



## St Mel's Parish

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**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)

## 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Entrance Antiphon:** Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

**First Reading** *Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 3:17-20. 28-29*

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream. *The word of the Lord.*

**Responsorial Psalm** *Ps 67*

**R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.**

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.  
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R)
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.  
God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R)
3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.  
It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R)

**Second Reading** *Hebrews 12: 18-19. 22-24*

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant. *The word of the Lord.*

**Gospel Acclamation** *Mt 11:29*

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Luke 14:1. 7-14*

On a Sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Communion Antiphon:** How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those.

## 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 Correy, 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:**

Eugenia & Jose Alves and deceased family, Rosa & Antonio Vieira and deceased family, Busbos, Richard & Zemelya Khoury Boulous, Chafic & Reda Khoury-Boulous, Salim & Zacharia Sumanto, Elizabeth Thi Sumini, Martinus Mudawan Sahabu, Mariana Laiyo, Ida Sahabu, Bob Tjetjep, Jay Glowacky, Maurice Maupe Sahabu, Francesco Viterale, Sayed Saad, 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:**

Francesco Vieira, Salim & Hesnay Moses, Joseph & Yasmin Saba, Leo Gio, Charles Miller, Raya Karam, Zakiah Karam, Charlie & Lila Karam, Annie Samuel, Teresa Alves, Louie & Adla Elias, Paul Camilleri, Doris Karam, Anne Tiet Thi Phan, Joan Antida Grech, Olga Dahdah, Therese Nehmeh, Sam Abraham, Amira Moussa, Joseph Maree, Teresa Nguy,

**May they rest in peace.**

### Some points to note about Holy Communion

Holy Communion may be received on the tongue again.

If you receive Holy Communion on the hand, place the Host in your mouth *immediately*. Do not walk away from the priest or acolyte with the Host still in your hands.

Masks are no longer required in church.

If you are wearing a mask, please remove your mask *before* receiving Holy Communion.

If instead you want a *blessing* for yourself or your child at Holy Communion, go to the priest for this—*not the acolyte*. An acolyte cannot give blessings.

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### 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/marriagemass22>. For any all queries please email [lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org) or phone 93078480

### Communion Hymns

During Holy Communion we now alternate the weekend Masses with a hymn at Communion, or silence at Communion. Singing and silent prayer are both suitable after Communion – so we have each one on alternate weeks.

## **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

### **Priests Retirement Appeal, Fathers Day 2022**

Next weekend our Parish is supporting the annual Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal. This appeal helps to support our sick and retired priests, it provides them with appropriate accommodation and assistance with transition into retirement, medical and dental care, pastoral and other practical support, to give them a life of dignity and comfort in retirement. As a way of expressing our gratitude for priests who've nurtured our faith, provided guidance, friendship and mercy through the years, we hope that you'll consider donating to this appeal. Envelopes will be on the pews next weekend.

### **Gospel Reflection**

#### **Attentiveness to Jesus**

On a sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully. Luke 14:1

What an interesting line. This line should not be overlooked in that it reveals a common reaction that some have to Jesus. What is the reaction? It's the tendency to observe Jesus carefully from a distance.

Look at the context of this statement. Jesus was invited to the home of a leading Pharisee and many other people were present. Those who were there would have been considered the "movers and shakers" of that time. They were the influential, wealthy, educated, and prestigious members of the community. Many would have been quite concerned about their reputation and quite curious about Jesus since He was growing in such popularity with the people. So, as a result, they were all "observing him carefully."

Notice the implication present in this description of their reaction to Jesus. Unlike the manifest sinners of that time, they did not come to Him, falling at His feet, begging for mercy. Rather, they appear to be quite interested in how Jesus will be accepted by others, what He will say and what they should think about Him. Even though it is unfortunate that they do not all completely turn to Jesus in faith, it's at least good that they are attentive to Jesus and realize He is unique.

This curiosity on their part is not all bad. In fact, it may lead some of them to salvation. By observing Jesus, they are clearly pondering Him, His words and His actions. This is good if and only if it results in each one of them turning to Him in faith and choosing to embrace our Lord regardless of what others think. This is a risk for those consumed with their own public image. But it's a risk that is worth taking. For those who are willing to humbly allow their observations to turn into true faith, their lives will change. But in order to do so, they must let go of any fear they have of what others may think.

Reflect, today, upon any tendency you have to only "observe" Jesus and His will from a distance. If you find you are curious and interested in the presence of God around you, do not hesitate to act on this curiosity, allowing His words and presence to change your life. Do not let yourself become concerned about what others may think. Give your life to Him without hesitation and you will be eternally grateful you did.

*Lord,*

*when I perceive Your presence in my life, give me the courage I need to respond.*

*May I never let societal pressures or pride interfere with my turning to You.*

*I love You, dear Lord. Help me to love You without reserve.*

*Jesus, I trust in You.*