



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)

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd July, A.D. 2022 (Year C)

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

First Reading *Isaiah 66:10-14*

Rejoice, Jerusalem, be glad for her, all you who love her! Rejoice, rejoice for her, all you who mourned her! That you may be suckled, filled, from her consoling breast, that you may savour with delight her glorious breasts. For thus says the Lord: Now towards her I send flowing peace, like a river, and like a stream in spate the glory of the nations. At her breast will her nurslings be carried and fondled in her lap. Like a son comforted by his mother will I comfort you. And by Jerusalem you will be comforted. At the sight your heart will rejoice, and your bones flourish like the grass. To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 65*

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise. Say to God: How tremendous your deeds! (R)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R)
3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him; he rules forever by his might. (R)
4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. (R)

Second Reading *St Paul to the Galatians 6:14-18*

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God. I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen. *The word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation *Col 3:15. 16*

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 10:1-12. 17-20*

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in Him.

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 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:

George Sissi, Giorgio Repice Sr. Bernadete Marie Spiteri,

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.**

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.**

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

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Courage, Trust and Resolve

“Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way.” Luke 10:3-4

One of the hardest things to do in life is to enter into complete trust in God. But this is also one of the most fruitful things we can do for our life of faith. Trust in God is not something we can automatically do, it requires continual surrender and resolve as our Lord invites us deeper.

This passage above begins by Jesus making a powerful statement: “I am sending you like lambs among wolves.” This strong image is meant to reveal that the mission we will be given by our Lord is not something we can do on our own. A little lamb would not do well walking into a pack of wolves...unless the shepherd were right there beside it.

Jesus is not only revealing that His mission will require great courage, but that it cannot be accomplished without Him. Thus, He goes on to offer the practical directive to “Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way.” If we look at this line from a spiritual point of view, we can hear Jesus saying two things. First, “Rely upon my providence as you go about your mission in life.” Second, “Keep focused upon your final goal and do not get drawn here or there.” It's not that bringing money with or speaking to strangers are in and of themselves bad ideas; rather, we should hear the deeper spiritual meaning of trust and resolve to fulfil His mission.

Reflect, today, upon how well you do trust in the providence of God as you strive to courageously embrace His will. Reflect, also, upon how fully you are committed to going all the way, resolving to complete the task that our Lord has given you. Recommit yourself to these aspects of a life of faith, and the Good Shepherd will be there every step of the way.

My Good Shepherd, I do resolve to embrace Your most holy will with all my might. Give me courage, trust and resolve to follow You wherever You lead. I give myself to You, dear Lord. Jesus, I trust in You.