

All Hallows' Five Dock



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time | Year C | Sunday 27th 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,

Did you ever complain about the behaviour of someone else, then later realise you had some of the same fault yourself?

The readings this weekend caution us not to self-righteously correct others without honestly evaluating ourselves. If we want to help other people, we need to have our feet on the ground, fully aware of our own gifts and limitations.

One cannot undertake to guide others until one has a good sense of values: one must not only be well-informed, but also be committed to correcting one's deficiencies. Otherwise, he/she will be impractical, like the blind leading the blind.

We are also invited to examine our motives. If our basic motivation is love, our lives will bear good fruit. If we lack love, the fruits will be conflict, disharmony and abuse of people for our own selfish ends. For this reason, we need to turn to God within our hearts, to purify our inmost intentions.

Linking to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "Truth as uprightness in human action and speech is called truthfulness, sincerity, or candor. Truth or truthfulness is the virtue which consists in showing oneself true in deeds and truthful in words, and in guarding against duplicity, dissimulation, and hypocrisy" (No. 2468).

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



Notices from Bishop Danny

Catechist Sunday

On the 6th March we mark Catechist Sunday and we thank the Catechists of the parish for the wonderful work they do in teaching children in the State Primary schools in the parish: Five Dock, Russell Lea and Abbotsford. Many of the children learn about Jesus and the teachings of the Church only through the Catechists. May God bless them throughout the year! If anyone would like to assist, please speak to Fr Richard or me.



Deacon Conti

Deacon Conti has received an important appointment as chaplain to Bankstown Hospital. He will be responsible for the pastoral care of Catholics who attend Bankstown Hospital. May God bless and inspire him in his work. Deacon Conti has been engaged in many activities here at All Hallows over the past three years and we are very grateful for his ministry – preaching on Sunday, preparing families for Baptism and celebrating many Baptisms and undertaking many visits to our sick at home and in nursing homes. We will arrange an occasion to farewell him appropriately.

Father Joseph

Please continue to pray that the truth emerge in Fr Joseph's case. He maintains his innocence but it seems to be taking an awfully long time for his case to be heard. As far as I am aware, no decision has yet been made that there is sufficient evidence to go to trial. I understand that he is being well cared for by his sister and friends.

Ash Wednesday

We commence the penitential period of Lent this Wednesday. Mass times are 8am, 9am (school only Mass) and 7pm. We then spend 40 days in communion with Our Lord who undertook a 40 day period of fasting and prayer in the desert. Project Compassion boxes are available to take home. We turn again to the Lord, seek to purify our hearts of all that is contrary to the Goodness and Holiness of God, and pray for the bestowal of God's grace upon us and our family and friends.



Masks

It is no longer compulsory to wear masks in Church, however all parishioners are free to do so if they wish.

Stations of the Cross - 6pm Fridays

During Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be held in the Church on Fridays at 6pm. It will commence on Friday, 4th March.



Project Compassion Sunday 26th - 27th February



Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations.

With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build a better future for all.

As St Pope John Paul II said, "The future starts today, not tomorrow."

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Phillip Nolan
Silvana La Selva
Joseph Cacnio
George Malouf
Norman Merlino

Recently Deceased:

Vittorio Geremia
Gabrielle Rowe
Maureen Phillips
Giuseppa Proietto
Giovanni De Romanis
Pantaleone Mammarella
Maria Di Giacomo
Rosa Gullotta
Mary Davis
Leon Zander Barnfield
Antonio Merlino

Anniversaries:

Veronica McTavish
Frederick McTavish
Angela Toigo
Maureen Phillips
Antonio Lombardo
Andy Wright
Veronica Roche
Domenico Gerace
Peter Fiorini
Lydia Fiorini
Loretta Gioia
Vito Lombardo
Pina Scibilia

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



Sacramental Dates for 2022

Reconciliation:

- The parent information evening for Reconciliation will be held at 7pm on the 4th May, 2022 in the church.
- Reconciliation will be held between the 13th and 17th June.*

Confirmation:

- The parent information evening for Confirmation will be held at 7pm on the 20th July, 2022 in the church.
- Confirmation Masses will be held on the 21st August 2022 at 12pm and 3pm.

Holy Communion:

- The parent information evening for Holy Communion will be held at 7pm on the 12th October, 2022 in the church.*
- Holy Communion Masses will be held on the 19th and 20th November, 2022.

More information on how to register for these sacraments will follow shortly.

A notice from St Mark's Drummoyne regarding World Day of Prayer

This year St Mark's Catholic Parish Drummoyne were due to host the World Day of Prayer Service for the area. **Due to concerns regarding COVID, St Mark's Drummoyne will not be hosting the World Day of Prayer Service on Friday 4 March 2022.**

Ministers of the Eucharist Roster

The new roster for the Ministers of the Eucharist is now available for collection in the gathering space.

Visits to the sick or infirm

If you know of anyone who is sick or infirm that can't make it to Mass but would still like to receive Communion, please contact the parish office to arrange a visit.

