



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)

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th July, A.D. 2022 (Year C)

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

First Reading *Genesis 18:1-10*

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My Lord,' he said 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.' *The word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 14*

R. The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue. (R)
2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. (R)
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R)

Second Reading *St Paul to the Colossians 1:24-28*

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ. *The word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation *cf. Lk 8:15*

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 10:38-42*

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Communion Antiphon: Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me.

We remember in our Masses

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

Recently deceased: Maya Sahabu, Bolos Hadid, Leila Abboud, Joan Grech, Julia Coorey, Ron Coorey, Michael Moses, 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:

Alegria Diaz, Peter & Remy Karam, Balbadeh Kaream, Tony Karam, Raya & Youseff Karam, Jamil Moussa, Tunis & Salima Abraham, Yousif Abraham, Brian Abraham

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Helema Moses, Adoracion P. Coronado, Maria Camacho, Manuel Feixeir, Ane Khong, Dominic Vu, Jabbour Bittar, Mary Sioufi, Nazert Atha, George Sissi, Giorgio Repice Sr. Bernadete Marie Spiteri,

May they rest in peace.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

This weekend 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. Envelopes for this appeal are on the pews. Please hold on to your envelopes until the end of Mass when you can hand them to a St Vincent de Paul member at the doors as you leave. Thank you.

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.

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Gospel Reflection

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Choosing the Better Part

“Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her.” Luke 10:41-42

It's only normal for each of us to desire the “better part.” Though this may be the result of a certain selfishness within us, it may also come from a holy desire when the “better part” is identified as the will of God in our lives. Conversely, sometimes we can tend to choose what we perceive as better for us, when in fact it's not better at all.

This passage reveals that Mary chose something we should all desire in life. She chose to sit at the feet of Jesus and simply be with Him. Martha was doing a lovely service by preparing the meal and working hard, but Mary was focused in on one thing, her Lord.

It's important to acknowledge the fact that we will all have times in life when we must be more like Martha. Work must be accomplished, chores completed, and various forms of labor will be a normal part of daily life. But we must also daily remind ourselves that there is one thing we must never lose sight of: Being with Jesus, in silence and prayerful adoration is the most important thing we can do. This doesn't undermine any other tasks we have to complete each day, but it does reveal that we should never neglect that which is most important. By identifying Mary's choice to sit at His feet, Jesus reminds us all of the importance of simply being with Him. This is the call to the contemplative life given not only to cloistered monks and nuns, but is an invitation to us all. We must all seek out moments of rest with Jesus throughout our busy days.

Reflect, today, upon the image of Mary sitting quietly at the feet of Jesus. Use this image as a symbolic invitation to do the same this day. Have you prayed yet today? Have you sat silently with our Lord? Have you tried to enter into a deep adoration of Him through prayer and meditation? Choose the “better part” this day and you will find that all else falls in place to a much better degree.

Most glorious Lord, I do love You and desire to adore You this day and always. Help me to regularly seek moments of deep prayer with You through which I rest in Your glorious presence. May I find moments to live this “better part” every day so that I may enjoy Your full presence forever in eternity.

Jesus, I trust in You.