



St Mel's Parish

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 8:30am, 10am
Weekdays: 9am Tuesday, Thursday, Friday.
Wednesday: 7pm followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament till 8pm.

SACRAMENTS

Confession: 4pm to 4:50pm Saturday, and before the two Sunday Masses.
Baptisms: By arrangement. Please download an application form from the parish website or call the Parish Office.
Weddings: By arrangement with at least three months' notice.
Care for the sick: Please call presbytery or contact Fr Peter Joseph.

DEVOTIONS

Rosary: Every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday after the 9am Mass.
Adoration: After Wednesday 7pm Mass (7:30-8:00pm)
First Friday Adoration: Mass at 9am, followed by Adoration and Rosary; ends at 10am.

SAINTS AND FEAST DAYS THIS MONTH

Wednesday 1 st June	St Justin (martyr)
Thursday 2 nd June	Saints Marcellinus and Peter (martyrs)
Sunday 5th June	Pentecost Sunday
Thursday 9 th June	St Ephrem (deacon, Doctor of the Church)
Saturday 11 th June	St Barnabas (Apostle)
Sunday 12th June	The Most Holy Trinity
Monday 13 th June	St Anthony of Padua (priest and Franciscan friar)
Sunday 19th June	The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
Tuesday 21 st June	St Aloysius Gonzaga (Jesuit religious)
Wednesday 22 nd June	St John Fisher (Bishop), St Thomas More (martyrs), St Paulinus of Nola
Friday 24 th June	The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday 25 th June	The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Sunday 26th June	Sunday 13 in Ordinary Time
Monday 27 th June	St Cyril of Alexandria (Bishop)
Tuesday 28 th June	St Irenaeus (Bishop, martyr)
Wednesday 29 th June	Saints Peter and Paul (Apostles)

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
26th June, A.D. 2022 (Year C)

Entrance Antiphon: All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

First Reading *1 Kings 19:16. 19-21*

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.' Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant. *The word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 15*

R. You are my inheritance, O Lord.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. (R)
2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R)
3. 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)
4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R)

Second Reading *St Paul to the Galatians 5:1. 13-18*

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. *The word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation *1 Sam 3:9; Jn 6:68*

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 9:51-62*

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

We remember in our Masses

Lord, we commend to your loving care all the sick of our parish: Kalim Morad, Anthony Raymond

Recently deceased: Leila Mouwad, Brian Abraham, Anthony Abraham, John Rizk, Youssef Succar, Marie Lise Collinson, Genevieve Zeaiter, Maria Turija,

We also pray for all the souls of the faithful departed:

Peter & Remy Karam, Balbadeh Kaream, Tony Karam, Raya & Youseff Karam, Jamil Moussa, Asorl Abboud, Tony & Barbara Aboud, Shaheen family members, Assad Jabour Hanna, Riham Abou Serhal.

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Tunis & Salima Abraham, Yousif Abraham, Michael Nguyen Quang Quynh, Georges Azzi, James Coleman, Kenny Yu, Mantoura Hadid, Marie Moses, Nora Moses, Merchard and Anne George, Dinh Tien Sung, **May they rest in peace.**

Church cleaning roster

During lockdown, the church cleaning roster came to a halt, so we would like to start it again. If you (or a team working with you) are available to clean the church on a Saturday morning, please contact the parish secretary Diane Daher by phone or email and give your name (or names). We will put together a roster so the church can be cleaned regularly once again.

Prayers for the sick

If you have any names of seriously sick people you want listed in the bulletin, please send their names to the parish office. When you have a Mass offered for the sick, on the envelope you can tick the “Yes” box for inclusion in the bulletin. Of course, email the parish office when the sick person has recovered! After some time we will remove all the names that have built up, and ask you to send their names again if still needed.

