

+Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Irma Buoro, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Bourke Gibbons, Kerry Gibbons, Marcel Götz, Rose-Tariaz Haddad, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, John Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Margaret Ward, Terry Webster and those infected with COVID-19.

Recently Deceased: Terry Webster, Robert Moran, Peter Peitsos, Ray Etteridge, Mervyn Thompson, Craig Goodchild, Dick O'Reilly, Michael Smith, Jean Graham and all who have died from Covid-19.

Anniversary: Addolorata Rega, Joanne Sestito, Les Best Sr, Ewelina Pietras, Joseph Fitch, George Turner, Mick Lawler, Ronald Moran, Remo Raffin **Sick List** - To include the name of your loved one on the sick list, please email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

Anniversary List - 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

Altar Linen, Cleaning and Counting Rosters (although mainly not used this year) are due for renewal at the end of November. If you would like to serve (continue to serve) on any of these rosters please email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com by 5 November. Thanks.

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2021-2022

New sets of envelopes for 2021-2022 are available. You can collect from the parish office on Wednesday or from the church when we reach 80% and open up for public Mass. Our parish relies on donations to cope financially. Please consider joining the planned giving program - if you'd like a set of envelopes please email parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com



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.

The Catholic Weekly is free due to COVID lockdown. Check out the [online Catholic Weekly](#)

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

Please remember not all parishioners have access to the internet.



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 re making a donation

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 There is a folder of Safeguarding information available in the church - parishioners are welcome to view.



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Reflection

The Lord reveals His thoughts to those who are diligent about reading the Word.



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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:

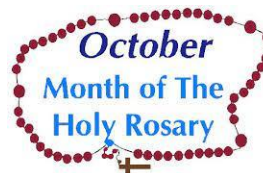
Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 3pm



Reconciliation:
Saturday 4-4.30 pm
or by appointment

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 17 October 2021



Month of October - Rosary

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. The prayers of the Rosary come from such excellent sources - from Jesus Himself, from inspired Scripture, and from the Church - it is not surprising that the Rosary is so powerful

Free Rosary beads and Rosary prayer cards are available - if you need some, please email parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

Please pray for guidance for the **Plenary Council** members.

Confirmation 2021 -

We hope to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sat. 13 November.

Parents/carers are asked to attend a meeting on **Wed 20 or Thurs 21 Oct. 7pm at the church.**

Only those who have received double Covid-19 Vaccination may attend.



Covid Restrictions

We hope to have public masses when we reach the **80% vaccination** threshold and have been given the go ahead.

We hope this will be soon so please keep an eye on the parish website.

You are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated for your own sake and for the very vulnerable (elderly and young children)

Praying the Word

Week of the Twenty-ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading Is 53:10-11

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, and have long life.

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.
If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life
and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.
His soul's anguish over
he shall see the light and be content.
By his sufferings shall my servant justify many,
taking their faults on himself.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

*(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.*

1. The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. *(R.)*
2. The Lord looks on those who
revere him,
on those who hope in his love.
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. *(R.)*
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. *(R.)*

Second Reading Heb 4:14-16

Let us be confident in approaching the throne of grace.

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 10:45

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The Son of Man came to serve
and to give his life as a ransom for all.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 10:35-45 (or shorter form Mk 10:42-45)

The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him, 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with



the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them: 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

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Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The sons of Zebedee expected Jesus to lead a Messianic revolt to throw off the yoke of imperial Rome. But they wanted to be part of a similar sort of power structure. They had not grasped that Jesus had come to turn that sort of society upside down.

However, over the centuries, the Church took on much of the trappings of power of imperial Rome. The popes governed much of Italy. Giuseppe Garibaldi was one of those generals who defeated the forces defending the Papal States, and in doing so actually liberated the papacy from its role as feudal overlord of much of Italy.

In the course of the campaign, when despondent, Garibaldi often reflected on the delightful time he spent on Three Hummock Island just off the coast of Tasmania. So we may say that the liberation of the papacy, enabling it to respond more clearly to today's Gospel, began in Tasmania!

Pope Francis embodies the spirit of today's Gospel. He rails against a Church exhibiting 'the leprosy of a feudal court'. Rather, he has said: 'I see the Church as a field hospital after battle. Heal the wounds, heal the wounds.' And in his actions he has shown himself as a true 'Servant of the servants of God' as Jesus commands in today's Gospel.

We may pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis that he may have the strength and time to persevere in his responding to today's Gospel so that the papacy may be truly liberated so as to practise a radically different way of exercising leadership in the Church and for the world.

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