



# Parish Matters

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## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE | 24TH/25TH NOVEMBER 2018

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

#### **ST JOSEPH'S, ROSEBERY**

Adoration 4.00pm—5.00pm

Benediction: 5.00pm

Saturday Vigil: 6.15pm

Sunday: 7.30am &

9.30am (*Kids Children's Liturgy*)

### **RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 5.15pm—6.00pm

#### **24 Hour Adoration chapel.**

Contact the office for the code.

#### **OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, WATERLOO**

Saturday *Rosary & Benediction* 4.30pm

Saturday 10.00am

(*First Saturday of the Month Mass*)

Saturday Vigil 5.00pm

Sunday 9.00am

#### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL, REDFERN**

Sunday 11.00am

### WEEKDAY MASSES

#### **ST JOSEPH'S ROSEBERY**

Monday 7.00am *Communion Service*

Tuesday to Thursday 7.00am

#### **OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, WATERLOO**

Tuesday 5.00pm (*followed by Adoration*)

Friday 9.00am (*School Mass*)

1st Saturday of Month 10.00am

#### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL, REDFERN**

Wednesday & Thursday 9.00am

Friday 8.00am

**BAPTISMS:** by appointment

**MARRIAGES:** by appointment with 6 months notice

**Please contact the Parish Office.**

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*Assistant Priest*

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*The Parishes of City South acknowledge the Gadigal People, the traditional custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation of this land.*

Dear friends,

The feast of Christ the King has implications for every aspect of our Church life. Its main message, however, is of the power of love and the mercy of God, in any and every circumstance of life. As we struggle for truth and for justice, let us learn from him to use only the weapons of love, as it is with love that Jesus continues to conquer the human heart. Our world cries out for love and mercy. So many, especially those on the margins, continue to live with insecurity, pain, anxiety, brokenness. Our creation groans for our mercy and we must never stop responding to Pope Francis' question: "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?" God's love is never ending and so, God's mercy is never-ending. We are called to be 'like God'. Our mercy and compassion towards others and creation must never cease.

On Friday I celebrate my sixteenth anniversary of priesthood. Like any long term commitment living priesthood takes effort and constant attention. I live it imperfectly but I am determined to keep trying to be the priest and person God wants me to be. I have had so many wonderful opportunities to serve God over the last sixteen years as an assistant priest, teacher, school chaplain, member of a school leadership team, Archdiocesan committees, chaplaincy team to Villawood Detention Centre, Chaplain to Young Vinnies, and as a parish priest. I have enjoyed this time of ministry and have been able to help some people even as I have been helped by others. My priesthood is centred on relationship with God and God's people. My relationship with God is nourished by the Eucharist and prayer, particularly contemplative prayer. The Eucharist also highlights my deep connection and fellowship with the People of God. But there is also a constant challenge to keep my own inner relationship with myself healthy and balanced. As Pope Francis said: "A good priest, therefore, is first of all a man with his own humanity, who knows his own history, with its riches and its wounds, who has learned to make peace with this, achieving the fundamental serenity proper to one of the Lord's disciples. Human formation is therefore a necessity for priests, so that they learn not to be dominated by their limits, but rather to put their talents to use."

Please pray for me...

**Fr Paul Smithers | Parish Priest |**

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Love is our true destiny. We do not find the meaning of life by ourselves alone - we find it with another.

Thomas Merton

**PARISHES OF CITY SOUTH PRAYER INTENTIONS**

**Those who are sick:** Erica Angeles, James Smithers, Maria Cepus, and all the housebound.

**Remembered in the Masses and names recorded at the Archdiocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel:**

During the month of November the names of the deceased are printed in the Book of Remembrance.

**Birthdays:** Eric Di Cristo; Vincent D'Arcy & Aruna Lobo (24 Nov.); Therese Grima (27 Nov.); Marinell Villanueva (29 Nov)

**Death Anniversaries:** Maria Bidmead (27 Nov.)

**If you would like your name included in this section please email the parish office.**

*For Mass offerings, please use the envelopes available on the notice tables.*

**Saturday Morning Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

There will be morning Mass on:

Saturday 1st, December: 10.00am

Saturday, 8th December: 9.00am

**Morning Tea at Rosebery**

Morning Tea at St Joseph's Rosebery  
**Sunday 2 December** in the Hall  
after the 9.30am Mass.

**AUSTRALIAN PLENARY COUNCIL 2020**

Please continue to pray for the Plenary Council. The first group is meeting at **Rosebery in the hall on Monday 19 November at 6.30pm**. If you have not filled in a form and wish to attend, you are welcome to come along on the night. Other Groups are as follows:

**Redfern:** Sunday 25 November at 1pm

Thursday 29 November at 6.30pm

**Waterloo:** Monday 26 November at 10am

Monday 26 November at 6.30pm

Sunday 2 December at 1pm

If you have not filled in a form and wish to attend, you are welcome to come along to one of the sessions.

