



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

## 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

14<sup>th</sup> August, A.D. 2022 (Year C)

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**First Reading** *Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10*

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered, 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.' *The word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 39

**R. Lord, come to my aid!**

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. (R)
2. He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay.  
He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. (R)
3. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God.  
Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord. (R)
4. As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me.  
You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay. (R)

**Second Reading** *Hebrews 12:1-4*

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death. *The word of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Luke 12:49-53*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Communion Antiphon:** I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

## We remember in our Masses

**Lord, we commend to your loving care all the sick of our parish:** Mary Phan Thi Phuong, Nikky Kochan, Kalim Morad, Anthony Raymond

**Recently deceased:** Joe Salameh, Neville Coorey, Pierre Collet, Amparo Ballman, Maura Turija, Dr. Tuyet Dang, Richard Harvey, Maya Sahabu, Bolos Hadid, Leila Abboud, Joan Grech, Julia Coorey, Ron Coorey, Michael Moses,

**We also pray for all the souls of the faithful departed:**

Zacharia Sumanto, Elizabeth Thi Sumini, Martinus Mudawan Sahabu, Mariana Laiyo, Ida Sahabu, Bob Tjetjep, Jay Glowacky, Maurice Maupe Sahabu, 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:**

Frank Samuel, Doris Karam, Anne Tiet Thi Phan, Joan Antida Grech, Olga Dahdah, Vincent Samia, Michael Samuel, Therese Nehmeh, Vince Samuel, Reynaldo Estanislao, William McFarlane, Maria Dang, Sam Abraham, Amira Moussa, Joseph Maree, Teresa Nguy,

**May they rest in peace.**

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

In this week's edition:

- Five more for the vineyard.
- Scott Hahn. Don't lose heart. Get going!
- Seventy years married
- Women in the church
- Movie review: *DB Cooper: Where Are You?*
- Who's a priest? You are!

## Humanae Vitae Month

Couples struggling to conceive, women experiencing reproductive health issues or those interested in furthering a career in medicine or health care are invited to the final event for this month:

“Restorative Reproductive Medicine: Holistically Treating Infertility”

Speaker: Dr Mary Walsh, Chair of the Australian Institute for Restorative Reproductive Medicine and Dr Catherine Lennon, Director, Fertilitycare.

Date: Saturday 20 August

Time: 9:30am

Venue: University of Notre Dame, Sydney.

Learn from experts in this field about the ‘good news’ of Restorative Reproductive Medicine to holistically treat infertility in the Catholic tradition. Register by the 17<sup>th</sup> August to secure your place

at [www.trybooking.com/CAGZH](http://www.trybooking.com/CAGZH)

## Raising Fathers Evenings

**Do you want to be a better DAD?**

***Receive the life skills and experience the love. The message of these stories is the same: fatherhood really matters! Done well it is world-changing. Done badly it is catastrophic.***

Dads, grandfathers and father figures all welcome to come and join us starting at 7.30pm at one of the locations below:

- Tuesday, August 23 – St Kevin's, Eastwood (Parish Hall): Daniel Ang (*Free sausage sizzle available from 6.30pm*)
- Wednesday, August 24 – All Saints, Liverpool (Parish Hall): Stuart Brady
- Thursday, August 25 – St Peter Chanel, Berala (Parish Hall): Stuart Brady

Register now via <https://www.trybooking.com/CBHLX>

**Feast of the Assumption – tomorrow: Monday August 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**A Holy Day of Obligation: we will have 2 Masses that day: 9:00am & 7:00pm**

**Charitable Works Fund**

Thank you for supporting the CWF August Parish Appeal On behalf of this parish, we sincerely thank you for supporting the Charitable Works Fund (CWF) August Appeal. Through your generous gift, we are able to continue in our mission to provide care for the most vulnerable in our community through our CWF agencies and ministries, and to promote the good works of our faith in our seminaries, schools and universities. For those who have returned their CWF donation envelope this weekend, please place it in any of the collections. For more information on the works of the CWF, please visit [www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf](http://www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf)

**Gospel Reflection**

**The Blazing Fire of Faith**

Jesus said to his disciples: “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!”\_ Luke 12:49

This passage reveals two things to us. First, it reveals Jesus’ intention to “set the earth on fire.” Second, it reveals that He desires “it were already blazing.”

What does it mean when Jesus says that He came to set the world on fire? Fire is a powerful image that offers much insight into the Christian life. First, fire consumes. So it is with Christ. He came to consume us. He came to transform our little lives into blazing fires. This reveals that there is much potential in each one of our lives. We have potential to become something totally new if we allow the spark of grace to ignite our souls.

Fire also has the potential to make a difference. Its heat keeps us warm, its light allows us to see in darkness and its energy produces power in various ways to help us in our daily lives. So it is with grace. God’s grace transforms our cold hearts, leads us through the darkness of life and provides us with all we need to live productive lives.

It’s interesting to note that Jesus did not only say that He came to set the world on fire; rather, He said that He wished it were already blazing. This desire of our Lord is an invitation to move out of a mediocre and lukewarm existence into a life of radical Christian living. We are not called to be partly transformed, or even mostly transformed. No, we are called to become blazing fires of faith, transformed by God to make a true difference in the world!

Reflect, today, upon the fire within your own soul. How brightly is that fire burning? You need to feed that fire on a daily basis, fanning it into flame with complete commitment. Seek to become that blazing fire that the Lord desires of you and you will be amazed at how fully you can become transformed by grace.

*Lord, set my heart on fire with the brightness of Your love and mercy. Help me to be open to the complete transformation of life that You desire of me. I give myself to You without reserve, dear Lord. Use me as You will.  
Jesus, I trust in You.*