



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)

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time
18th September, A.D. 2022 (Year C)

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading *Amos 8:4-7*

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, “When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.”

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, ‘Never will I forget a single thing you have done.’

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 112*

R. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore! (R)
2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth? (R)
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dungheap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people. (R)

Second Reading *1 Timothy 2:1-8*

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone—petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving—and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and—I am telling the truth and no lie—a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument. *The word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 16:1-13*

“Jesus said to his disciples, ‘There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, “What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer.” Then the steward said to himself, “Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes.”’

‘Then he called his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, “How much do you owe my master?” “One hundred measures of oil” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty.” To another he said, “And you, sir, how much do you owe?” “One hundred measures of wheat” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond and write eighty.”’

‘The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

‘And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.’ *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

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: Farid Shidiak, Samira Iskander, Sr Mare Craddock, 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:

Sr Eucharia Jackson, Sr Catherine Gleeson, 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, Jamil Moussa, Tunis & Salima Abraham, Yousif Abraham, Brian Abraham.

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Sayed Saad, Edilberto Cellona, 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, Yvonne, Herve & Aline Marie Jeanne, John Fitzpatrick, Salim & Hesnay Moses, Joseph & Yasmin Saba, Leo Gio, Raya Karam, Zakiah Karam, Charlie & Lila Karam, Louie & Adla Elias, Paul Camilleri, Doris Karam, 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>

The Bishop's Blend: A Breakfast for Young Professionals

Guest speaker: General Manager of PAYCE, Dominic Sullivan.

Monday 10 October

Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel

7-8:30am

For more information and tickets, register online: <https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/the-bishops-blend/tbb/Site/Register>

Pontifical Requiem Mass for Queen Elizabeth II

To mark the life and reign of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Catholic Archbishop of Sydney, Most Rev. Anthony Fisher OP will celebrate a Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on **Saturday 24th September 2022 at 10.00am**. All members of the community are welcome and strongly encouraged to attend.

Migrant and Refugee Sunday: Multicultural Mass

Sydney Archdiocese celebrates Migrant and Refugee Sunday with a Mass at 2pm, St Mary's Cathedral on **Sunday 25th September**.

Please come along and feel free to dress in your traditional cultural attire. There will be representatives from all corners of the world as we celebrate the cultural diversity of our Church in Sydney. For more information contact Kylie at: **immigration@sydneycatholic.org**

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**

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

Gospel Reflection

God or Money?

“No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon.” Luke 16:13

Many people dream of being rich. Having a lot of money brings with it a certain amount of security and freedom to do many things that most people could not. Money, in and of itself, is neither good nor bad. If one is rich, that is fine. If one is poor, that is fine. From the perspective of God, the amount of money you have matters little.

With that said, the danger with money comes when you allow it to become your “master.” Interestingly, even those who are poor can allow money to become their master when they allow the desire for more to dominate their lives. The key is in the desire and the healthy detachment.

What are you attached to? Are you attached to the money you have? Are you attached to the desire for the money you wish you had? The goal is to see money for what it is. In the big picture, money has very little value. It's a means to the end of taking care of your daily needs but can never become the source of your joy and fulfilment in life. Only God is the proper Master of our hearts and only He can fill you with true riches.

Reflect, today, upon any struggle you have with being overly attached to money, or the lack thereof. God promises to provide for you in your need, so it's essential that you trust Him. And if your financial needs are more than met, be grateful and cultivate generosity as you seek to detach from money as a false source of happiness. Let your heart only be filled with the rich grace of God as its source of fulfilment and you will be rich in the truest sense.

Lord of all, help me to keep You as the one and only Master of my life. Give me the grace I need to detach from all that is of this world, so as to live for You and in accord with Your will alone. I love You, dear Lord. Help me to love You above all else. Jesus, I trust in You.