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

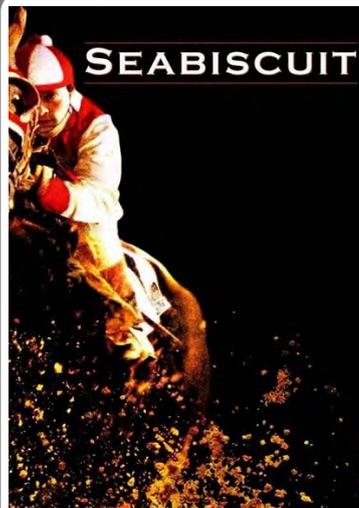
How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.

To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.



The next movie afternoon will be at Rosebery on **Sunday 25 November** 1.30pm showing 'Seabiscuit' followed by afternoon tea. Everyone is welcome.

**Seabiscuit** is a 2003 film based on the novel **Seabiscuit: An American Legend**. The **true story** recounts the life and racing career of **Seabiscuit**, an undersized and overlooked thoroughbred race horse whose unexpected successes made him a hugely popular sensation in the United States near the end of the Great Depression.

Waterloo Rosters	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
<b>5pm</b>	<b>This</b>	Melissa	Steven Belcastro Melissa David Gallagher (Acolyte), Yvonne Smith, Mark Blackman
	<b>Next</b>	Wendy	
<i>Overhead Projector</i>	<i>Melissa, Wendy</i>		
<b>9.00am</b>	<b>This</b>	Samuel Harianto	Virginia Peloe Julie Keyes, Gaye Carey
	<b>Next</b>		Sabby Gonzaga, Salome Li, Nghia Nguyen
<i>Overhead Projector</i>	<i>Marilyn Munday, Samuel Harianto</i>		
<b>Cleaners</b>	<b>2</b>		

Prayer is an act of love; words are not needed. Even if sickness distracts from thoughts, all that is needed is the will to love. Saint Teresa of Avila

### Parish Stewardship

(electronic transfers only):

Thank you for your contributions towards our Parishes.

#### Rosebery

**Account Name:** Rosebery Parish Church Account

**BSB:** 062 784 | **Account No.:** 053 750 02

#### Redfern

**Account name:** Redfern Parish Church Account

**BSB:** 062 784 | **Account No.:** 208 450 00

#### Waterloo

**Account name:** Waterloo Parish Church Account

**BSB:** 062 784 | **Account No.:** 062 750 01

We now have Credit Card facilities. Please contact the Parish Office for an Authority Form. Your nominated amount will be debited monthly from your card.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS SALE

The St. Vincent de Paul Society 2018 Christmas cards are now on sale on the table on the veranda at the back of the church. Cards are being sold for **\$5.00 per pack of 10 cards**. Please place all monies in the regular Catholic Weekly wall-slot, under the parish notice board.

### JOEY'S KIDS

Children's Liturgy on Sundays during 9.30am Mass at Rosebery.

### BAPTISMS AT ROSEBERY

Congratulations to **Christopher & Larissa** on the commitment to have their son **Jamie Christopher Borg** baptised this weekend. May God bless your family always and help you as you raise your children in the Catholic faith.

### WATERLOO ROSTERS

The rosters for Reader/ Extraordinary Minister of Communion and technology are now being done for Waterloo. If you would like to be added to the roster please email the office.

**SAVE THE DATE -**  
**Catholic Community of City South Christmas Party -**  
**Saturday 15 December**  
**after 6.15pm Mass in the Rosebery Hall.**  
**More details in the next few weeks.**

### Pictures from the 160th Anniversary of OLMC School Waterloo



### CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS NATIVITY PLAY

*Calling for shepherds, angels, wise men and inn keepers!*  
*Primary school aged children interested in participating in the Christmas Nativity Play?*

The play will take place during the 5 pm Christmas Eve Vigil Mass at St Joseph's Rosebery. Costumes can be provided, if needed. Rehearsals will begin on December 8. Please contact Josette 0409 662 468 or email Parish Office [roseberycatholic@gmail.com](mailto:roseberycatholic@gmail.com).

