

## 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](http://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.

## HOLY HOUR IN LOCKDOWN

Families across Sydney and beyond are warmly invited to an online **Holy Hour on 30th September**, which organisers hope will help unite the community in prayer for all those suffering in the COVID-19 lockdown.

Led by the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation's Parish Renewal team, the online event will be held **via Zoom from 7-8:30pm**, on the eve of the feast day for one of the Church's most popular saints St Therese of Lisieux who is the patron saint of missionaries.

Churches across greater Sydney have been closed for 13 weeks with many Catholics watching livestreamed Masses and other devotions to help nurture their faith in these challenging times.

Sr Anastasia Reeves OP who is organising the online Holy Hour, said she hoped many Sydneysiders would be inspired by the great example of St Therese, a 19<sup>th</sup> century Carmelite nun who was a great champion of evangelisation.

"We know that St Therese's life was animated by a great love of Christ and she was the great cloistered missionary. She certainly wanted everyone to know Christ and His great love for us", Sr Anastasia explained.

"We can all learn so much from her, especially in this time of lockdown, when we all know that the mission of the Church doesn't end when churches have to shut their doors".

"St Therese is a great role model for families too in that her parents, Louis and Zele Martin, who passed on the faith to her, have also become saints".

"We hope that families helping to prepare their children to receive their First Holy Communion when lockdown ends, can grow closer to Christ through celebrating His Real Presence in the Eucharist in this way".

"But everyone across the community is very much welcome to join in this whether young or old.

"This is a beautiful opportunity for all people across Sydney to pray together in a unified way for all people in Sydney- whether they're Catholic or not".

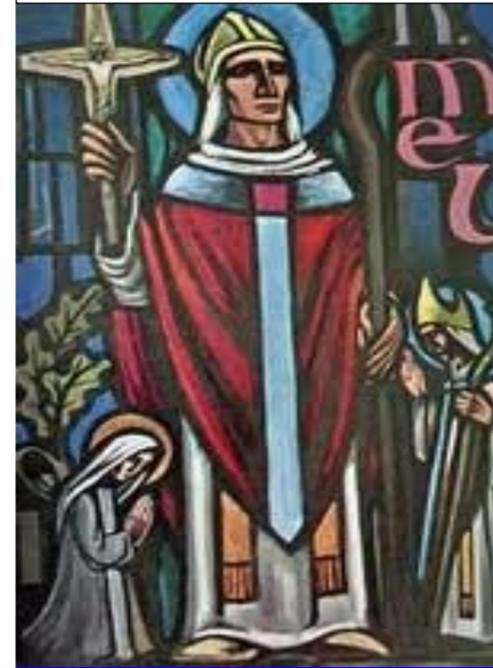
For further information on this special event, including registration details, visit the *Go Make Disciples* website

<https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/>

## RECONCILIATION DURING LOCKDOWN RESTRICTIONS

Any parishioner who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation during COVID-19 restrictions can call the Parish Office to set up an appointment with Fr Anthony. If the office is unattended please leave a message your name and phone number and Fr Anthony will get back to you.

19th September, 2021 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B



## St Mel's Parish

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Feast Day: 6th February

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Parish Office Opening hours: 9.30am-3pm on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.  
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](http://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** Wis 2:12, 17-20**A reading from the book of Wisdom**

The godless say to themselves,

‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man,  
since he annoys us  
and opposes our way of life,  
reproaches us for our breaches of the law  
and accuses us of playing false to our up-  
bringing.

Let us see if what he says is true,  
let us observe what kind of end he himself  
will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will  
take his part  
and rescue him from the clutches of his ene-  
mies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,  
and thus explore this gentleness of his  
and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death  
since he will be looked after – we have his  
word for it.’

**WORD OF THE LORD.****RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

**(R.) The Lord upholds my life**

O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayers;  
listen to the words of my mouth. **(R.)**

For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God. **(R.)**

But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING** Jas 3:16 – 4:3**A reading from the letter of St James**

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

**WORD OF THE LORD.****GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** See 2 Thes 2:14**Alleluia, alleluia!**

God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Alleluia!****GOSPEL** Mk 9:30-37**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark**

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, ‘The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

**GOSPEL OF THE LORD****A Spiritual Reflection**

by Fr Anthony

*Jesus was once again travelling with His disciples and as per usual Jesus took the opportunity to teach them. He said ‘The Son of man will be handed over and will be killed. Three days after his death the Son of man will rise.’*

*The disciples did not understand what Jesus was saying to them. They found it hard to comprehend that He was going to die and then rise again. Can that be possible? Even though they were confused, they did not even try to ask Jesus to help them to understand what He was trying to teach and prepare them for. They were more interested in arguing about who was the greatest amongst them. Most likely they knew that Jesus would not approve of their conversation.*

*What about us? How often do we allow the riches of this world, the notion of power, or consciously or unconsciously strive to look good, or to have others admire me, take me away from spending time with Jesus in prayer and learning from Him?*

*With childlike innocence we should surrender to Jesus and trust Him.*

**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.**

**OCTOBER****MONTH OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

**The month of October each year is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the fact that the Liturgical Feast of Our Lady of The Rosary is celebrated annually on the 7th October.**

**During the month of October in our Parish of St Mel's we will be reciting the Holy Rosary Monday to Friday at 9.30am. We invite you to participate in the Rosary via a zoom link starting on Friday 1st October. We will advise you of the zoom link next week. Thank you.**

**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.**