



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 1 st August	St Alphonsus Liguori (bishop, Doctor of the Church)
Tuesday 2 nd August	St Eusebius of Vercelli (bishop) St Peter Julian Eymard (priest)
Wednesday 3 rd August	St Dominic (priest)
Thursday 4 th August	St John Vianney (priest)
Friday 5 th August	Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major
Saturday 6 th August	The Transfiguration of The Lord (Feast)
Monday 8 th August	St Mary of The Cross (virgin)
Tuesday 9 th August	St Teresa Benedicta of The Cross (virgin, martyr)
Wednesday 10 th August	St Lawrence (deacon, martyr)
Thursday 11 th August	St Claire (virgin)
Friday 12 th August	St Jane Frances de Chantal (religious)
Monday 15 th August	The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
Saturday 20 th August	St Bernard (abbot, Doctor of the Church)
Monday 22 nd August	The Queenship of The Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday 24 th August	St Bartholomew (apostle)
Saturday 27 th August	St Monica
Monday 29 th August	The Passion of St John the Baptist (martyr)

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

31st July, A.D. 2022 (Year C)

Entrance Antiphon: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help me; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading *Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23*

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity. *The word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 89*

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R)
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R)

Second Reading *St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything. *The word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation *Mt 5:3*

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 12:13-21*

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon: I am the bread of life, says the Lord; whoever comes to me will not hunger and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

We remember in our Masses

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

Recently deceased: Richard Harvey, 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:

Francesco Viterale, Sayed Saad, 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:

Vincent Samia, 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,

May they rest in peace.

Charitable Works Fund

The next Charitable Works Fund (CWF) Parish Appeal will be held next weekend the 6 – 7th August. The CWF supports a whole range of charities and ministries, including the Good Shepherd Seminary, CatholicCare, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing impaired, Aboriginal Catholic Ministries, and university, hospital and prison Chaplaincies. Envelopes for this appeal are on the pews. Please take one home and return next weekend with your donation or you may choose to make a donation at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cw

Tax Receipts for the 2021/2022

Tax receipts for the 2021/2022 financial year have been mailed for those who have requested a receipt for the following funds: Charitable Works Fund, Priest Retirement Foundation and Project Compassion.

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 8th 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

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 1st 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!

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.

Support your Archdiocese of Sydney newspaper *The Catholic Weekly*

In this week's edition:

- Five more for the harvest
- The Natural Way: Experts back NFP funding
- Set in Stone: Barangaroo ceremony recalls WYD 2008
- Deepening Love: New marriage enrichment course
- Movie review: *Nope*
- Dempsey medals honour unseen service

Gospel Reflection

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

A Life Without Possessions

“Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions.” Luke 12:15

Imagine what your life would be like if you had no possessions. Imagine that all you had was the clothing you wore and you went through life relying upon the generosity of others. Though, at first, this may seem like an irresponsible way to live, there are some who are called to a form of this life for a sacred reason. Those called to strict religious life are called to embrace the life of poverty, owning nothing themselves, for a reason. The reason is highlighted in this Gospel.

Too often in life we become consumed with our possessions. It's true that material things can add “spice” to life. They can be fun, entertaining, comforting, etc. But the danger of becoming attached to the things of this world is that we begin to rely upon the pleasure they bring more than we rely upon the spiritual possessions which are of much greater value. It's not that material possessions are bad, in and of themselves; rather, it's that the spiritual possessions God wants us to obtain are of infinitely greater value.

Most are not called to live lives of material poverty, but all are called to live lives of poverty in spirit. This means that, though we live in the world, we are not to be of the world. We are to keep our hearts attached only to the greatest treasures of life: faith, hope and charity. When greed and love of material possessions draw us from these spiritual treasures, we must recommit ourselves to the discovery of their great value.

Reflect, today, upon any struggle you have with greed. If that does not sit well with you and if you find yourself immediately trying to justify your attachment to material things, then you may need this reflection more than you know. The Lord wants to give you so much more than this world can offer you. Do not make the choice to become attached to that which is “cheap” from an eternal perspective. Strive to embrace those true riches that will remain with you forever.

Lord of true riches, help me to always keep my heart set on the riches You bestow and to never settle for those things that can never fully satisfy me. I desire the wealth of Heaven, dear Lord, not the riches of Earth. Help me to live the spiritual poverty I am called to live so as to obtain all that You desire for me. Free me from greed and selfishness and help me to find true joy in Your holy will.

Jesus, I trust in You.