Rosebery Rosters		Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
6.15pm	This	Therese P. & Helen W.	Pam & Gina D.P.
	Next	Louis A. & Aruna L.	Robyn C.
7.30am	This	Patricia M. & Melissa S.	Kath A.
	Next	Kath A. & Ben M.	John S.
9.30am	This	Maria M. & Jennifer M.	Nancy & Pilar P.
	Next	Lisa S. & Hannah N.	Lisa S. & Pilar P.
Counters	This	T. Ellery, E. Di Cristo, P. DiCristo	
	Next	T. McDonald, G. Elliott, T. Lumibao	

# Love, Truth, Beauty

## PRINCIPLES

Last week I shared a summary of what Love, Truth and Beauty means to our community - drawing on feedback gathered from a focus group held with City South's Parish Renewal and Development Committee, responses to the parishioner survey, and the images shared during the Love, Truth and Beauty Photography Exhibition. Using this feedback, we have prepared a set of principles that reflects our experience and expression of Love, Truth and Beauty.

**These principles will guide the future of City South.**

## LOVE

We are a community that expresses and experiences Love. We welcome new life and people, abundant relationships, justice and outreach in both temporal and spiritual ways.

*"To love is to will the good of the other." St Thomas Aquinas, Catechism of the Catholic Church 1766.*

### LOVE Principle 1: Connection and community

Our community is committed to being connected with each other, working together and reaching out to the broader community. We are multi-cultural and multi-generational. We grow from the life experience of elderly members and the life view of our children and young people. Our connectedness promotes safety, security and togetherness and reinforces community spirit and support.

### LOVE Principle 2: Helping others

Our community expresses Love in our hospitality and the ways we help others through volunteering, charity, contributions and prayer. We are a generous and welcoming community, and provide comfort to others.

### LOVE Principle 3: Celebration

Our community celebrates our Love of God through liturgy and the Sacraments. We celebrate joyously, loudly and quietly together as may be appropriate to the event or the people involved. Our good humour and speed to smile reflect our Love for God and each other.

## TRUTH

We are a community that expresses and experiences Truth. Truth opens the door of faith to God. We seek Truth and draw meaning from the Gospel, which is preached with joy and clarity.

Jesus said "For this I have been born and for this I have come into the world to testify to the truth." (John 18:37) St Paul's letter to the Ephesians (4:15)

### TRUTH Principle 1: Faith

Our faith is grounded in the Truth of the Gospel, Scripture and tradition. Like St Augustine said, we are pilgrims with "faith seeking understanding". Through this understanding we are able to find Truth, face it and follow it to nourish our own relationship with God.

### TRUTH Principle 2: Action

As members of the Body of Christ we seek to bear witness to Christ's Truth through good deeds, charity and sharing our faith with our family, friends, neighbours and the broader community. We are committed to being courageous, daring and positive in expressing and living the Truth of the Gospel.

# Love, Truth, Beauty

## **TRUTH Principle 3: Communication**

Truth is the foundation of our communication with one another. Our community is committed to speaking the Truth to those around us. Whether it be through sharing news, telling stories, praying or discussing the Word of God, we display honesty and trust in our communications.

## **BEAUTY**

We are a community that expresses and experiences Beauty. Beauty leads to Truth. It has the power to draw people in and transform them. Beauty gracefully invites one into the transcendent. Music, art, awe, worship and sacraments are celebrated with dignity and reverence in our community, which welcomes and celebrates our diversity.

“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.” *Ephesians (2:10)*

## **BEAUTY Principle 1: Action**

Beauty is seen in our community in our creativity, prayer, devotion and dedication to our faith. Actions such as simple smile or the singing of a hymn, spread joy and Beauty to those around us.

## **BEAUTY Principle 2: Faith**

The Beauty of our faith is captured through sacred rituals, liturgy, Sacraments and sacred images. These expressions of our faith represent our beautiful relationship with God.

## **BEAUTY Principle 3: Life and nature**

Our faith is found in the Beauty of life and nature. As God’s creation, the life-giving and healing forces of our natural world remind us to exercise stewardship with the nature all around us.

## **BEAUTY Principle 4: Atmosphere**

A diverse and colourful atmosphere is seen as beautiful by our community. It may be vibrant or peaceful, or a combination or touched, a positive community feeling supports and nourishes those around us.

I would like to hear what you think about these principles, as well as your ideas on how we can work together to put these principles into action.

Next week I will invite you to share your thoughts on each principle by indicating your level of agreement and responding to the following questions:

How do you put this principle into action now?

How would you like to see this principle actioned in the City South community?

Over the coming week, I encourage you to reflect on these principles and think about your responses to the questions. After each Mass next week, there will be an opportunity to share your thoughts and reflections with myself and your fellow parishioners.

As always, thank you for your support on this journey.

