



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

# 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

24<sup>th</sup> July, A.D. 2022 (Year C)

**Entrance Antiphon:** God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**First Reading** *Genesis 18:20-32*

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' he replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.' *The word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 137*

**R. Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R)

**Second Reading** *St Paul to the Colossians 2:12-14*

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross. *The word of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation** *Rom 8:15*

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Luke 11:1-13*

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you," I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Communion Antiphon:** Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the clean of heart, for they shall see God.

### 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:**

Bac Trong, Georges Azzi, 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:**

Michael Samuel, Joseph Maree, Teresa Nguy, John Khoi Viet Tran, Frederick & Victor Schinkel, 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.**

### The Bishop's Blend Breakfast

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 7am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop's Blend Breakfast for Young Professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to:

<https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/the-bishops-blend/tbbx> or contact us at [bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org)

### Can You Undertake an Overseas Mission ?

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these Mission opportunities abroad.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. Palms Australia, who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 to find out about a placement to engage your skills. You can also register for a Webinar on **Monday August 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm** to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire!

### 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](http://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](mailto:stmelcampsie@bigpond.com). For any further information please contact the Parish Office.

### Special Masses for August 2022

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

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

## 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.

### A message from Fr Peter Joseph

I will be on leave until Monday 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Support your Archdiocese of Sydney newspaper *The Catholic Weekly*

In this week's edition:

- BE THERE! Parish Renewal Conference to drive evangelisation.
- Dallas McInerney: Our strength is who we are.
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- Movie review: *Dark Winds*.
- Man of Honour: Sir Gerard Brennan.

#### *Gospel Reflection.*

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C*

#### *Praying for the Will of God*

“And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.” Luke 11:9

If we were to take this statement of Jesus in a very literal way we could easily conclude that Jesus will give us anything we ask for in a prayerful way. But we know this is not what happens. Perhaps everyone has prayed hard for this or that and the request was not answered in the way we wanted. Why is that? Did we simply fail to pray with faith? Will Jesus do whatever we ask of Him when we pray for it with all our might? Certainly not. This passage goes on to say, “If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?” ([Luke 11:13](#)). Within this context, and within the context of everything that Jesus has taught us, it's important to know that there is one thing and one thing only for which we ought to pray. And when we pray for this one thing, we can be assured of obtaining it when we pray for it in faith. What is that one thing? It's the will of God.

If we sincerely and wholeheartedly ask for and seek the will of God, we can be certain that our Lord will give us the Holy Spirit and that the Holy Spirit will, in turn, lead us into the will of God for our lives. The problem is that too often we end up praying that “MY will be done” rather than “THY will be done.” This is an important difference.

True prayer is ultimately about trust and surrender to God. We trust in His perfect plan and surrender to that perfect plan in our lives. When we do this, we can be assured that the Lord will hear and answer this perfect prayer.

Reflect, today, upon that simple prayer in the Lord's Prayer: *Thy will be done!* Strive to trust in God's perfect plan for your life and do all you can to surrender to it. With this form of prayer we can be assured that the Holy Spirit will come to us, leading us into His holy will.

*Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.*

*Jesus, I trust in You.*