

Easing of Restrictions and Masses

In line with the current restrictions Masses have resumed celebrating the usual Masses here at St Mel's on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9am and Wednesday evenings at 7pm followed by Adoration.

Weekend Masses remain the same at 5pm Saturday-Vigil, 8.30am and 10am Sunday **with the inclusion now of a 5pm Mass on Sunday evenings.**

Please be aware at this stage the following NSW Health regulations will apply:

- **COVID check-in is required via the Service NSW App.**
- **the 4 sqm rule will apply. (only 100 people)**
- **social distancing**
- **hand sanitising on entry**
- **masks must be worn indoors.**
- **no congregational singing,**

People who are especially vulnerable, or anxious at this stage are free to remain at home and participate in the live-streaming of Masses either from the cathedral and other parishes.

From **Wednesday 1st December, 2021** there will be no difference between the Covid safety requirements for all NSW citizens.

Please be aware at this stage the following NSW Health regulations will apply:

- **COVID check-in is required via the Service NSW App.**
- **2sqm rule will apply. (only 200 people)**
- **This rule applies to weddings and funerals.**
- **Masks will not be required** inside a church (though some people may wish to wear a mask for added protection).
- **hand sanitising on entry**

We are looking forward to welcoming you all back to our Church, however, we need to comply with all the NSW Health regulations in order for us to keep each other safe and healthy.

We also need to be mindful that many of us are still anxious and concerned. Therefore, we need to work together as a Parish community and try to live the Gospel values when we are present here at St Mel's.

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. Books are \$25 each.

Columban Calendars 2022

These calendars are now available for \$9. They make a very nice Christmas gift. Calendars will be available after Masses.

Month of November Mass Intentions

(Book Of Remembrance)

November is a special time when we pray for all our deceased family, friends, relatives and all souls in Purgatory.

In preparation for masses during November, we will have our 'Book of Remembrance' which will include all the names of our deceased loved ones whom you would like to pray and offer masses for. In order for us to prepare the Book of Remembrance we invite you to place a November Mass envelope with the names of your deceased loved ones whom you would like mass offered for in the basket that will be placed beside the Altar during the last weeks of October and during November (Envelopes can be found at the back of the Church and at each side entrance of the Church). This will give us enough time to print the names and have the book ready for the 1st November. The Book of Remembrance will be part of each mass during November and part of the Offertory Procession at weekend masses. **Please note that during the month of November, no separate mass intentions will be mentioned; every mass will be offered for all intentions that are written in the Book Of Remembrance. It is good to offer mass for all our deceased loved ones, it is even more rewarding to attend mass and pray for them yourself.**

Support Your Parish Online

May I take this opportunity to thank those who have been supporting our Parish during the extensive lockdown. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

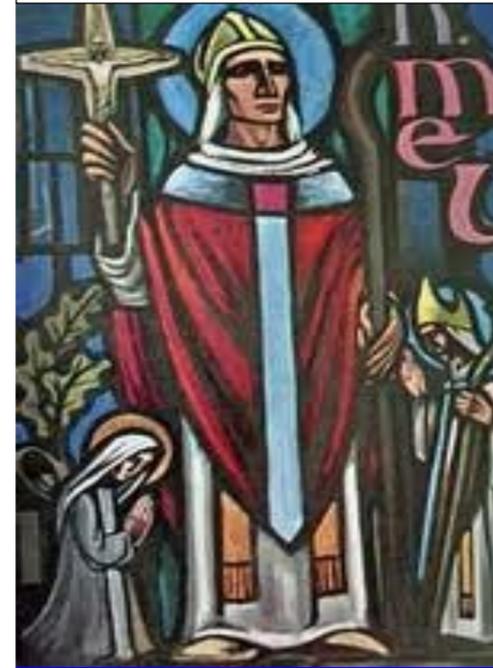
You can choose to make a donation online at our parish website at: www.stmelscampsie.org.au and click on the **Support Us** icon and follow the prompts.