*Fr Paul A Smithers*

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**Adult Baptism at Redfern**

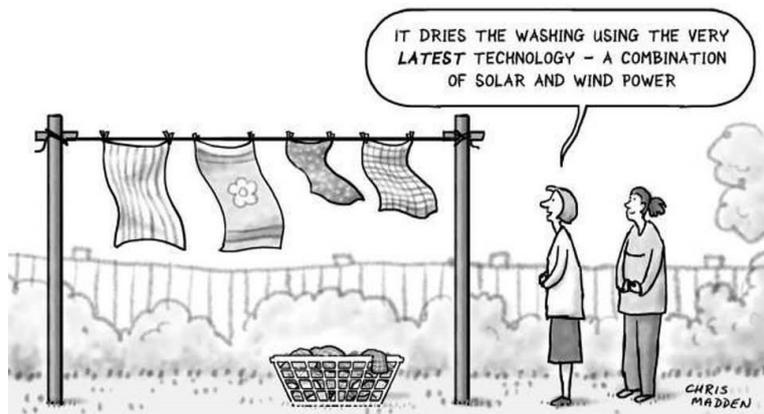


Congratulations to Sharmaine Clarke who was baptised and received into the Catholic Church at Redfern last Sunday during the 11am Mass. Sharmaine was well supported by her friends and sponsors and the whole community. God bless you Sharmaine.

**Red Wednesday Mass and Interfaith Gathering**

Red Wednesday is an initiative of Aid to the Church in Need, supported by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference. It is a day to gather and pray in solidarity with all those who are persecuted and suffer unjustly for their peacefully held religious beliefs. A Red Wednesday Mass will be celebrated at **5.30pm on 28 November** at St Mary's Cathedral Sydney. This will be followed by an interfaith gathering in the Crypt attended by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and leaders from various faith groups. The evening will conclude with St Mary's Cathedral façade being floodlit in red light.

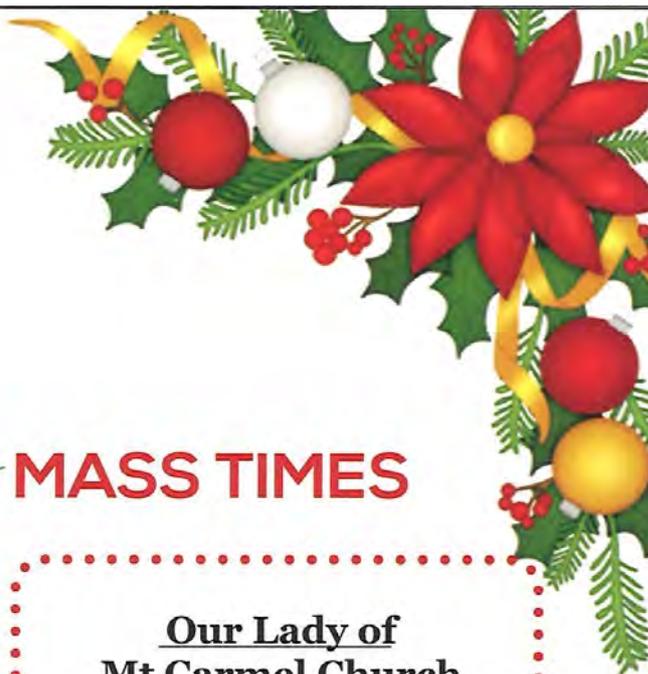
For further information visit: [www.redwednesday.org](http://www.redwednesday.org)



**Lights of Christmas - St Mary's Cathedral**

Join us on the **Wednesday 5 December** for:

- 5:30pm Mass** celebrated by Bishop Richard Umbers
- 6:30pm Concert** on the Cathedral steps featuring Gary Pinto
- 7:30pm Lights of Christmas** celebration followed by official opening with Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and NSW premier Gladys Berejiklian.



## *Christmas* **MASS TIMES**

### **St. Joseph's Church**

74 Rosebery Ave, Rosebery

#### **Thursday 20th December**

6.00pm Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### **Monday 24th December**

5.00pm (Children's Focus)  
7.00pm

#### **Tuesday 25th December**

Midnight, 9.30 am

### **Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church**

2 Kellick St, Waterloo

#### **Tuesday 18th December**

6.00pm Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### **Monday 24th December**

8.00pm (Choir)

#### **Tuesday 25th December**

10.00am

### **St. Vincent de Paul Church**

117 Redfern St, Redfern

#### **Thursday 13th December**

6.00pm Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

#### **Monday 24th December**

6.00pm



# Liturgy of the Word

## First Reading Dn 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire be destroyed.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 92:1-2. 5.

**R.v.1 (R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.**

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. (R)
2. The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. ®
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. (R)

## Second Reading Rv 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

## Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9, 10

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Jn 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'



## COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR SALE

We have a supply of Columban Calendars for Sale. You can find them on tables in foyer of Church.

Please put \$10 (if you can't afford this put what you can) into envelopes provided and place on either collection plate.