

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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. May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. 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: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

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 Ps 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts and stir us to serve you in our neighbour. 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

JESUS' TRUE HONOUR

In the Gospel of last Sunday, Simon Peter proclaimed Jesus' identity: he is the Messiah, the Son of the living God (*Matthew* 16:16). Jesus received this honourable identity not from human beings but from God. It was the Father himself who revealed Jesus' identity to Peter.

Jesus senses that the honour received from the Father will involve his suffering and death at the hands of his enemies. He will be utterly shamed before the people. In today's Gospel, he makes his first passion prediction: he will suffer greatly in Jerusalem and be killed. But God will bestow on him the true honour by raising him from the dead.

Simon Peter, who probably understands only the 'passion' part of Jesus' prediction, challenges him. He says, 'God forbid, Lord'. He wants God to change his plan about Jesus.

Jesus senses that Peter is testing his loyalty to God, his very claim to honour. His reply to Peter's challenge is to call him 'Satan'. Sometimes the Bible identifies Satan as the devil; at other times, however, Satan is seen not so much as an evil spirit but as an 'accuser', a heavenly prosecutor who questions to test the genuineness of human virtue (see *Job* 1:6-12). Peter here acts as a tester of Jesus' loyalty to God, as Satan did in the temptations Jesus experienced after his baptism. Jesus again proves his loyalty to God's will for him.

Death on the cross is the worst shame any Israelite could suffer. It is seen as a 'curse' from God (*Galatians* 3:13). But in Jesus' case, the cross proves his loyalty to God 'to the very end'. This is his true honour, which God confirms by raising him from the dead.

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'YOU HAVE SEDUCED ME, LORD!' The prophet Jeremiah was captivated by God. His attachment meant that he suffered greatly at the hands of God's enemies but he also experienced a fire within, lit by God's love, that urged him on. We too can follow Jesus wholeheartedly only if we are captivated by him. Like Peter, we may remonstrate with Jesus as we struggle to understand his ways, but we will follow him faithfully along the way of the cross to the fullness of life.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 85:3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

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.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

R. Amen.

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. God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. 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.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

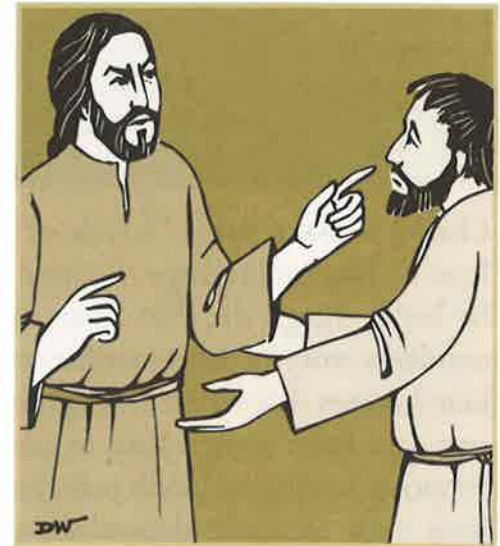
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 62:2-6, 8-9. R. v. 2

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

- O God, you are my God, for you I long; / for you my soul is thirsting. / My body pines for you / like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**
- So I gaze on you in the sanctuary / to see your strength and your glory. / For your love is better than life, / my lips will speak your praise. **R.**
- So I will bless you all my life, / in your name I will lift up my hands. / My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, / my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**



4. For you have been my help; / in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. / My soul clings to you; / your right hand holds me fast. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice. Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Eph 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia! / May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ / enlighten the eyes of our heart, / that we might see how great is the hope / to which we are called. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 16:21-27

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.

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to



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Reflection

Charles Dickens' novel "A Tale of Two Cities" is blessed with the most recognisable opening and closing lines of English literature. Between "It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..." and "It is a far, far better thing I do, than I have ever done; it is a far, far better rest that I go to than I have ever known" unfolds a story of love, sacrifice and redemption. Our "times" are the "I" generation. iPhone, iPod, iPad: brand names that reflect a long movement toward idolizing self. "I" have a "right" to satisfaction, at whatever cost. Peter wanted Jesus to take the "I" path: the easy path. Peter becomes "Satan", literally adversary, tempting Jesus from God's path. Jesus, however, invites Peter to his proper place as a follower. Followers of Jesus must renounce themselves, abandon personal ambition, and actively seek the harder path. Sydney Carton, in the Dickens' novel, chooses to sacrifice himself for others and knows he will go to a far better rest. Will we do as much?

Catholic Men's Fellowship Talk—Sam Clear



Listen to Sam share his experiences and challenge us to think about our choices.
Enjoy a hot breakfast and participate in the discussion.
Bring your brother, your son, your mate or any man.

KNOWING THE BENEFITS OF MAKING TOUGH DECISIONS, WHY IS IT SOMETIMES WE CHOOSE THE EASY OPTION?
CCC 1733 / Rom 6:17

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Let Us Pray For...

