



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 1st October: St Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face, 1873-1897 (virgin, Carmelite, Doctor of the Church)
Sunday 2nd: The Holy Guardian Angels (not celebrated this year, being Sunday)
Tuesday 4th: St Francis of Assisi, 1181/2-1226 (Deacon, Friar, founder)
Wednesday 5th: St Faustina Kowalska, 1905-1938 (virgin, mystic)
Thursday 6th: St Bruno, c. 1030-1101 (priest, founder of the Carthusian Order)
Friday 7th: Our Lady of the Rosary
Friday 14th: St Callistus I (Pope, martyred 222 A.D.)
Saturday 15th: St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila), 1515-1582 (virgin, Carmelite, Doctor of the Church)
Monday 17th: St Ignatius Antioch, died 107 A.D. (Bishop, martyr, a Father of the Church)
Tuesday 18th: St Luke (Evangelist, author of a Gospel, plus *Acts of the Apostles*) – Feast
Wednesday 19th: SS. John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues, and companions (Jesuit priests, 17th century martyrs in Canada)
Saturday 22nd: St John Paul II, 1920-2005 (Pope from 1978)
Monday 24th: St Anthony Claret, 1807-1870 (Founder, Bishop in Cuba and Spain)
Thursday 28th: SS. Simon and Jude (Apostles) – Feast

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9th October, A.D. 2022 (Year C)

Entrance Antiphon: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading *2 Kings 5:14-17*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. ‘Now I know’ he said ‘that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please accept a present from your servant.’ But Elisha replied, ‘As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.’ Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, ‘Since your answer is “No”, allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.’ *The word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 97*

R/. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R)

Second Reading *2 Timothy 2:8-13*

Remember the Good News that I carry, ‘Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David’; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God’s news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self. *The word of the Lord*

Gospel Acclamation *1 Thess 5:18*

Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 17:11-19*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, ‘Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.’ When he saw them he said, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say. ‘Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.’ And he said to the man, ‘Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon: When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

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 Marie Craddock, Gladstone Jebanasam, Joe Habib, Fr Ben Bezzina, Neville Correy, Pierre Collet, Amparo Ballman,

We also pray for all the souls of the faithful departed:

Colleen George, Concordia Martin Daco, 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, Jamil Moussa, Tunis & Salima Abraham, Yousif Abraham, Brian Abraham.

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Ronny Savarimoutou, Debbie Doueihi, Terry Dsouza, Georges and Marion Ibrahim, Debbie Doueihi, William Ao Garcia Carcamo, Patrick Carosy, Lewis Bhuruth, Nicky Dosen, Grace Dessa, Sayed Saad, Edilberto Cellona, Antonio Ramos, Vitorina Santos, Manuel Outeirinho, Maria Carmo Alexandre, Fortunato Mordica, Isidro Goncalves, Francesco Vieira, Francesco Viterale, Yvonne, Herve & Aline Marie Jeanne, John Fitzpatrick, Salim & Hesnay Moses, Joseph & Yasmin Saba, Paul Camilleri.

May they rest in peace.

The Catholic Weekly is on sale today; also the Columban Calendar on sale

- Parents: Monitor Gaming! • 70 years Down Under • Youth set a fire at Ignite • Helping women in crisis
- Little nun, big 'saint'? • Scalabrinians: 70 years in a land Down Under.

The Columban Calendar for 2023 is on sale for \$10. It has a beautiful religious picture for each month, and it gives the Saints and Feasts of the year.

Pilgrimage to Mary MacKillop Place

All are welcome to join with our parents and friends of our school community on a pilgrimage to Mary MacKillop Place in North Sydney on Friday 14th October. Departure from St Mel's is at 8.20am to travel by train to North Sydney. See the notice on the church board for more details.

The Sign of Peace

At Mass, the Sign of Peace ("Let us offer each other a sign of peace") is optional, not obligatory. I choose not to have it, because I think it is a distraction so soon before Holy Communion.

Funerals at St Mel's

Eulogies, and telling of stories & memories, and showing photos or power-point presentations on a person's life do *not* belong to the Church's liturgy (her official prayer & rituals). The place for those things is at a vigil or wake *before* a funeral, or at a gathering or mercy meal *after* a funeral. They do not belong to the funeral prayers and rites. When I do funerals at St Mel's, or elsewhere as requested, I do not allow eulogies or speeches by anyone, nor secular songs or power-points in church on the life of the deceased. They are out of place in a church. Please do not trouble yourself to ask for any such thing at a funeral I am conducting – because the answer will be no. If there are significant things to mention of a person's Catholic life or character or faith, you can give them to the priest to incorporate into his homily.