A message from the Archdiocese

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 and Ministerial Integrity Office at: (02) 9390 5810 or email: safeguarding-enquiries@sydneycatholic.org You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

24th October, 2021

Thirtieth 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
Sunday: **5pm (starting 31st October until further notice)**
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
Rosary via Zoom: **9.30am every Monday/ Wednesday /Thursday and Friday 7pm Tuesday Rosary via zoom. (link avail on our website)**
Adoration: After Wednesday 7pm Mass.
First Friday Adoration: Mass at 9am, followed by Adoration and Rosary. **(restarts 5th NOV)**

SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS THIS MONTH

Friday 1st October: St Therese of the Child Jesus (Virgin, doctor)
Saturday 2nd October: The Holy Guardian Angels
Monday 4th October: St Francis of Assisi
Tuesday 5th October: St Faustina Kowalska (virgin)
Wednesday 6th October: St Bruno (priest)
Thursday 7th October: Our Lady of The Rosary
Friday 15th October: St Teresa of Jesus (virgin, doctor)
Monday 18th October: St Luke (evangelist) Feast
Thursday 28th October: Sts Simon and Jude (apostles) Feast

FIRST READING Jer 31:7-9**A reading from the prophet Jeremiah**

The Lord says this:

Shout with joy for Jacob!
Hail the chief of nations!
Proclaim! Praise! Shout:
The Lord has saved his people,
the remnant of Israel!
See, I will bring them back
from the land of the North
and gather them from the far ends of earth;
all of them: the blind and the lame,
women with child, women in labour:
a great company returning here.
They had left in tears,
I will comfort them as I lead them back;
I will guide them to streams of water,
by a smooth path where they will not stumble.

For I am a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my first-born son.

WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 125. R. v.3

(R.) *The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.*

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **(R.)**

The heathens themselves said:
'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **(R.)**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **(R.)**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of
song, carrying their sheaves. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Heb 5:1-6**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See 2 Tim 1:10

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death,
and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 10:46-52**A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark**

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

GOSPEL OF THE LORD

Gospel Reflection

by Greg Sunter.

This passage from the Gospel of Mark draws to a close a significant section of the gospel. It stretches from 8:22 to this passage, 10:52. Like other examples in the Gospel of Mark, the stories at the beginning and end of the section are related and shed light on what they surround. Like this passage, the event at the beginning of the section is an account of the healing of a blind man. Contained within the two healings of blindness, as we have seen over the last six weeks, is an extended lesson on discipleship. Within this section, Jesus speaks about his upcoming death on three occasions and each time the disciples display their own form of blindness when they fail to understand what Jesus is trying to tell them quite explicitly. In this section, we have heard that discipleship involves suffering and hardship; it means placing one's own needs last and the needs of others first; and that discipleship is all about faith.

In this healing of blind Bartimaeus, we see all the hallmarks of what Jesus has been trying to teach the disciples in the preceding episodes. As a blind man, Bartimaeus would be regarded as 'imperfect' – incomplete – and consequently in a permanent state of uncleanness. He would not be allowed to live within the bounds of normal society, nor have contact with people. So it is that Jesus encounters Bartimaeus on the side of the road, outside the city walls as he is leaving Jericho. Learning that it is Jesus passing by, Bartimaeus calls on Jesus to help him and the crowd tries to shut him up and remind him of his status. But Jesus calls Bartimaeus to him and, placing the needs of the other first, asks 'What do you want me to do for you?' When Bartimaeus makes his request, Jesus announces that it his faith that has saved him and his sight is restored. Bartimaeus, like a good disciple, then follows Jesus on the road.

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: Lennox Lolesio, Leodegario Enting Chan, Francesco Viterale, Georges Azzi, Tony Laban, Yvonne Hallo, Semaan Gorges, Francesco Viterale, Tony & Victor Karam, Joseph & Halema Moussa, Jhottos & Rosemont Moses, Budwaiy Hanna Karam, Estephan & Antoine, Zaki Abood, Therese Badaoui, James Lahood, Sayed Saad, **We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Victor Samuel, Francis Samia, Antonio Ramos, Vitorina Santos, Alex Henriquez, Maria Odete Da Silva, Hend El-Daher, Ramez & Rada Constantine, Frank Stanton, Annie Samuel, Frank Samuel, Vince Samuel, **Lord Hear Us.**

OCTOBER IS THE 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 and Tuesday evenings at 7pm. We invite you to participate in the Rosary via a zoom Join from PC, Mac, Linux, iOS or Android: (meeting ID: 649 8144 9272) Password: Rosary <https://scscatholic.zoom.us/j/64981449272?pwd=WkdQaGpIWnVYWnROV25wVUEzbnk95QT09>

**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.