



## St Mel's Parish

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**Parish Office hours:** 9:30am-3:00pm on Tuesday and Friday

**St Mel's Catholic Primary School:** 9789 3800

### 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 (Abbott, 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)

## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

21<sup>st</sup> August, A.D. 2022 (Year C)

**Entrance Antiphon:** Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long,

**First Reading**     *Isaiah 66:18-21*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, in horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord. *The word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm**     *Ps 116*

**R. Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.**

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples! (R)
2. Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever. (R)

**Second Reading**     *Hebrews 12:5-7. 11-13*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again. *The word of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation**     *Jn 14:6*

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

**Gospel**     *Luke 13:22-30*

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, ‘Sir, will there be only a few saved?’ He said to them, ‘Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

‘Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, “Lord, open to us” but he will answer, “I do not know where you come from.” Then you will find yourself saying, “We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets” but he will reply, “I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!”

‘Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

‘Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.’

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Communion Antiphon:** Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

## 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:** Fr Ben Bezzina, Joe Salameh, Neville Coorey, Pierre Collet, Amparo Ballman, Maura Turiya, 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:**

Annie Samuel, Teresa Alves, Maria Nguyen, Louie & Adla Elias, Paul Camilleri, 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.**

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## 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>

## Legion of Mary Centenary Celebration

Legion of Mary members, past and present, along with their families and friends are invited to attend the Anniversary Mass at St Mary's Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Terry Brady on Saturday 10 September 2022  
10am - Opening Prayers 10:30am – Mass 12pm – Lunch 1pm – Program.

## 2022 Annual Marriage Mass

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2022? Renew your vows to each other at Annual Marriage Mass celebrated by His Grace Archbishop Anthony Fisher at 10:30am on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> October at St Mary's Cathedral. All families welcome! Please RSVP by the 12<sup>th</sup> of September at: <https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/marriage-mass/marriage22>. For any all queries please email [lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org) or phone 93078480

## Transformation Retreat

Fr Chris Eaton, MGL Missionaries of God's Love, Canberra, ACT  
Date: Saturday 27 August Time: 9 am – 5 pm including Mass  
Venue: St Joseph's Parish Hall, Walz St., Rockdale, NSW  
Booking Essential: <https://trybooking.com/CASKV>  
Morning Tea and Lunch provided  
Inquiries: Helen 0422 455 114 Ida 0424 267 500

## Catholic Men's Fellowship

Catholic Men's Formation and Prayer Group currently meet Thursdays 8pm till 9pm, via online conference (zoom). We are a group of men who have met on a regular basis over the past ten years. We invite men to various formation programs, and to conclude with Prayer of the Church. Our chaplain is Deacon Louis Azzopardi. We are currently using Kapaun's Men, Virtue Series.  
For details on how to connect, contact Lee Caruana via email [leecaruana@hotmail.com](mailto:leecaruana@hotmail.com)

## Gospel Reflection

### The Narrow Gate

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” Luke 13:24

What does this line tell us? It reveals that we cannot enter Heaven by our own will or through our own effort. Furthermore, it tells us that though some will try to get to Heaven through their own effort, this approach will not work. Upon meeting our Lord, after death, they will be surprised that they are not a member of His Kingdom. This clear and somewhat shocking statement from our Lord should have the effect of causing you to step back and look at your life so as to sincerely and humbly examine the path you are on. Jesus' directness and clarity on this real experience that some will have should help to open your eyes so as to honestly examine if He is speaking about you.

It takes true humility to face the truth, at times, and to admit if we are trying to rely more upon ourselves than upon Christ. The “narrow gate” is that gate through which the humble enter. Pride and self-sufficiency lead us to attempt to make our own path to Heaven. But this path is never the correct one.

Entering the “narrow gate” also means that we listen to God. He, as the divine Shepherd, is always calling to us in a gentle way. Only when we are attentive to His voice will we know where He is leading us. Only then will we discover the way through the one and only narrow gate.

Reflect, today, upon that moment when you meet our Lord face to face. What will that encounter be like? Will it be one where He greets you with open arms saying, “Well done, good and faithful servant, enter into your reward.” Or will it be one in which He says, “I do not know you.” Now is the time to face your life of faith with honesty, striving to rely only upon the strength of our divine Lord.

*Lord, I do desire to enter the narrow gate. I choose to follow Your gentle voice, leading me to Heaven.  
Help me to remain humble in life, shedding all that leads me to rely upon myself.  
May I rely only upon You, dear Lord, and trust You in all things.  
Jesus, I trust in You.*