

Charitable Works Fund Appeal 20/21st November

Next weekend we invite you to support the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Pastoral Appeal. Donations to this appeal help fund 6 agencies, (CatholicCare, Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, Aboriginal Catholic Ministry, Ephpheta Centre, Seminaries and Chaplaincies). These agencies represent the breadth of the charitable and pastoral missions of the Sydney Archdiocese. Envelopes for this appeal will be handed to you as you leave today. Please take one home and return with your donation next week where will have a third collection. **Any donation over \$2 is tax deductible and receipts will be issued for the 2021/22 financial year.** Donations to this appeal also help our parish meet it's annual Charitable Works Fund quota. Your support to this appeal is greatly appreciated.

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.

ST MEL'S PARISH CHRISTMAS MASS and CONFESSION TIMES 2021

WEDNESDAY 15th DECEMBER:

6.30pm Confession
7pm Mass followed by Adoration

FRIDAY 17th DECEMBER:

9am Mass
9.30am Rosary
10am Confession

SATURDAY 18th DECEMBER:

4pm Confession
5pm Mass

WEDNESDAY 22nd DECEMBER:

6.30pm Confession
7pm Mass followed by Adoration

FRIDAY 24th DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS EVE

5pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass
12am Midnight Mss

SATURDAY 25th DECEMBER:

CHRISTMAS DAY

8.30am Mass
10am Mass

SUNDAY 26th DECEMBER:

8.30am Mass
10am Mass
5pm Mass

27th and 28th DECEMBER

No Masses

SATURDAY 1st JANUARY, 2022

10am New Years Day Mass
5pm Vigil Mass

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.

14th November, 2021 Thirty Third 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:
9789 3800

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)

FIRST READING Dn 12:1-3***A reading from the prophet Daniel***

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’

WORD OF THE LORD.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

(R.) *Keep me safe, O God: You are my hope.*

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand,
I shall stand firm. **(R.)**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the
dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **(R.)**

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Heb 10:11-14, 18***A reading from the letter to the Hebrews***

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

WORD OF THE LORD.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Lk 21:36***Alleluia, alleluia!***

Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 13:24-32***A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark***

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

‘Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.’

GOSPEL OF THE LORD**REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Tate**Angelic Swords of Light**

Have you ever seen those pictures of angels? They are like babies with delicate gossamer wings. How sentimental, how pathetically trivial, how untrue. Angels are more like the light-swords wielded by Luke Skywalker in Star Wars. The good angels are lightning flashes of energy serving God’s purpose in the battle against evil forces which can seem to dominate our worlds, private and social.

God loved us into existence in order to share in his life, but there are forces at work trying to frustrate that. There is a cosmic-scale battle going on. Who is on our side in that battle? The angels. Who are they?

They are non-bodily beings of great intelligence and power. Those are the angels, and those who have chosen to love and serve God are on our side.

Some are archangels with a cosmic-scale brief. We hear of one in the first reading: ‘Michael, the great Prince who stands guard over your people’. Others are our individual Guardian Angels so that when powers of darkness seem to engulf us, we can turn to our Guardian Angel and say: ‘Fight for me’, and that light-sword of God will engage in battle because that is that sort of angel’s way of serving God.

We could pause a moment to pray, thanking God for the Archangels who guard our church community and for our personal Guardian Angels, and asking our Lord Jesus Christ to command those angels to gather us as his chosen to share His glory.

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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.***