



St Josephs
Catholic Church,
Rosebery



Our Lady of
Mount Carmel,
Waterloo



St Vincent de Paul
Church, Redfern

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CITY SOUTH

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, WATERLOO

Saturday Vigil: 5.00pm
Sunday: 8.00am & 10.00am

ST JOSEPH'S, ROSEBERY

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm
Sunday: 7.30am &
9.30am (with Kid's Liturgy)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL, REDFERN

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm
Sunday: 10.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, WATERLOO

Tuesday 5.00pm
Wednesday 8.30am
Thursday 8.30am
Friday 9.00am

ST JOSEPH'S, ROSEBERY

Monday 7.00am *Communion Service*
Tuesday - Friday 7.00am

ST VINCENT DE PAUL, REDFERN

Tuesday 5.00pm
Wednesday - Friday 9.00am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4.30pm - 4.45pm

BAPTISMS: by appointment

MARRIAGES: by appointment with
6 months notice

Please contact the Parish Office.

2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13TH/14TH JANUARY, 2018



READINGS

1 Samuel 3: 3 - 10, 19 1 Corinthians 6: 13 - 15, 17 - 20
John 1: 35 - 42



The Parishes of City South and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Primary School acknowledge the Gadigal People as the traditional custodians of this land.

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INTENTIONS

We pray for:

- World and personal peace.
- Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious life.
- Asylum seekers especially in Australian detention centres.
- For all sick and injured members of ADF and their families.

Those who are sick: Jim Dubber, Renae Aslanis, Julius Soedarma, Jennie Brooks, Patricia McBride, Elena Crooks, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Bernard Gee, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Ian Heads, Eduardo S. Sevilla, Maria Sevilla, Fr Keith Teefey CSsR, Malia Manu, John Middlemass, Peter Aplin, Khoa Nam Tran, Louisa Cregan, Mary Wiseman, Mary Carroll, Corrine Faunce, Tony Geraslakis, Ellie Irwin, Joe Milson, Sandra Truong, Elizabeth Anderson, Pat Traynor, Peter Bedford, Janice Leis, Dawn Harkins, Carla Carestia, Brenda Evans, Frances Savage, Oscar Mancuso, Jennifer Judd, Tom O'Shea, Bill Farral, Judy Shepperd, Irene Brander, Danielle Milller, Jennifer Phan, Sean Hickey, Elizabeth Single, Charlie Hayden, Francis & Maria Pham, Patricia Riordan, Lyn Mulryan, Helen Henricks, Gerald O'Shea, Neville Cameron, Howard Hastings, Delfin Lucia Jose Julio Sabina Maria, and all the housebound.

We pray for the souls of: Peter Douglas, Marlene Isabel Newton, Phil Newberry, Mary Hickson, Shirley Hastings, Dorothy Blackman, Veronica McNamara, Elisabeth Carey, Bill Harkins, Anna Nguyen, Laura Skelton, Josephine Merriman, Susan Bryson, Jay Rosenstraus, Marie O'Donnell, Jan Lloyd, Maria Medrano-David, Joyce Bagnal, Gloria Lewis, Eliza Myrapich, Dunstan Wade, Richard Vincent, Marciano Gaddi, David Bendler, Daudsyah Sadeli, Anthony and Henrique Assuncao, Aluim Temporza, Ronald Thew, John Mears, Zelie Bergan, Menotti & Rosina Cavallaro, Carmela, Lucia, Stella and Maria Agazio, Joseph Cusack, the Cusack and McAuffe families, Fr Terrence Purcell, Fr Leslie Bogot, Joyce Reilly, Cath and Allan Farrelly, Raymond & Dorothy Blackman, William & Mary Ann Blackman, Leonard & Rita Taylor, Mirtis Buosi Manzano, Richard Vincent, and all the Holy Souls.

COUNTERS ROSTER

28th January Lachlan Street Push
 4th February
 18th February Pitt Street Push

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Yvonne Smith, Mark Blackman
 8.00am:
 10.00am Sabby Gonzaga, Salome Li

READERS ROSTER - NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil
Commentator Melissa
Reader Steven Belcastro
8.00am
Commentator David Hayden
Reader Virginia Peloe
10.00am
Commentator Sandra Truong
Reader Rose Murillo

CHURCH CLEANERS next week: 2

PAINTING OF THE CHURCH APPEAL:

Thank you for all your donations. The total amount so far is \$37, 880.69



We welcome into our family of families Conor and Rory twin sons of Paul and Catherine. Please pray for them, their families and godparents.

Reflections on the Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia) - Janette Davidson

"Today we recognize that being able to forgive others implies the liberating experience of understanding and forgiving ourselves... We need to learn to pray over our past history, to accept ourselves, to learn how to live with our limitations, and even to forgive ourselves, in order to have this same attitude towards others" (Amoris Laetitia 107).

Rev Mother Mary Francis, a Poor Clare sister, wrote to her sisters once stating that the quickest way to "kill" charity is to be too hard on yourself. If you hold yourself to an unrealistic standard, you will do the same to others. Accept your own imperfections today with a laugh and a trusting prayer for mercy.

The struggle to maintain peace is immeasurably more difficult than any military operation.

Anne O'Hare McCormick, first woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for foreign correspondence

Peace can only last where human rights are respected, where people are fed, and where individuals and nations are free.

