

The Solemnity of All Saints
Monday the 1st November is all Saints day.
Mass is at 9am.

All Souls Day
Tuesday the 2nd November is All Souls Day.
Mass is at 9am and 7pm.

**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.

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.

Message from Fr. Anthony

For all our parishioners and friends of St Mel's, I would like to inform you that after much prayer and spiritual direction I have decided to step down as Parish Priest of St Mel's as of Easter Sunday the 17th April, 2022.

As you would have heard me preach on numerous occasions how important it is for me to bring people closer to God and make sure that they are spiritually fed, I absolutely believe that in order for me to fulfil the mission The Lord has given me to go out and evangelise; stepping down from full time priestly ministry and dedicating all my time in this area without having the extra administrative duties allows me to focus solely on the Pastoral side of my priestly vocation.

I ask you to continue to pray for me and my future so that I may serve The Lord with all my heart and soul.

First Friday of the Month Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament and Adoration.

With the return of weekday masses we resume First Friday Exposition, Adoration and Benediction from **Friday the 5th November** after the 9am Mass.

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.

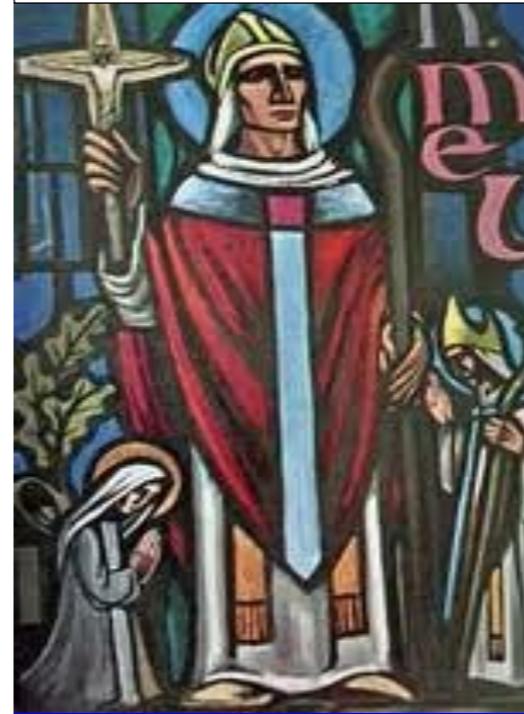
You can choose to make a donation online at our parish website at: www.stmelscampsie.org.au and click on the **Support Us** icon and follow the prompts.

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: safeguardingenquiries@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.

31st October, 2021

Thirty First 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
Sunday: 5pm (during current COVID restrictions 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: Every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday after the 9am Mass.
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

Monday 1st November: All Saints (Solemnity)
Tuesday 2nd November: All Souls' Day
Wednesday 3rd November: St Martin de Porres (religious)
Thursday 4th November: St Charles Borromeo (Bishop)
Wednesday 10th November: St Leo the Great (Pope, doctor)
Thursday 11th November: St Martin of Tours (bishop)
Friday 12th November: St Josaphat (bishop, martyr)
Wednesday 17th November: St Elizabeth of Hungary (religious)
Sunday 21st November: Our Lord Jesus Christ King of The Universe
Wednesday 24th November: Sts Andrew Dung-Lac and companions
Tuesday 30th November: St Andrew (apostle)

31st October, 2021

Thirty First Sunday In Ordinary Time (Year B)

by Greg Sunter.

FIRST READING Dt 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.'

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R.v.2

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. (R.)

SECOND READING Heb 7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 12:28-34

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

GOSPEL OF THE LORD

Gospel Reflection

Generally, in the gospels, the scribes are shown as antagonistic towards Jesus and when we begin this passage we may be expecting a trap being laid by the scribe. In Jewish tradition, a lot of teaching occurs through a question and answer style and often the question is related to a particular teaching from Torah. Here, the scribe approaches Jesus as a teacher, a rabbi, and poses a question just as he would to any other worthy teacher. He asks which of the commandments Jesus regards to be foremost. This could be an opening question to any teacher and one would expect it to be the start of a long conversation. Neither of the commandments Jesus quotes come from the Ten Commandments with which we are most familiar, but, rather, they come from other parts of Torah (the Law). His qualification of the first commandment – to love God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength – is a way of capturing the whole person. What Jesus is saying is to love God completely and utterly with your whole person. Then he follows up and adds another commandment – 'You must love your neighbour as yourself.' The scribe agrees with Jesus' teaching and adds that these are far more important than offering sacrifice. This is a pretty controversial statement from a scribe! Sacrifice has been the official form of prayer practised in the Temple for a very long time and he suggests that love of God and love of neighbour are far more important! It is because of this understanding about the priority of love over religious practice – the hallmark of the kingdom of God that Jesus proclaims – that Jesus pronounces the scribe to be 'not far from the kingdom of God.'

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: Emanuel & Carmen Spiteri, 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, Therese Badaoui, James Lahood, Sayed Saad, **We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Teofisto and Maura Mandanas, 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.**

PRAYER FOR ALL SOULS

Merciful Father,

Hear our prayer and console us.

*As we renew our faith in Your Son, whom You raised from the dead,
Strengthen our hope that all our departed brothers and sisters will share in His resurrection, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.*

Amen

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.