



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 (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, 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 Pius of Pietrelcina (priest)
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)

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
4th September, A.D. 2022 (Year C)

Entrance Antiphon: You are just, O Lord, and your judgment is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading *Wisdom 9:13-18*

What man indeed can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 89*

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: ‘Go back, sons of men.’

To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R)

2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning.

In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R)

3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R)

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days.

Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R)

Second Reading *Philemon 9-10.12-17*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation *Ps 118:135*

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 14:25-33*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. ‘If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

‘And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, “Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.” Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.’ *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Communion Antiphon: I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

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, 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, Francesco Viterale, Freddy, Jean and Paul Marie Jeanne, John Fitzpatrick, 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,

May they rest in peace.

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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.

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.

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.

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

This 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 for this appeal are on the pews. Please place your donation in the special third collection being offered at Masses this weekend. 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 the 16th October** at St Mary's Cathedral. All families welcome! Please RSVP by the 12th of September at: <https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/marriage-mass/marriage22>. For any all queries please email lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org or phone 93078480

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Total Surrender

“Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion?” Luke 14:28

Are you prepared for all that the Lord wants of you? This short rhetorical question above is Jesus' way of saying that you ought to be prepared. If you were to build a tower you would hopefully be prudent enough to plan ahead, making sure you had enough resources for its completion. So it is with the spiritual life. It is essential that we make sure we have all the resources we need to make the choice to follow Christ.

This raises the question, “What resources do I need to follow Christ?” The answer is simple. Jesus says at the end of this Gospel, “In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple” (Luke 14:33). In other words, if we want to have all that we need to fulfill the will of God in our lives, we must surrender everything to God.

Being a disciple of Christ is not something we can do halfheartedly, even though there are many who attempt this. When we choose to follow Him, it must be wholehearted. We must be “all in,” so to speak. Otherwise, we will never be able to accomplish all that our Lord asks of us. He is a demanding God in the sense that He wants everything from us. But this demand on the part of our Lord is completely for our own good. We need to give Him everything if we want happiness and fulfillment in life.

Reflect, today, upon how ready and willing you are to give every last part of your life to Christ. Are you willing to say “Yes” to Him no matter what? Are you willing to hold nothing back and “renounce all your possessions” if He were to ask? You may possess many things, and even though our Lord may not call you to give up all possessions in a literal and physical way, you must still surrender everything you have and everything you are to Him. Only then can He give you what you need to accomplish His most glorious will.

Lord, my life is Yours.

***Please give me the grace to surrender everything that makes up my life to You without reserve.
I surrender to You my life, my finances, my possessions, my family, my labors and my entire future.***

All is Yours, dear Lord.

Do with me what You will.

Jesus, I trust in You.