreads until we become habitually negative people, tending to depression. The Spirit of God, peace and joy, cannot live in a heart given over to darkness like this!

So read and read again this passage and let's put it into practice. Let's be like God.

As a start, may I suggest that we think of those who have hurt us by their actions and words. Rather than let bitterness dwell in our hearts, think deliberately of them and, each day until the bitterness is spent, pray generously for them – generously for them. "Do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you." In this way we win a great victory. We dispel the evil One and open our hearts to the abundant graces of God.

With best wishes -
Bishop Danny.

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



Notices from Bishop Danny

We had a meeting of the Catechists this Thursday and we will begin teaching in the public schools of the parish soon. This is one of the great works of the Church and I am sure that Catechists go straight to Heaven! Teaching children something of Jesus, Heaven, the goodness and meaning of life is surely one of the greatest things a Christian can do, especially when we are allowed only half an hour a week to do so. God bless our catechists!



We also had a meeting of the Sacramental Team this week. First reconciliation will be celebrated in term two; Confirmation in term three; First Holy Communion in term four. We are concerned about families not coming to Mass – yet their children engaging in these “sacraments of initiation”. So, we will endeavour to make the programs as family-friendly and enjoyable as possible, while also asking families to really engage in our parish community while the programs are going on.

You will have heard that attempts to pass a law protecting religious freedom were rejected last week in Parliament. The Prime Minister attempted, but was rebuffed by Labor and some Liberals. We don't want to force our beliefs on anyone, but we do believe in right and wrong, good and bad and that Jesus has revealed to us the way to Eternal Life. So, we do reject what we believe to be wrong and choose what we believe to be right. We should be able to hold onto our beliefs and practise them privately and publicly without fear of being sued and driven underground. This goes for us, for Buddhists, the Jews, the Muslims and all religions. This is what religious freedom is about. It is very telling that Parliament has rejected this. It is as if they fear being judged by a Being greater than themselves.

Finally, may I welcome our Kindies and their families to Mass this Sunday? I pray that over the course of the years to come, all of you grow in knowledge, wisdom and love. God wants us to grow in all ways until we reach the utter maturity of God Himself.



Ash Wednesday Masses - 2nd March



Please note that the Ash Wednesday masses will be held at 8am, 9am with the children from All Hallows Catholic Primary school and at 7pm.

Lenten Groups

The **2022 Lenten Program**, entitled: '*Come Back to Me*' is part of All Hallows' parish's broad plan aimed at refreshing and renewing faith through learning experiences that deepen, expand and make explicit our relationship with God.

Lent is the 40 day season of preparation for Easter. We are encouraged to look at this period of Lent as a journey, to turn away from our worldly distractions and to use this time for inner reflection .

Christian life is about ongoing change, transformation and conversion; God has called us to be holy, to be our best selves. The adult faith formation initiative in the parish, beginning with the Lenten Program, is one of the key ways we can make real this ongoing conversion and infuse a deeper relationship with Christ and thus with those who come into our everyday lives at home, in our neighbourhood, at work etc.

If you would like to join a Lenten group, please add your name and contact details to one of the sheets in the Gathering Space of the Church.

Each sheet contains a Leader's Name, as well as the time, day and place of the meeting. Meetings will be held during the day and evenings of the week. The booklet will be available when you attend the first meeting.

Enquiries: Ann Kerley: 0408 720 461



Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Phillip Nolan
Silvana La Selva
Joseph Cacnio
George Malouf
Norman Merlino

Recently Deceased:

Gabrielle Rowe
Maureen Phillips
Giuseppa Proietto
Giovanni De Romanis
Pantaleone Mammarella
Maria Di Giacomo
Rosa Gullotta
Mary Davis
Leon Zander Barnfield
Antonio Merlino
Pina Scibilia
Bartolo Sidoti
Alice Tam

Anniversaries:

Andy Wright
Veronica Roche
Onofrio Casamento
Martin O'Donnell
Giovanni Fonti
Giuseppa Fonti
Vito Messina
Nicola Rando
Rosa, Giuseppe &
Rocco Beneforte

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



All Hallows Catholic Primary School Open Day

For Prospective Kinder – Year 6 2023 Enrolments



Session 1:
Wednesday 23 February
Commencing 6 pm and concluding 7 pm

Session 2:
Saturday 26 February
Commencing 9 am and concluding 10 am

[Register your interest in enrolling your child in 2023 here](#)

[View a virtual tour of All Hallows Catholic Primary School here](#)

Mission Opportunities Overseas - Palms Australia



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<https://palms.org.au/event/zoom-information-session/> at
5.30pm AEDT on Thursday 17 March, attend and engage with
a panel of Palms most experienced Program Participants.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Roster

The new roster for the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion is now available in the gathering space.