Many Catholics are confused or ignorant on the point of having a funeral. Many seem to think it is an occasion to glorify or 'canonise' someone (declaring someone "is in Heaven"), or to thank God for their life, or to tell stories and memories of the deceased. Atheists sometimes find consolation, when someone has died, in thinking what a good person he or she was – because they have no belief in the immortality of the soul or a future life. But we who are believers in Christ our Saviour must see things differently, and behave accordingly.

The Canon Law of the Church (canon 1176) expresses the 3 purposes of a funeral: (1) to pray for the soul of the deceased; (2) to bring God's consolation to those who mourn; and (3) to dispose of the body ritually and reverently in expectation of its resurrection on the Last Day.

Eulogies and attempted 'canonisations' at funerals distract people completely from *praying for the soul of the deceased* – which is the chief purpose of a funeral.

Lining up for Holy Communion

When coming forward for Holy Communion, keep close to the person in front of you – don't stay 6 feet behind the person in front. Do NOT stop at the front pew but keep walking ahead. If coming to the priest in the centre of the aisle, form 2 rows next to each other, standing in front of the priest on the left or right of the person who is receiving Communion. Do not wait for someone to leave before coming forward. Keep the queues flowing smoothly without stopping unnecessarily.

Catholic Missions Appeal

This weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal. This year we are invited to support the remote township of Emdibir in Ethiopia. In collaboration with the local community, the Church, led by Fr Antuan, hopes to establish a goat rearing centre, where nutritious milk will be produced and distributed to families in most need to help reverse and prevent illness and malnutrition. Envelopes are on your pews, please place your donations in the special collection being offered at each Mass this weekend. Alternatively you may wish to return your envelope with your donation next weekend. Your gift today is very much appreciated and will make a great difference to those in need.

Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter

Please join the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter in a fundraising dinner on Saturday 5th November at the Blacktown Croatian hall, 70 Douglas Rd, Blacktown, from 6:30pm. The dinner will help to raise funds to build a new church in Western Sydney. Tickets are \$60 each, including a three-course meal. Discount of \$100 applies for a table of ten. To register, please visit: fssp-parra.org/building-project/

Become a CatholicCare Companion

CatholicCare is searching for volunteers to be with people as they experience times of change, challenge and uncertainty.

If you are a good listener who is caring, non-judgemental and compassionate, we'd love to hear from you.

To find out more, please call Jacqui Willoughby, Volunteer Co-ordinator on 0426 773 630 or 13 18 19.

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Gospel Reflection

The Healing Balm of a Grateful Heart

“Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” Luke 17:17-18

These words were spoken by Jesus after He healed ten lepers and only one of them, a foreigner, returned to Jesus to thank Him. Ten were healed physically of their leprosy but only one received a much deeper healing. Upon returning to Jesus with a grateful heart, Jesus said to this one leper, “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you” (Luke 17:19).

Only this one leper, the one who returned with a grateful heart, heard our Lord speak these words: “Your faith has saved you.” This reveals that gratitude to God is not only our duty, it also brings forth manifest blessings in our lives. When we sincerely offer thanks to God for all that He has done, we are manifesting great faith in God as a result. We are pointing to Him and His goodness as the source of our blessings and it takes faith to see this and to profess it.

What is it for which you need to grow in gratitude in your life? What is it that you may take for granted and have failed to properly return to God and thank Him for? The truth is that everything in life is a gift. Everything. Even the struggles you endure can be turned into blessings. In fact, that's exactly what happened in this story. The awful suffering of leprosy was turned into a grace from God.

Reflect, today, upon all that God has done for you. Pray that you will understand all of the countless ways that God graces your life. As you see them, ponder those blessings, count them and be grateful for them. And from that gratitude, return a joyful thanks to God. In that act, your faith will also save you.

Lord, I do thank You for the countless blessings that You have bestowed upon me throughout my life. I thank You for the ways in which You have graced me, led me and healed me. Help me to see clearly all that You have done and continue to do for me. As I see these blessings, help me to daily express my gratitude in faith.

Jesus, I trust in You.