The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday evening at 6:00pm in the lower hall. The Legion meets for 60 minutes max., leaving time for members to attend the 7:00pm Mass. The meeting opens with the Rosary, and then follow reports on work done, prayers, reflection, and assignment of works to be done in the week coming. New members are welcome: simply come to the meeting to learn how it works. Auxiliary (praying) members are also welcome to be enrolled: contact Fr Joseph who will put you in contact with the Legion president.

Some points to note about Holy Communion

Holy Communion may be received on the tongue again.

If you receive Holy Communion on the hand, place the Host in your mouth *immediately*. Do not walk away from the priest or acolyte with the Host still in your hands.

Masks are no longer required in church.

If you are wearing a mask, and want to receive Holy Communion on the hand, please remove the mask *before* receiving Holy Communion.

If instead you want a *blessing* for yourself or your child at Holy Communion, go to the priest for this—not the acolyte. An acolyte cannot give blessings.

Catholic Help with Alcoholism and Addiction

Do you, a family member, or friend need help with an addiction concern? You can reach out to the Calix Society: an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12-Step program. We welcome anyone concerned with the illness of alcoholism or addiction who wish to join with us in prayer for *the virtue of total abstinence, promoting our spiritual development, and striving for the sanctification of the whole personality of each member*. Contact calixsydney@outlook.com for meeting times and resources. Perhaps this could be a step toward recovery.

Message from Father Peter Joseph

I will leave for annual holidays after the Sunday Masses on 3rd July. At the end of my holidays I will spend a week teaching theology at Vianney College seminary in Wagga Wagga. I will return to say **the school Mass here at 12 midday on Monday 8 August, Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop**. During my time away, Father Anthony Mifsud has very kindly agreed to fill in with the usual program of Masses here.

Hiring the Parish Hall

The Parish Hall is not available for hire for private parties or celebrations such as birthdays, etc. It is available for hire after Sacraments celebrated in St Mel's church such as a baptism or marriage. The hall can be hired for pre-funeral condolences. Post-funeral gatherings are allowed only outside of school terms or on school holidays. A pre-wedding party finishing at 11pm is allowed if the wedding is taking place at St Mel's.

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Gospel Reflection

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Being Resolute

When the days for Jesus' being taken up were fulfilled, he resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem, and he sent messengers ahead of him. Luke 9:51-52a

Jesus was "resolutely determined" in His mission to travel toward Jerusalem. The significance of this line can easily be lost.

There are two things to point out about this passage. First, Jerusalem was the destination where He would ultimately die for the sins of the world. It was His place of glorification through the Sacrifice of the Cross. Thus, the disciples did not want Jesus to go to Jerusalem since they knew it was a risk. But Jesus saw through the suffering He would soon endure to the future glory of the Sacrifice He would offer.

Second, the fact that Jesus was "resolute" in His determination to go to Jerusalem and sacrifice His life reveals His courage and perfect love. He did not fear what would happen to Him because He had the bigger picture in mind. He saw the good fruit of the salvation of many souls and this overshadowed any temptation to be deterred from His divine mission.

We can learn much from Jesus' determination to sacrifice His life in Jerusalem for the salvation of the world. Certainly we should see the fruit of this sacrifice and be eternally grateful for it. But we should also see it as an invitation to imitate Jesus' actions. In our own lives there are many opportunities we are given to choose a life of selfless sacrifice for the good of others. These opportunities come in many forms, but in the end they are always opportunities of love and self-giving. Though sacrifice will tempt us to flee in a different direction, if we keep our eyes upon the good fruit of all selfless sacrifice, we will be encouraged to be resolute in our determination of love.

Reflect, today, upon whatever your "Jerusalem" is. What is it that you are invited to sacrifice your life for out of love. When you discover what it is, look also at your willingness to embrace this sacrifice for the good of others and strive to imitate the firm determination of our Lord.

My determined Lord, I offer my life to You and accept Your invitation to offer my life for the good of others. Give me the courage and determination I need to see the value of selfless living and fill me with unwavering love of Your holy will. Jesus, I trust in You.