Ashes to Easter - A Lenten concert-reflection with Peter Kearney

Hosted by St. Ambrose Parish on Friday 25th March, 7.00pm
St. Ambrose Church - 2 Burke Street CONCORD WEST
Donations welcome at conclusion.

Peter's concert weaves songs, hymns, stories and reflections on Lenten & Easter themes. Mainly for adults though older students could enjoy. Peter Kearney's hymns and songs, published in fifteen albums, include 'Fill My House' and 'The Beatitudes' Some of his compositions are included in the 'As One Voice' hymnal.



Baptisms



We welcome

Charlize Anne Eid
Luke Park
Siella Simonetta

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

Healing and hope after abortion

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat Ministries offers a sanctuary in which to renew and refresh hearts broken by abortion in a safe, supportive, confidential and non-judgemental environment. Rachel's Vineyard offers a confidential voicemail number: 0400 092 555 or email:

rachelsvineyardaus@gmail.com.

The retreats for 2022 will be held at Varroville, NSW on April 8-10 and November 18-20. See our new online healing guided reflections on our website - www.rachelsaud.blogspot.com



Sign an ePetition against Euthanasia Laws in NSW

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has asked Catholics to support an e-petition launched by Upper House MLC Greg Donnelly opposing proposed euthanasia laws in NSW.

A parliamentary committee has recommended that the Legislative Council proceed with consideration of the bill. The unwillingness of the Committee to take a position on the bill means we need to fight even harder.

To demonstrate your opposition to the proposed laws, sign the e-petition found at: [LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - Signing ePetition - Please unanimously reject the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 \(nsw.gov.au\)](http://LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL - Signing ePetition - Please unanimously reject the Voluntary Assisted Dying Bill 2021 (nsw.gov.au))


Children's Corner



Fill in the missing words from the list below to see what Jesus said about judging other people.

___ do you see the
_____ in your
_____, eye,
but do not _____ the
___ in your own ___?

FRIEND'S SPECK LOG
EYE NOTICE WHY

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Sir 27:4-7 A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus Do not praise someone before they have spoken. In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.</p> 	<p>(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.</p> <p>1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)</p> <p>2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)</p> <p>3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)</p>	<p>1 Cor 15:54-58 A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ. When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p> <p>First Sunday of Lent 1st Reading: Duet 26:4-10 2nd Reading: Rom 10:8-13 Gospel: Lk 4:1-13</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p> <p>Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!</p>

Gospel

Lk 6:39-45
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
A person speaks from what is in his heart.
Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.
'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

In our post-modern world, the lesson of the hypocrite seeking to remove the speck from their neighbour's eye before removing the log from their own has at times been taken too far and too literally. We are often confronted with a minimalist notion that nobody can be corrected or criticised because one person's opinion is just as good as the next person's. In this view, there is no room for universal truths; no room for authority; no room for an over-arching view of the world or a meta-narrative – an underlying 'big picture' story for life.

On the surface, the idea that one person's opinion is as valid as any other's seems very democratic and sociable. However, it is fundamentally not true. Someone who has spent a lifetime studying and practising in a particular field of endeavour cannot be lightly dismissed as 'that's just your opinion'. Yet, all too often, such learned knowledge and experience is given the same weight as ill-informed and sometimes mischievous opinion – frequently in the name of 'balanced' discussion.

For some people immersed in the post-modern culture this wash of opinion dressed up as fact is not only confusing but sometimes dangerous. Social norms and even laws can be seen as just another opinion that differs from my own. The opinions of friends and complete strangers on the internet or social networks are held with the same level of legitimacy as established sources of social, moral, legal and religious authority. Whilst it is proper to question established authority and require accountability and justification, the absence of universal truths and meta-narratives lead us back to the proverb that begins today's gospel: the blind leading the blind.



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In the
GOSPEL TODAY

What fills our hearts?

Jesus said if our hearts are full of goodness, we will say and do good things.



Fill this heart with lots and lots of good things – the faces of people you love, flowers, kind words and your own ideas.

Jesus tells us to look at ourselves before we try to point out other people's faults. We can't see a splinter in someone else's eye if we have a plank of wood in our own eye!

Look carefully

Can you find the tiny speck in this eye?
 We need to look very carefully if we are going to see clearly.



Look very carefully and copy the eye into the grid.

Opposites

Jesus said that good people do good things and bad people do bad things.

Example

good

bad

Match up these opposites.

happy

hot

big

careful

best

careless

sad

cold

worst

little

A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Jesus, for filling my heart with love. Help me to share your love and goodness by treating the people I meet with kindness, especially if they annoy me. Help me to follow your example. Amen.

Wordsearch

Look very carefully to find these words in the grid:

EYE

LOVE

SELF

HEART

PLANK

SEE

GOOD

P	L	A	N	K
D	O	O	G	J
M	V	E	Y	E
H	E	A	R	T
S	E	L	F	N