



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

Saturday 3 rd September	St Gregory the Great (Pope, Doctor)
Thursday 8 th September	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday 9 th September	St Peter Claver (Jesuit priest)
Tuesday 13 th September	St John Chrysostom (Bishop, Doctor)
Wednesday 14 th September	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Thursday 15 th September	Our Lady of Sorrows
Friday 16 th September	St Cornelius (Pope, martyr) & St Cyprian (Bishop, martyr)
Saturday 17 th September	St Robert Bellarmine (Bishop, Cardinal, Doctor)
Monday 19 th September	St Januarius (Bishop, martyr)
Tuesday 20 th September	St Andrew Kim Tae-gon (priest, martyr), St Chong Ha-sang & companions
Wednesday 21 st September	St Matthew (Apostle, evangelist)
Friday 23 rd September	St Pio of Pietrelcina (Franciscan Capuchin priest, 1887-1968)
Monday 26 th September	St Cosmas and St Damian (martyrs)
Wednesday 28 th September	St Wenceslaus (martyr), St Lawrence Ruiz & companions (martyrs)
Thursday 29 th September	St Michael, St Gabriel, St Raphael (Archangels)
Friday 30 th September	St Jerome (priest, Doctor)

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11th September, A.D. 2022 (Year C)

Entrance Antiphon: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading *Exodus 32:7-11. 13-14*

The Lord spoke to Moses, ‘Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostasised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. “Here is your God, Israel,” they have cried “who brought you up from the land of Egypt!” The Lord said to Moses, ‘I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.’

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. ‘Lord,’ he said, ‘why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your, servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.’ So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened. *The word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 50*

R. I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.
3. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

Second Reading *1 Timothy 1:12-17*

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Gospel Acclamation *2 Cor 5:19*

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 15:1-32*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them: ‘What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” he would say “I have found my sheep that was lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

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‘Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? “Rejoice with me,” she would say “I have found the drachma I lost.” In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.’

He also said, ‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant, “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Communion Antiphon: How precious is your mercy, O God! The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

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: Gladstone Jebanasam, Joe Habib, Fr Ben Bezzina, Joe Salameh, Neville Correy, 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:

Miguel Andrade, Antonio Barros, Maria Odete & Jose Da Silva, Dorothy Constantine, Eugenia & Jose Alves and deceased family, Rosa & Antonio Vieira and deceased family, Busbos, Richard & Zemelya Khoury Boulos, Chafic & Reda Khoury-Boulos, Salim & Zacharia Sumanto, Elizabeth Thi Sumini, Martinus Mudawan Sahabu, Mariana Laiyo, Ida Sahabu, Bob Tjetjep, 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:

Antonio Ramos, Vitorina Santos, Manuel Outeirinho, Maria Carmo Alexandre, Fortunato Mordica, Isidro Goncalves, Quitino Ferreira, Alberto Serra, Joyce Yip, George Azzi, Francesco Vieira, Francesco Viterale, Freddy, Jean and Paul Marie Jeanne, John Fitzpatrick, Salim & Hesnay Moses, Joseph & Yasmin Saba, Leo Gio, Raya Karam, Zakiah Karam, Charlie & Lila Karam, Teresa Alves, Louie & Adla Elias, Paul Camilleri, Doris Karam, Anne Tiet Thi Phan, Olga Dahdah, Therese Nehmeh, Sam Abraham.

May they rest in peace.

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Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia: Retreats for women

Eucharistic Retreat Day

24 September

10am-4pm at St Patrick's, Bondi.

Fee: \$25.00

This retreat day, for women across all ages, will help you grow in your love for and devotion to the gift of the Holy Eucharist. In addition to talks and discussion, the day will include time for silence and prayer during a Holy Hour. An opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Morning tea and lunch are provided.

Register Online: <https://www.trybooking.com/CBBXK>

Some points to note about Holy Communion

Holy Communion may be received on the tongue.

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 not required in church.

If you are wearing a mask, please lower or 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.

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.

Men's Weekend: 24-25 September

Be encouraged with a new sense of purpose and mission in your life through attending the next **menALIVE Men's Weekend**. Share your faith with like-minded men in a secure and respectful environment.

Where: St Kevin's Parish Eastwood, 36 Hillview Rd Eastwood

For more information, contact the parish office on **9874-2533**

Priests Retirement Appeal, Fathers Day 2022

Thank you for your donations last weekend to this appeal. If you have returned your envelope this weekend, please place it in any of the collections at Mass. Thank you.

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 16th October** at St Mary's Cathedral. All families welcome! Please RSVP by the 12th of September at:

<https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/marriage-mass/marriagemass22>. For any all queries please email lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org or phone 93078480