ENROLLING YEAR 7 2024 - Applications close 8 April 2022



OPEN DAY

Sunday 6 March 2022
11am - 3pm



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Baptisms

We welcome



Giordano Pasquale Arduca
Oliver Patrick Voysey
Alisa Chole Madile

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

All Hallows Parish Library

Seeking donations of pre-loved spiritual / devotional books for the All Hallows Parish library.



We are aiming to build up a parish community library of spiritual / religious / devotional books in English, Italian or any other non-English language for parishioners to borrow. We currently only have a small number of books as some that were lent last year, have yet to be returned.

Spiritual reading is vitally important for the welfare of our souls, particularly while COVID - 19 restrictions are constantly threatened. Modern authors like Jacques Philippe, Scott Hahn, Pope Francis, Pope Benedict, Romano Click here for a virtual tour of All Hallows Catholic Primary School Five Dock Virtual Tour Giardini, to name just a few, can improve our knowledge, deepen our relationship with God, lead us to know the saints in heaven, and provide ideas on how bring loved ones back to the church.

Please leave your book donations in the bookcase located on the left-hand side of the Gathering Space. If you want your book returned at some point, please write your name inside the front cover.

Books can be borrowed by leaving your name and contact details in the Notebook in the bookcase; please return borrowed books within two weeks.

Further enquiries: Ann Kerley: 0408 720 461



Children's Corner

Love your enemies

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

Try to find these words:

cheek
enemies
forgive
hard
judge
lend
love
money
pity
praise
reward
shirt

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23 A reading from the first book of Samuel. The Lord has put you in my power, but I will not raise my hand against you. Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'</p>	<p>(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.) 2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.) 3. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R.) 4. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.) 	<p>1 Cor 15:45-49 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians. Just as we have carried the earthly image, we must carry the heavenly image. The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.</p> 
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
	<p>8th Sunday in Ordinary Time 1st Reading: Sirach 27:4-7 2nd Reading: 1 Cor 15:54-58 Gospel: Lk 6:39-45</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!</p>

Gospel

Lk 6:27-38
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Be merciful as your Father is merciful.
Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus challenges us to unlearn the language of the world and to learn a language which is counter-cultural, paradoxical, perplexing, such as: 'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you' etc, etc. Are such attitudes and actions possible? Our Lord is the best model. Jesus is the Word of God in human history. Jesus is the language of Heaven spoken in a human life. We have to read the Gospels and then imitate His dialect. Otherwise we might merely mutter to ourselves which would end up being eternally Hellish. When we become aware of our language malpractice, i.e., sinning, and if we become really tongue-tied, i.e., seriously sinning, we can come to the Sacrament of Confession and emerge articulate and conversant with Christ again. We can talk with Our Lord again. We are singing the same tune. Then at the moment of death we can gracefully pass over to our intended destiny which is not incommunicado, but comunicado, holy comunicado, holy conversation with God and with every creature. We might pause for a moment and resolve to practise the language of Heaven and to 'walk the talk' every day. ed will also have their fortunes reversed. Alas to them! Their comfort and joy leaves no room for the generosity of God!



Sunday 20 February 2022
 Luke 6:27-38
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In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Cake sale

Lucas has made cakes and is having a cake sale to help people. Follow the jumbled strings to find out which charity Lucas is helping today.

Cakes



If Lucas sells all his cakes, how much money will he be giving to charity?

£

Jesus tells us to treat everyone we meet with kindness and to love our neighbour, just as much as God loves each one of us.

Love others!

If we love others and do good, then Jesus says we will get a reward!

Draw a picture of the reward you would like to get from God and write below what it is.



Here is your heart

In the other hearts write the names of the people you will love this week. Colour them all in.



A PRAYER TO SAY

Dear Jesus, please help me to love other people, especially when it is hard and they are not being kind to me. Help me to remember how much you love me and to know that you are with me. Amen.

A puzzle

How many "kind" words can you find? A new word begins with the last letter of the one before it...



Answers: Ten words. Lucas is helping Cafod, and will make £5.