

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

2 July 2017

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.'

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

### PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.**

### PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

### PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. O God, who graciously accomplish the effects of your mysteries, grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we serve you may be worthy of these sacred gifts. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R. It is right and just.**

### PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

### THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

**All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

### COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...**

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

**R. Amen.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace.*

### LAMB OF GOD

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

### INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 102: 1

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received

fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts for ever. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

### THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

### REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

#### SUPPORT FROM THE FAMILY OF BELIEVERS

In the cultural world of Jesus, the family (kinship) is the central institution. Kinship provides the economic, religious, educational, and social foundations of life. To leave one's family is to risk losing all.

The Hebrew word for 'family' is *beth-ab*, which literally means 'house of the father.' Here, the family is patriarchal; the father holds the authority. The mother also holds considerable authority over the family's life. She loves her children, instructs and disciplines them, and is concerned with their relation to God. Aside from the parents, the family includes sons, daughters, grandparents and other relatives. The household is really a 'clan.' And in a world where there is little or no social security, the family provides for one's protection and social identity. In return, each member is obliged to protect the family's honour by the uprightness of his or her conduct.

Jesus' requirement that his followers love him more than they love their father, mother, and other family members is shocking to his listeners. To leave one's family is not only foolish but is equivalent to suicide. To whom can a person turn to for security and status other than their family?

Jesus, however, does not leave his followers in a vacuum. He sets up a 'replacement' – a surrogate family, composed of people not linked by blood ties but by bonds of commitment to him. Those who do the will of the heavenly Father become his mother, brothers and sisters (Mt 12:50). Thus Jesus assures his disciples as they set out on their mission that he will not abandon them. While leaving the security of their own family, the missionaries will find support from their bigger family – the brothers and sisters who welcome the Word of God and put them into practice.

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HARD SAYINGS. Today's Gospel includes a number of so-called 'hard sayings' of Jesus. They identify the basic paradox of our Christian faith: it is only by emptying ourselves in imitation of Jesus (Phil 2: 7) that we can receive the fullness of life which is his gift (Jn 10: 10). There can be no real growth in the Spirit if self-interest prevails.

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 46: 2

**All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!**

#### GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

V. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

V. Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

V. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

#### GLORIA

**Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.**

### COLLECT

P. O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING

1 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings. *That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### RESP PSALM

Ps 88: 2-3, 16-19. R. v. 2

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; / through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. / Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, / that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, / who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, / who find their joy every day in your name, / who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; / it is by your favour that our might is exalted: / for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; / our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**



#### SECOND READING

Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Pet 2: 9

**Alleluia, alleluia! / You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. / Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. / Alleluia!**

#### GOSPEL

Mt 10: 37-42

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*



# THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES OF ROSE BAY AND DOVER HEIGHTS



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## Reflection



### Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday 2017— *“Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me”*

Every primary school child knows that Captain Cook ‘discovered’ Australia in 1770. But such a simple statement masks the fact that, in the centuries before Captain Cook, seafarers from several countries had visited our region and made a number of landings on the coast of this country. But most significantly of all, before any of these newcomers came our way, the country had already been discovered and inhabited for some 60,000 years.

In that almost unimaginable length of time the original discoverers of this land developed and sustained a radically non-material culture that was supported by a profoundly spiritual understanding of the world around them. Part of the enduring tragedy for modern Australia is that when European Christians eventually began to occupy this country they had neither the eyes to see nor the ears to hear the richness of what they were encountering. The people who lived the ancient spirituality of this land found no welcome in the material culture that overtook them. There was no welcome either for the prophets and the holy men of the Dreaming and so much of what could have enriched our Christian spirituality was ignored.

But hope still prevails. We are an Easter people and today we stand ready to take up the cross of lost opportunity. Today, as a Christian people, we stand ready to work together towards a genuine reconciliation and a truly inclusive Australian Church. Much has already been achieved. Legal discrimination that was once a soul destroying part of the daily life of Indigenous people has been substantially removed. Constitutional recognition, treaties and sovereignty are being proposed. All this is good. But the law has no jurisdiction over the heart and no amount of legislative or constitutional reform can, by itself alone, achieve the goal we seek. Genuine reconciliation and a truly Australian Church depend upon what we hold in our hearts and the personal relationships we can each build between the Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples of our country.

Offering a cup of cold water may be a beginning but we long for the day when Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians and Australians of other backgrounds can all take their place together around the same table to partake of the banquet that could be ours to enjoy.

