



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

Monday 4 th July	St Elizabeth of Portugal
Tuesday 5 th July	St Anthony Zaccaria (priest)
Wednesday 6 th July	St Maria Goretti (virgin, martyr)
Saturday 9 th July	St Augustine Zhao Rong (priest and companions, martyr)
Monday 11 th July	St Benedict (Abbot)
Wednesday 13 th July	St Henry
Thursday 14 th July	St Camillus de Lellis (priest)
Friday 15 th July	St Bonaventure (Bishop, Doctor of the Church)
Saturday 16 th July	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Wednesday 20 th July	St Apollinaris (bishop, martyr)
Thursday 21 st July	St Lawrence of Brindisi (Franciscan priest, Doctor of the Church)
Friday 22 nd July	St Mary Magdalene
Saturday 23 rd July	St Bridget (religious)
Monday 25 th July	St James (Apostle)
Tuesday 26 th July	Sts Joachim and Anne (parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary)
Friday 29 th July	Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Saturday 30 th July	St Peter Chrysologus (bishop, Doctor of the Church)

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th July, A.D. 2022 (Year C)

Entrance Antiphon: As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

First Reading *Deuteronomy 30:10-14*

Moses said to the people: ‘Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

‘For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, “Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, “Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.’ *The word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 68*

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

1. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me. (R)
2. As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God’s name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving. (R)
3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. (R)
4. For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. (R)

Second Reading *St Paul to the Colossians 1:15-20*

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross. *The word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation *cf. Jn 6:63. 68*

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 10:25-37*

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, ‘Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ He replied, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.’ ‘You have answered right,’ said Jesus, ‘do this and life is yours.’

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. “Look after him,” he said “and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have.” Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands’ hands?’ ‘The one, who took pity on him’ he replied. Jesus said to him, ‘Go, and do the same yourself.’ *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Communion Antiphon: Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

We remember in our Masses

Lord, we commend to your loving care all the sick of our parish: Kalim Morad, Anthony Raymond
Recently deceased: Bolos Hadid, Leila Abboud, Joan Grech, Julia Coorey, Ron Coorey, Michael Moses, Mary Sahabu, Maria Turisa, Leila Mouwad, Brian Abraham, Anthony Abraham, John Rizk, Youssef Succar, Marie Lise Collinson, Genevieve Zeaiter.

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:

Jabbour Bittar, Mary Sioufi, Nazert Atha, George Sissi, Giorgio Repice Sr. Bernadete Marie Spiteri, Tunis & Salima Abraham, Yousif Abraham, Michael Nguyen Quang Quynh, Georges Azzi, Kenny Yu, Mantoura Hadid, Marie Moses, Nora Moses, **May they rest in peace.**

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Next weekend the 17/18 July is the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. As with previous appeals we ask that you consider the poor and disadvantaged in our community who rely on St Vincent de Paul to buy them food and pay their bills, especially their electricity bills. This can only be made possible by the generous donations of the Parishioners of St. Mel's. In asking for your help we would also like to express our grateful thanks to you for your ongoing support. In preparation Envelopes for this appeal are on the pews. We ask that you return these envelopes with your donations next weekend.

Sacrament of Confirmation 2022

This year in our Parish the Sacrament of Confirmation is scheduled to be celebrated at Saint Mel's church at **11:00am on Saturday 10th September 2022**. The preparation will consist of four consecutive weekly lessons on Thursday evenings from 6 to 7pm at St Mel's parish hall, to be conducted by Fr Peter Joseph.

Children in Year 6 and above who are baptised in the Roman Catholic Rite and have received their First Confession and First Holy Communion are now able to receive Confirmation.

If you would like your child or children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, please fill in the Enrolment Form that is available on our parish website at www.stmelscampsie.org.au (see Sacraments) and add a copy of their baptism certificate and return as soon as possible to: the Parish Office presbytery mail-box, 7 Evaline St, Campsie or email them to: stmelcampsie@bigpond.com. For any further information please contact the Parish Office.

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.

Special Masses for August 2022

Monday 8th August: Feast of Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop – **Mass at 12midday.** (school children in attendance)

Monday 15th August: Solemnity of the Assumption (Holy Day of Obligation) **Masses at 9am and 7pm.**

A message from Fr Peter Joseph

I will be on leave until Monday 8th August when I will return to say **the school Mass here at 12 midday, for the 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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Love of God and Neighbour

“You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.” Luke 10:27

These words were spoken by a scholar of the law to Jesus. He was quoting the Old Testament Law of Leviticus and Deuteronomy (Leviticus 19:18, Deuteronomy 6:5, 10:12). Jesus commended him for speaking these words. But then the scholar asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?” Jesus responded by telling him the familiar story of the Good Samaritan.

The story of the Good Samaritan is one that should wake us up to some not-so-pleasant truths about love of neighbour, or the lack thereof. First, a priest and a Levite walked by the beaten and suffering man on the side of the road and ignored him, passing on the opposite side of the road. Then the Samaritan walked by, was filled with compassion, and went out of his way to help the man.

The conclusion is obvious. We should be like the Good Samaritan who showed mercy to the man in need. On an intellectual level it is easy to conclude this fact. However, in practice, it is not always the case.

It's interesting that Jesus used a priest in the story as the first person to walk on the opposite side of the road. One thing this tells us is that too often we seek a so-called “exterior holiness” while, in truth, we lack authentic “interior holiness.” The priest can be seen as a symbol of those who claim to be Christian on the surface but fail to live their holiness in their actions. Without living true love of neighbour, we are frauds and do not live up to our sacred calling.

Reflect, today, upon the difference between *exterior* and *interior* holiness. The ideal is that your inner life is so completely consumed by the love of God that it overflows into your exterior actions. If your love of God is not fully alive within the depths of your heart, there is no way that you can, in fact, be truly holy.

Lord of true holiness, help me to authentically love You with my whole heart, mind, soul and strength. Help me to have such an honest love for You that it also overflows into my love for others. May Your precious gift of holiness permeate my life and enable me to love You and others in a total way. Jesus, I trust in You.