



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

Tuesday 1st **November:** All Saints (Solemnity)
Wednesday 2nd: The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)
Thursday 3rd: St Martin de Porres (religious)
Friday 4th: St Charles Borromeo (Bishop)
Thursday 10th: St Leo the Great (Pope, Doctor)
Friday 11th: St Martin of Tours (Bishop)
Saturday 12th: St Josaphat (Bishop, martyr)
Wednesday 16th: St Margaret of Scotland, St Gertrude (virgin)
Thursday 17th: St Elizabeth of Hungary (religious)
Sunday 20th: **Closing week of the Church's Year: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
Monday 21st: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday 22nd: St Cecilia (virgin, martyr)
Wednesday 23rd: St Clement I (Pope, martyr), St Columban (abbot)
Thursday 24th: Sts Andrew Dung-Lac (priest, and companions, Vietnamese martyrs)
Friday 25th: St Catherine of Alexandria (virgin, martyr)
Sunday 27th: **First Sunday of Advent: Start of the new Church Year**
Wednesday 30th: St Andrew (Apostle)

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
November 13th, A.D. 2022 (Year C)

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First Reading *Malachi 3: 19-20*

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays. *The word of the Lord.*

Responsorial Psalm *Ps 97*

R/. The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn acclaim the King, the Lord. (R)

2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.

Let the rivers clap their hands and the hills ring out their joy at the presence of the Lord. (R)

3. For the Lord comes, he comes to rule the earth. (R)

He will rule the world with justice and the peoples with fairness. (R)

Second Reading *2 Thessalonians 3:7-12*

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat. *The word of the Lord.*

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 21:5-19*

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?' 'Take care not to be deceived,' he said 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not so soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name - and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

Communion Antiphon: Amen, I say to you: Whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you will receive, and it shall be given to you, says the Lord.

The Catholic Weekly is on sale today:

Blue, Yellow and Orange: NSW town offering hope to Ukrainian refugees • Where students become teachers: Trinity Catholic College Auburn • Milestone of faith: 40th anniversary for Chinese Catholic Chaplaincy

Columban Calendar

2023 Columban Calendar is on sale for \$10 – beautiful religious pictures each month, & has Saints and Feasts of the year.

Christmas at the Cathedral

8-25 December St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt. Festivities begin at 7:00pm with Christmas market stalls, food, fun activities for the kids and live entertainment.

Mass for Expectant Mothers and those hoping to conceive

Sunday 11 December, 10am – St Paul of the Cross church, 522 New Canterbury Rd, Dulwich Hill

Are you expecting a little one? Are you hoping to conceive but have been unable to have children? The Mass for Expectant Mothers is for you. Join Bishop Daniel Meagher for this annual celebration-family and friends welcome! The celebration will be followed by light refreshments, please RSVP by 27 November.

Advent Companion booklet 2022 - Prepare for the Coming of Christ

The beautiful Season of Advent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to prepare for the coming of Jesus. The free booklet Advent Companion contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Advent and Christmas, and spiritual reflections by Bishop Danny Meagher, Mrs Tania Rimac, Sr Mary Julian Ekman RSM, Dr Michael Casey and Fr Benjamin Saliba.

Parish Secretary

Diane is on long service leave from Tuesday 1st November until Tuesday 31st January, 2023.

The Legion of Mary

The Legion of Mary meets every Wednesday evening at 6:00pm in the lower hall. The Legion meets for 60 minutes max., so members are free to attend the 7:00pm Mass. The meeting opens with the Rosary, and then follow reports on work done, prayers, reflection, and assignment of works to be done in the week coming. New members are welcome: simply come to the meeting to learn how it works. Auxiliary (praying) members are also welcome to be enrolled: contact Fr Joseph who will put you in contact with the leader.

Catholic Cemeteries + Crematoria

Deceased Clergy & Religious Mass 2022

We hope you can join us for this special Mass

Wednesday 23rd November
12 Noon, Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery
RSVP by 11th November: Grief Care Team email: team@griefcare.com.au
www.catholiccemeteries.com.au

Grief Care

St Mel's Choir

Our choir is looking for new members in preparation for the Feast of Christ the King, the season of Advent and Christmas. We are looking for people who can attend choir rehearsals every Thursday from 6:30 till 8pm in the lower hall.

