

All Hallows' Five Dock



Fourth Sunday of Lent | Year C | Sunday 27th March

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,

Abigail Van Buren once said, "The church is a hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints." We are all sinners constantly seeking the mercy of God. This is the point Jesus makes in today's Gospel. Each of us can identify with either the prodigal son or elder son – Both have something in common: both are sinners, both need to experience the mercy of their father.

The younger son insults his father by saying he wants the money whether the father is alive or dead. This son had now blown his whole inheritance. What he had lost he could never recover and what he had gained was horrific. He gets hungry and thinks about his Father.

On the other hand, the elder son grew up in the loving care of his father. There was never really a time when he felt alienated from that love. And he had always been faithful. He worked hard, and was the apple of his father's eye. He could always be relied on to put in 110 percent. There are many of

us here for whom Christian discipleship has been like that. And the danger for us would be the same as for the older brother; and Jesus wants to warn us of it. The older brother has become so used to it that he no longer appreciates it.

Did you know the meaning of the word prodigal? It means being wasteful, lavish, extravagant. It does not only apply to the younger son – the son (who squandered his money on a life of debauchery) but we can also apply it to Father. The father too is wasteful in his love, lavish and generous in his mercy and extravagant with regards to compassion.

Unfortunately, it is very easy to take the father's love, mercy and compassion for granted. The parable does not tell us whether the prodigal son ran away from the father's house again, perhaps he did. Neither does it mention whether the elder son stopped complaining to enjoy his father's company – May he did not. But Jesus makes it clear that the Father was always waiting and ready to reconcile with his boys, and so is God for us.

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.



Parish Notices



Station of the Cross Re-enactment

Fr Richard is organising a re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross to be held on Good Friday. He is calling for children between the ages of 9 and 16 to take part. If you are interested, please attend rehearsals being held after the 5pm masses from this weekend until Palm Sunday. Please contact the parish office if you have any questions.



Act of Consecration of Russia and Ukraine

Please find copies of the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Russia and Ukraine available in the gathering space. Please take one and pray.

Altar Servers

Any children who have celebrated their First Holy Communion and would like to be altar servers, please contact Fr Richard or Bishop Danny or ring the parish office. Training will be provided for the children. There will be some practice sessions and then the children can commence.



Volunteers needed for an Easter letterbox drop

The gifts of God's eternal love and the Church He gave to guide us to heaven are meant for everyone. It's up to us to share these gifts with the world, starting with those we love and those in our own community. Chances are you know someone—maybe many people—who have left the Catholic Church. Often, all they are waiting for is an invitation to come home, an invitation that can be extended to them by ordinary followers of Jesus Christ, like you and me.



We can begin by inviting others in our community to the Easter liturgies in our parish. Easter cards for this purpose are being printed and we are asking parishioners to deliver these by letterbox drop to the streets in their vicinity. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Gathering space and this will be activated once the cards are printed. Enquiries: Ann- 0408720461



Easter Masses

Holy Thursday - April 14

7pm Mass of the last supper followed by Adoration until 11pm

Good Friday - April 15

10am Stations of the Cross
3pm Celebration of the Passion of the Lord



Holy Saturday - April 16

5:30pm - Easter Vigil Mass of the Lord's Resurrection



Easter Sunday - April 17

Masses are at 8:30am, 10am and 5pm

Baptisms



We welcome

Camilla Carnevale

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

Church "Spring" Clean - 28th March

Call out for volunteers to assist the Catholic Women's League in a "spring" clean of the church. It would be lovely to have the church looking extra clean and tidy for all our Easter Celebrations.

We will be doing those additional jobs that can't be done on a weekly basis by our wonderful volunteer cleaners and Altar Society. There is no need to register your attendance, just show up on the day. Please come and help, even if it's only for an hour.

Where : All Hallows Church

When: 9am -11:30am 28th March



If you are attending, please bring your own gloves and a bucket if you can. Thanks!

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 \(nsw.gov.au\)](https://www.legislativecouncil.nsw.gov.au/legislation/signing_ePetition)

Further information is available in the gathering space.

Children's Corner

I was lost but now I am found

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

Try to find these words:

begged
celebrate
eats
found
friendly
glad
obeyed
property
ring
slave
starving
wasted

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Jos 5:9-12 A reading from the book of Joshua The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover. The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.</p>	<p>(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.</p> <p>1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)</p> <p>2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)</p> <p>3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)</p>	<p>2 Cor 5:17-21 A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians God reconciled us to himself through Christ. For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
	<p>Fifth Sunday of Lent 1st Reading: Is 43:16-21 2nd Reading: Phil 3:8-14 Gospel: Jn 8:1-11</p>	<p>Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!</p>

Gospel

Lk 15:1-3. 11-32
 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Your brother here was dead and has come to life.
 The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:
 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.
 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.
 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.
 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."
 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."





Sunday 27 March 2022
 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32
 4th Sunday of Lent

In the
GOSPEL TODAY

Word search

Look very carefully to find these words in the box below:

GOD SORRY HUG
 HOME PIGS
 HAPPY PARTY



H	O	M	E	H
A	G	O	D	U
P	I	G	S	G
P	A	R	T	Y
Y	R	R	O	S

The younger son takes his share of the family money and leaves home to have a good time. Sadly, he spends it all and ends up in a mess. This wasteful son knows he has made a mistake and goes home to say sorry. Despite everything, his loving father is just waiting for the son to come back. The father runs to meet his son and gives him a great big hug. It's time to celebrate!



Returning home

Help the wasteful son find his way home to say sorry.



How does it feel?

How do you think the older brother felt when his dad made a fuss of the younger, wasteful son by having a big party? Circle the word that describes his feelings.



How many pigs?

The lost son had a job feeding pigs. How many pigs can you find on this page?



A PRAYER TO SAY

Thank you, Father God, for loving me so much. Help me to remember that you are always waiting to welcome me home, no matter how far I may go away from you. Help me to be generous when I see other people being loved and rewarded. Amen.

Party time

Join the dots to make the party food.



Answers: 8 pigs.