

Support Your Parish Online



Dear Parishioners, even though we do not have the opportunity to celebrate Mass as a Parish community during these COVID-19 restrictions, please know that everyday I celebrate Mass and I take you all with me and ask Our Lord to not only heal our world from this disease but also to pour His blessings on you and keep your families safe and healthy. This is one way which I believe that I am supporting you spiritually during these uncertain times. I ask you to continue to pray for me and ask the Lord to guide, protect and keep me safe as well.

May I take this opportunity however, to ask you to also find a way in which you can help support your parish financially.

You can do so by one of the following:

- You may already be a current envelope giver. We ask that when we are able to re-open you return your weekly contributions.
- You may choose to become a credit card giver. Credit card donations are still processed monthly during this time. If you are an envelope giver and would like to change to credit card, please contact the parish office and leave a message and we will get back to you.
- You can choose to make a donation online at our parish website at: www.stmelscampsie.org.au and click on the **Support Us** icon and follow the prompts.

Once again I take this opportunity to thank those who have been donating to the Parish online, your support is greatly appreciated. For further information please call the Parish Office. God Bless.



*You are all fair, O Virgin Mary,
You never knew the stain of sin;
You are the glory of Jerusalem,
You, the joy of Israel,
You, the great honor of our people,
You, the advocate of sinners.
O Mary, Virgin most prudent,
O Mary, Mother most merciful,
Pray for us,
Intercede for us with our Lord,
Jesus Christ.*

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Recycling Bottles

Even though we are unable to celebrate masses as a parish community due to COVID-19 restrictions, may I encourage you to continue collecting your recyclable 10c bottles and bring them to the parish once we resume celebrating mass. The money raised from the collections of these bottles will hopefully fund other initiatives in the future for the benefit of our parish. Thank you for your support of our Parish.

12th September, 2021 Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



St Mel's Parish

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Feast Day: 6th February

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Monday & Wednesday office is closed.

St Mel's Catholic Primary School:
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PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 8.30am, 10am
Weekdays: 9am Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, (8.30am Rosary)
Wednesday: 7pm followed by adoration.

SACRAMENTS:

Reconciliation: 4pm to 4.30pm Saturday.
Baptisms: By arrangement, please call Parish Office or download an application from the Parish website at www.stmelscampsie.org.au
Weddings: By arrangement with six months notice
Care for the Sick: Please call the presbytery.

DEVOTIONS:

Rosary: 8.30am every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday
Adoration: After Wednesday 7pm Mass.
First Friday Adoration: Mass at 9am, followed by Adoration and the Rosary.

SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS THIS MONTH

Friday 3rd September: St Gregory the Great (Pope, doctor)
Wednesday 8th September: The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)
Monday 13th September: St John Chryostom (Bishop, doctor)
Tuesday 14th September: The Exaltation Of The Holy Cross (Feast)
Wednesday 15th September: Our Lady of Sorrows
Thursday 16th September: Sts Cornelius (Pope, martyr) and Cyprian (Bishop, martyr)
Monday 20th September: Sts Andrew Kim Thae-Gon and companions (martyrs)
Tuesday 21st September: St Matthew (apostle, Feast day)
Thursday 23rd September: St Pius of Pietrelcina (priest)
Monday 27th September: St Vincent de Paul (priest)
Wednesday 29th September: Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael (Archangels)
Thursday 30th September: St Jerome (Priest, doctor)

FIRST READING Is 50:5-9**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.

So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand.

Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together.

Who thinks he has a case against me?

Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help,
who dare condemn me?

WORD OF THE LORD.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

(R.) *I walk in the presence of the Lord in the
land of the living*

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. **(R.)**

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! **(R.)**

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. **(R.)**

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Jas 2:14-18**A reading from the letter of St James**

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

WORD OF THE LORD.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 8:27-35**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark**

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

GOSPEL OF THE LORD**A Spiritual Reflection**

by Fr Anthony

Jesus and his disciples were travelling towards the villages around Caesarea Philippi and as they were walking Jesus asked them, 'Who do people say that I am?' Maybe Jesus was curious to know what people thought of Him. Yes, the disciples answered that some say You are John the Baptist; Elijah or one of the prophets.

I am quite sure that Jesus was thankful that the disciples responded to His question. But I believe Jesus was more interested in what they thought about Him.

Today Jesus asked us the same question - "Who do you say I am?"

So this weekend take a moment and ask yourself :

Who do I say Jesus is, and who is He to me; is He real to me?

How does Jesus and His teaching, compassion, self sacrificing love and endless mercy affect our daily choices and actions?

Taking the time to reflect on these questions, I believe, will clarify who Jesus is for us today. Hopefully like Peter we will always say to Jesus 'You are the Christ.'

We remember in our Masses

Lord, we commend to your loving care all the sick of our parish. We also pray for all the Souls of the faithful departed: Georges Azzi, Tony Laban, Yvonne Hallo, Semaan Gorges, Francesco Viterale, Jamil Moussa, Peter & Remy Karam, Michael & Zakia Karam, Herbie Lahood, Barry Stanton, Michael Risk, Tony & Victor Karam, Joseph & Halema Moussa, Jhottos & Rosemont Moses, Budwaiy Hanna Karam, Kelita Karam, John Youseff Nehmeh, Najib & Charife Nehmeh, Rell Karam, Asorl Abood, Sheik Estephan & Antoine, Zaki Abood, Peter Karam, Tunis & Linda Coorey, Therese Badaoui, James Lahood, Sayed Saad, **We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Ramez & Rada Constantine, Frank Stanton, Nadia Green, Annie Samuel, Frank Samuel, Vince Samuel, Ron Coorey, Merchard George, Teresa Nhan Nguy, Giorgio Repice Snr, Fred & Saide Stanton, Zilda Dos Santos, Minerva Matthews, Sam & Mary Fenech, Peter Luu, Sam Ok Chung, **Lord Hear Us.**

**God's Word 2022
Daily Mass Book 2022**

**If you would like to pre order any of these books for 2022 please contact the Parish Office so we can place an order.
Book are \$25 each.**

**Year of St Joseph
2020-2021**

To perpetuate the entrustment of the Church to St. Joseph, Pope Francis has established a Year of St. Joseph from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021. A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions - sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope's intentions - who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of St. Joseph by way of the following:

- Recite a legitimate prayer or act of piety in honour of St. Joseph especially on 19 March, 1 May, on the 19th of every month, and on every Wednesday, the day dedicated to the Saint.
- Pray the Holy Rosary in the home, or as an engaged couple, so that the atmosphere of intimate communion, love and prayer that was in the Holy Family, will reside in Christian families also.
- Contemplate the Lord's Prayer for at least 30 minutes, or participate in a Spiritual Retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph.
- Entrust their daily activity to the protection of St. Joseph, and invoke the intercession of the Worker of Nazareth so that those seeking work can find employment befitting human dignity

Prayer to St Joseph

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted His only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil.

Amen.