### Let Us Pray For...

**The Sick:** Barbara Leslie, Bernice Miles, Ross Clifton, Michelle Jones, Paddy Nolan, Janaya Zohs, Georgia Cleaici, Fr Brian Yates, Natalie Connors, Elaine Oong, Harry Vanda, Alan Backman, John Johnson, Mary Marando, Tom Clark, Fabien Drif, Sarah Walke, Renata.

**The Deceased:** Moira Gannon, Vincent Purcell, Joan Lovegrove, Jack Zucco, John Costello, Mary Ellen George, Bruce Conolly, Domenico & Elena Malzone, Billy Dolan, Adrian Lee, Marie Turnbull, Sonya Lineham, Mark McGowen, Anne Pohlmann, John Fenech, Nell Moylan, Norman and Josephine Slattery, John Chaplan, Richard Charles Leo Carroll, Fritz Shroader, Leith Myerson, Monsignor John Walsh, Maria Lydia Fretas, Cezat and Teofila Buer, John Joseph Cannon.



### Weekly Liturgies

**Sunday Mass**  
St Mary Magdalene: 8am, 10am, 6pm  
St Therese (Sat night vigil): 5pm  
**Weekday Mass**  
St Mary Magdalene, Rose Bay: Tue-Fri 9am  
**Confession**  
Tues-Fri after 9am Mass (or by appointment)  
**Eucharistic Adoration**  
Friday 8:30am-9am  
Rosary after 9am Mass.

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## Message From Pope Francis



Dear Brothers and Sisters: In our continuing catechesis on Christian hope, we now look to the example of the martyrs. Their hope gave them the strength even to die for their faith in Christ. The Lord himself warned his followers that, in proclaiming the Kingdom of God, they would encounter opposition and hostility in this world of sin and injustice.

Jesus asks his disciples to proclaim the Gospel by their lives of detachment from wealth and power, by their rejection of the spiral of hatred, violence and retaliation, and by their trust in his triumph over the power of sin and death. As his followers, we know that the Lord will never abandon us. By imitating the example of his own self-sacrifice and love, we demonstrate our faith and hope in him and we become his witnesses before the world.

In this sense, every Christian is a “martyr”, a witness to the sure hope that faith inspires. The martyrs who even today lay down their lives for the faith do so out of love. By their example and intercession, may we become ever more convincing witnesses, above all in the events of our daily lives, to our undying hope in the promises of Christ.



Thank you to the Honeybees for a wonderful performance.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all who attended the concert, proceeds will go to Orange Sky Laundry.

[orangeskylaundry.com.au](http://orangeskylaundry.com.au)

### St Mary Magdalene Roster—9th July

9th July	8am	10am	6pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	Maureen Coffey		
<b>Info Desk</b>		Hazel Mezger	
<b>1st Reader</b>	Barney Remond	Nicholas Carney	Margaret Douglas
<b>2nd Reader</b>	Catherine Remond	Sue Heavener	Sara Watson
<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	Carmen Kapfenstein Barrie Lum	Jay Gilbert Anthony Gilbert	Ann Kirkjian
<b>Acolyte/Altar Servers</b>	Paul, John, Saxon/ Anthony Williams	Dave/Ella Abby Adetunji	

### St Therese, Dover Heights Roster—8th July

**Commentator**— Patti McGowen  
**First Reader**— Maureen Brian  
**Second Reader**— Mary Walsh  
**Acolyte/Senior Server**— Danny Au-Yeung

### Announcements

- CATHOLIC CARE.....** You can help refugee families fleeing war by donating to our 2017 EOFY Appeal. Call us on 131819 or visit our website at [www.catholiccare.org](http://www.catholiccare.org). CatholicCare Sydney: Helping families live and thrive.
- Australian Catholic Youth Festival** This 3-Day festival will be held in Sydney 7-9 December 2017. The event will attract 15,000 young people and is for young people aged Year 9 to 30 years. It's a Catholic Festival a bit like World Youth Day! We look forward to the whole Parish Community being involved. For more information, see our website [www.acyf.org.au](http://www.acyf.org.au)
- HOLY FATHER'S UPCOMING APPEAL:** The annual Holy Father's Appeal will be held next weekend. Through this appeal you will become a vital partner of Pope Francis in his mission to deliver corporal works of mercy to where they are needed the most, anywhere in the world. Please consider giving your generous support. Thank you.
- MEDITATION** at parish centre: No meditation for the next two weeks (school holidays 4th July and 11th July) Then changing to **Wednesday's 7pm** starting on the 19th July at 7pm.