Reverence for the Holy Eucharist

The acolytes and I recently have had to stop people walking away from Holy Communion carrying the Blessed Eucharist in their hands, instead of swallowing the Host immediately. No one may carry the Host away. If you see anyone doing this, *stop them at once*. Every Catholic has the right and duty to stop profanation of the Blessed Eucharist. Likewise, if you are near anyone who is having a conversation during Mass, you – every parishioner – can rightfully tell them: “We are in church: be quiet. Go outside if you want to talk during Mass.” That is quiet a mild rebuke, if we remember what Christ did to those profaning the Temple when He was there – and our churches are more holy than the Temple of Jerusalem.

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.

Roll up your sleeves; make a difference overseas.

Do you require professional renewal, or are you seeking a retirement challenge? Communities abroad are asking for qualified and experienced Australians able to mentor their people in education, health, administration, trades, agriculture and more. Imagine yourself re-engaging your vocational passion in Africa, Asia or the Pacific. Since 1961 Palms Australia has been recruiting Australians able to offer mentoring that will allow overseas counterparts opportunities otherwise unattainable. Sharing your skills will strengthen the capacity of workers overseas to serve their communities for generations to come, long after you return home.

Communities in American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste, and Zambia are seeking to fill a variety of roles.

Enquire about those roles via www.palms.org.au or by calling 02 9560 533 or 0422 472 567.

The Kingdom of Heaven, from *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

1023 Those who die in God's grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live forever with Christ. They are like God for ever, for they "see him as He is," face to face: 'By virtue of our apostolic authority, we define the following: According to the general disposition of God, the souls of all the saints . . . and other faithful who died after receiving Christ's holy Baptism (provided they were not in need of purification when they died, . . . or, if they then did need or will need some purification, when they have been purified after death, . . .) already before they take up their bodies again and before the general judgment - and this since the Ascension of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ into heaven - have been, are and will be in heaven, in the heavenly Kingdom and celestial paradise with Christ, joined to the company of the holy angels. Since the Passion and death of our Lord Jesus Christ, these souls have seen and do see the divine essence with an intuitive vision, and even face to face, without the mediation of any creature.'

1024 This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity - this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed - is called "heaven." Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfilment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness.

1025 To live in heaven is "to be with Christ." The elect live "in Christ," but they retain, or rather find, their true identity, their own name. By his death and Resurrection, Jesus Christ has "opened" heaven to us. The life of the blessed consists in the full and perfect possession of the fruits of the redemption accomplished by Christ. He makes partners in his heavenly glorification those who have believed in him and remained faithful to his will. Heaven is the blessed community of all who are perfectly incorporated into Christ.

Call for Volunteers: Sydney Street Feast 2022

On Friday 18 November, Archbishop Anthony Fisher will host a free luncheon for Sydney's homeless in the forecourt of St Mary's Cathedral from 12pm to 2pm. A large number of guests are expected and volunteers from parishes are invited to help serve food and to sit and accompany guests during lunch. A great opportunity to show support and solidarity with fellow Sydneysiders experiencing homelessness. Register your interest at <https://bit.ly/StreetFeast2022>

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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Masses for the faithful departed in November, and Masses for individual intentions in November

Our Parish's November Mass intentions can be placed in the basket which is in front of the pulpit. Any names placed there will be written in the Book of Remembrance. Mass envelopes are available at the doors of the church.

During November, all the Masses publicly celebrated in the church will be offered for the Holy Souls in the Parish Book of Remembrance, which will be placed on the altar. The only exception is the 10:00am Sunday Mass which is offered for the people of the parish. That is a Sunday Mass intention that every parish priest must fulfil: Mass "pro populo" = "for the people" of the parish.

The many individual names given for Masses in this time are named in the Book of Remembrance, but the Masses will be given to other priests who are retired or in seminaries etc., who are free to offer those individual Masses because they receive few or no Mass intentions.