

+Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Bourke Gibbons, Kerry Gibbons, Rose-Tariaz Haddad Daniel Matesic, Robert Moran, Phillip Nehme, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, John Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Margaret Ward and for those infected with COVID-19.

Recently Deceased: Eileen Maier, Ray Etteridge, Mervyn Thompson, Craig Goodchild, Dick O'Reilly, Michael Smith, Jean Graham and all who have died from Covid-19.

Anniversary: Robert Sanders, Rodney Lawler, Josip Veljacic, Dawn (Lawrence) McHugh

Sick List - To include the name of your loved one on the sick list, please email:

parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

Anniversary List - Some week's the anniversary list it quite long. From this weekend only the most recently listed in the anniversary book will be shown in the bulletin.

If you would like your loved one's name in the bulletin under anniversary, please email name and date/year of passing to: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com



Keeping in touch

If you can drop the bulletin into other parishioners' letter boxes when going for some exercise, please pick up some bulletins from the front of the church.

We will print extra ones if needed, just let us know.

Please remember not all parishioners have access to the internet.

This week's online addition of the **Catholic Weekly** is free due to COVID lockdown. Check out the [online Catholic Weekly](#)

Go Make Disciples Prayer Night - Online Holy Hour for Parish Renewal

Opening Hearts to Christ Inviting all Sydney Catholics to an online Holy Hour for the spiritual needs of our people and parishes on **Thurs30th Sept**, the eve of the first Friday in honour of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Feast Day of St Therese, patron saint of missionaries. Let us unite ourselves with Christ and pray that many hearts will be open to his love and granted the grace to encounter Him in this time of challenge and to live ever more deeply as his disciples.

Registrations essential. **Date:** Thursday, 30 September **Time:** 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Platform: Online via Zoom; please register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events

For further information, please contact Sister Anastasia via sr.anastasia.reeves@sydneycatholic.org

Supporting our Parish -

The parish is also incurring financial loss, yet the bills still need to be paid. Please think about how you can help. **Special donations will be greatly appreciated.**

Please click on this link to [Support Us](#) or ring the parish office for information re making a donation

Covid Restrictions

Masses and other meetings are suspended during this time. The church is kept closed and no one should enter without permission. **Please think of those who may be very lonely - reach out to others.**



Safeguarding our Parish

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police.

Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or

Email: safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. **St Mary's Safeguarding Officer:** Veronica Denning - 0407 231 262



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Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8 & 10am, 5pm

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday: 6pm

Preceded by Rosary/Novena - 5.30pm

Wednesday - Friday: 9am

Preceded by Rosary - 8.45am

Vietnamese Masses:

Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm

Sunday: 3pm



Reconciliation:

Saturday 4-4.30 pm
or by appointment

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 September 2021

World Day of Migrants and refugees

Migrant and Refugee Sunday is celebrated in Australia on the last Sunday in Sept. This brings the practice of the Church in Australia into line with the practice of the Church around the world. God call us to build a world with a we as wide as humanity.

For more info: info@acmro.catholic.org.au

Feast of Saint Vincent de Paul - 27 September

Born in Cascony, France in 1581, he died in parish in 1660. A parish priest who worked for the apostolic renewal of the clergy, founding the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians or Lazarist) for missionary work in rural areas and for the formation of clergy. Remembered for his practical concern for the poor and the sick.



Confirmation 2021 - If churches are allowed to open around 18 October, we hope to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sat. 13 Nov.** Parents/carers are asked to attend a meeting on **Wed 20 or Thurs 21 Oc. 7pm** at the church.



First Holy Communion - Unfortunately, due to lockdown and other restrictions, there will not be sufficient time to prepare our children to receive their First Holy Communion this year. All going well we hope to celebrate First Holy Communion early next year. The **preparation will begin mid-November this year.**



CWF Appeal - 25/26 September

Even though we are all in lockdown, many require the assistance of the agencies supported by our CWF appeal. Please donate online:

<https://www.sydneycatholic.org/directory/listing/charitable-works-fund-cwf>

Praying the Word

Week of the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading Nm 11:25-29

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)

3. So in them your servant finds instructions;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)
4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. (R.)

Second Reading Jas 5:1-6

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.*

Alleluia!



Gospel Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

An easy way to deal with this Gospel: 'anyone who is not against us is for us,' would be to emphasise the transformation of the relationship of Catholics with Protestants. Too easy.

But what about our relationship with the Muslims? There is a huge gulf between Muslims and us about Jesus Christ. Muslims do not even believe that he was killed on the cross, let alone raised to life. We hold to the testimony and the faith of the Apostles.

But Catholics also believe that the Divine Wind blows where it pleases amongst all people of all religious traditions (and of none). In the early Church this was expressed by saying that the Seeds of the Word were sown by the Holy Spirit in the hearts of all human beings.

We need to recognise the Seed of the Word in Islam – our shared belief in the one God, Creator of the cosmos, Lord of history, merciful and just. The task of the Church is to bring that Seed closer to the illumination of Divine Light so that it may eventually grow in belief that God is indeed One in the loving relationship of Triune life.

The world is holding its breath over the encounter of the Catholic Church and Islam. There is a history of mutual violence and contemporary barbarities which are inhumane and blasphemous. But, in the face of indifference and hostility to religion, at least in the West, it is good to acknowledge what we share in common.

We may take a moment to pray for the grace to relate to those Muslims whom we know in our own society in light of our faith that the Divine Wind has sown and is nurturing the Seed of the Word amongst them.

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