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The Deceased: Our deceased Fathers and Grandfathers, Fr Frank Furfaro, John Roarty, Christian Manaco Gonzales, John Johnson, Solomon Aguan, Beryl Yip, Sister Pam Corser, Victor Prineas, Dorothy D'Mestre, Mary Dunne, Joan Quinn, Pamela Shiels, John Fenech, Ethell Purcell, Patricia Scharrer, John Jodeph Cannon, Cezat and Teofila Buer, Maria Lydia Fretas, Leith Myerson, Fritz Shroader, Richard Charles Leo Carroll, John Chaplian, Norman and Josephine Slattery, Neil Moylan.



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
Tue-Fri after 9am Mass (or by appointment)
Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 8:30am-9am
Rosary after 9am Mass.

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A WORD FROM POPE FRANCIS

Sunday's reading from the Gospel according to Matthew brings us to the critical point at which Jesus, after having ascertained that Peter and the other eleven believed in Him as the Messiah and Son of God, "began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things..., and be killed, and on the third day be raised" (16:21). It is a critical moment at which the contrast between Jesus' way of thinking and that of the disciples emerges. Peter actually feels duty bound to admonish the Master because the Messiah could not come to such an ignominious end. Then Jesus, in turn, severely rebukes Peter and puts him in his place, because he is "not on the side of God, but of men" (v. 23), unintentionally playing the part of Satan, the tempter. In the liturgy for this Sunday the Apostle Paul also stresses this point when he writes to the Christians in Rome, telling them: "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect" (Rom 12:2).

Indeed, we Christians live in the world, fully integrated into the social and cultural reality of our time, and rightly so; but this brings with it the risk that we might become "worldly", that "the salt might lose its taste", as Jesus would say (cf. Mt 5:13). In other words, the Christian could become "watered down", losing the charge of newness which comes to him from the Lord and from the Holy Spirit. Instead it should be the opposite: when the power of the Gospel remains alive in Christians, it can transform "criteria of judgment, determining values, points of interest, lines of thought, sources of inspiration and models of life" (Paul VI Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii Nuntiandi, n. 19). It is sad to find "watered-down" Christians, who seem like watered down wine. One cannot tell whether they are Christian or worldly, like watered-down wine; one cannot tell whether it is wine or water! This is sad. It is sad to find Christians who are no longer the salt of the earth, and we know that when salt loses its taste, it is no longer good for anything. Their salt has lost its taste because they have delivered themselves up to the spirit of the world, that is, they have become worldly.

This is why it is necessary to renew oneself by continually drawing sap from the Gospel. And how can one do this in practice? First of all by actually reading and meditating on the Gospel every day, so the Word of Jesus may always be present in our life. Remember: it will help you to always carry the Gospel with you: a small Gospel, in a pocket, in a bag, and read a passage during the day. But always with the Gospel, because it is carrying the Word of Jesus, and being able to read it. In addition, attending Sunday Mass, where we encounter the Lord in the community, we hear his Word and receive the Eucharist which unites us with Him and to one another; and then days of retreat and spiritual exercises are very important for spiritual renewal. Gospel, Eucharist, Prayer. Do not forget: Gospel, Eucharist, Prayer. Thanks to these gifts of the Lord we are able to conform not to the world but to Christ, and follow him on his path, the path of "losing one's life" in order to find it (Mt 16:25). "To lose it" in the sense of giving it, offering it through love and in love — and this leads to sacrifice, also the cross — to receive it liberated from selfishness and from the mortgage of death, newly purified, full of eternity.

St Mary Magdalene Roster - 10th September

10th Sep	8am	10am	6pm
Welcomer	Maureen Coffey		
Info Desk		Hazel Mezger	
1st Reader	Margaret Mayo	Colleen Goodwin	Kerry Gazal
2nd Reader	Eveline Giusti	Sue Heavener	Lindsay Gazal
Eucharistic Minister	Lucie Priestly	Narelle Hills	Thomas Jones
	Carmen Kapfensstein	Sue Heavener	
Acolyte/Altar Servers	Paul, John, Saxon/Darcy & Harry Moffet	Dave Korte/Ella & Abby Adetunji	

St Therese, Dover Heights Roster—9th September

Commentator— Patti McGowen
First Reader— David Scarf
Second Reader— Gabrielle Scarf
Acolyte/Senior Server— Marie Manche
Communion Ministers: Mark McNamara, Mary Sriskandarajah

Announcements

• May the Lord bless all fathers, grandfathers with peace and joy as they celebrate their special vocation from God on fathers day.

• **CONFIRMATION 2017 PHOTO'S:** You can still redeem any 4 photos (Digital Downloads/Jpegs only—code not valid for prints. Please contact **Giovanni Portelli Photographer direct.** / 0409 079 920 info@giovanniportelli.com.au.

• **McAuley Catholic Primary School Rose Bay Celebrates 50 YEARS.** Sunday, 17th September 2017. Celebration Mass at 2pm St Mary Magdalene Rose Bay.

• **Wrap with Love:** Next meeting, Sat 9th September, from 10am-3pm. Morning and afternoon tea provided. Please bring your own sewing items. For any enquiries, please contact Elizabeth 9371 6791.

• **Congratulations to all our First Communicants and their families!** May the Love of Christ in the Eucharist fill you always!