Dalai Lama

DEAR FRIENDS, A Vision for Parish Life



When I think back over my life and consider how my faith has grown and continues to grow it is because of the positive role parishes have played in my life. When I was young I had a wonderful parish and I had very nurturing and good priests. In high school I got more involved in parish life. My experiences of Parish life are so precious and sacred because of the positive influence of so many good parishioners. As a priest so many parishioners have taught me how to truly live the gospel amidst the joys and sorrows of life. I am grateful for their witness. As I begin my ministry among and with you I have been reflecting on a vision for Parish life. These thoughts are incomplete and only a start. You may like to share your thoughts with me on a vision for Parish life keeping in mind that we believe in an incarnational faith, that is, Christ finds a home in real places and real people.

The peculiar word "parish" comes from a Greek word which is loosely translated as "house." As such, the parish is expected to be a house of God's kingdom and its life should reflect God's love, acceptance, mercy and peace. This has certainly been my experience. Parishes are the places where we live out our faith and where we are nourished and therefore parishes are local springs of God's grace.

Pope Francis has a bold and challenging vision of what the parish is called to be. He has called the Church to be a family, not a private club, a garden rather than a museum, a field hospital in the midst of the human family. It is an echo of the Lord Jesus' own summons to the Church to care for humanity and to share the Good News. Bishop Peter Comensoli of Broken Bay believes parishes should be proclaimers of the Good News. Bishop Comensoli says "to evangelise is simply to tell someone something good. In our Christian context, evangelising is nothing more – or less – than me telling someone the story of the value and significance of my friendship with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. Another word for it is 'proclamation'."

Fr Jeffrey Kirby writing in Crux challenges us to look at renewing parish structures. "A popular quote currently floating around Christian circles, and oddly attributed to several different members of the clergy in diverse traditions, tells the community of believers: "We are called to be fishers of people, and not care takers of an aquarium."

"The vision of the quote is inspiring, but its provocation has to be understood within context. Someone has to care for the aquarium and it's not easy. Aquarium care involves changing the water, keeping things clean, making sure the fish get along, etc. By application, priests and people need to consider how best we proclaim this Good News. Put in another way: Will the parish community be just a maintenance shop or will it become a mission centre?"

Have a happy week and God bless,

Fr Paul Smithers

Religious Freedom Review

On 22 November 2017, the Prime Minister, the Hon Malcolm Turnbull MP, announced the appointment of an Expert Panel to examine whether Australian law adequately protects the human right to freedom of religion.

The Prime Minister announced the Terms of Reference for the Review on 14 December 2017. In undertaking its Review, the Prime Minister has instructed the Panel to:

- consider the intersections between the enjoyment of the freedom of religion and other human rights
- have regard to any previous or ongoing reviews or inquiries that it considers relevant
- consult as widely as it considers necessary

The Expert Panel comprises:

- the Hon Philip Ruddock (chair)
- Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher AM
- the Hon Dr Annabelle Bennett AO SC
- Father Frank Brennan SJ AO
- Professor Nicholas Aroney

The Expert Panel, which is being supported by a Secretariat within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet, is currently working to establish the review, in line with its Terms of Reference. The Expert Panel expects to hold its first formal meeting in early 2018 and will report its findings to the Prime Minister by 31 March 2018.

GOSPEL REFLECTION John 1: 35 - 42

- Did the disciples find the Messiah or did the Messiah find the disciples?
- Did you find God or did God find you?



DID YOU KNOW?

- Part of the celebration of the Passover festival was the ritual sacrifice of many lambs so that the Jews could eat the Passover meal. In the story of Exodus, the blood of the lamb was shed so that it could be daubed on doorposts and thus enable the people to escape the angel of death. John recognises that Jesus will be the one to give his life for the sake of all.
- ‘Messiah’ is a Hebrew word which means ‘anointed one’. ‘Christ’ is the Greek word meaning the same thing.
- A disciple is a person who follows a particular teacher and shares his or her views.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- ‘What do you want?’ If Jesus were to address this question to you, how would you answer?
- Jesus invites the disciples to ‘come and see’. Are you ready and willing to respond to this invitation?
- Share the story of the first meeting you had with someone who is significant in your life: a spouse or best friend. What was it that initially attracted you to that person? How has your relationship developed and deepened?
- Teaching was an essential aspect of Jesus’ ministry. But his style was not to merely give his listeners the facts but to draw them into sharing his understanding and way of life. When these two disciples of John show interest in his way, Jesus invites them to ‘come and see’; to experience his way at first hand by being with him. Can you see connections with the catechumenate?

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Ultimately, we have just one moral duty: to reclaim large areas of peace in ourselves, more and more peace, and to reflect it towards others. And the more peace there is in us, the more peace there will also be in our troubled world.

Etty Hillesum, died in Auschwitz in 1943 at the age of 29. From An Interrupted Life, a compilation of her diaries and letters

It isn’t enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn’t enough to believe in it. One must work at it.

Eleanor Roosevelt, in a 1951 radio broadcast

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SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint of the Week - Anthony of Egypt (c. 251-356) - January 17

Associated with the beginnings of monasticism, Anthony gave his inherited lands and wealth in Egypt to the poor. From the age of about 20 until his death at 105, he lived as a hermit in remote hilltop and desert locations. What is known about him comes from a life written by St. Athanasius of Alexandria. Around 306 he began to accept disciples, founding his first monastery as a collection of hermits’ cells. He cultivated a garden, wove rush mats, and fought many temptations and demons. Visitors sought his wise counsel, collected in the sayings of the “desert fathers,” and the bishops of Alexandria summoned him at age 87 to help refute Arianism. He is the patron of basket and brush makers, butchers and gravediggers.

<http://www.catholicnews.com/saint-of-the-week-feast.cfm>

