

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, and will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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 these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, become for you a pure oblation, and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy. 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 15: 11

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray,

so that, renewed by these heavenly

Sacraments,

we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise.

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

SCRIBES AND PHARISEES

In a culture where reading and writing were uncommon, those who had these skills, like the scribes (Greek *grammateis*), were the possessors and transmitters of learning. In Israel, the scribes were a class of professional exponents and teachers of the Torah. They were held in respect and were addressed as 'my lord' or 'master' (rabbi). They taught the people the Law, spoke in the synagogue, settled cases in the community, copied Scripture texts, and acted as guardians of tradition.

The scribe was not necessarily a Pharisee, but in fact, most of the scribes belonged to the Pharisee party that adhered to the strict interpretation of the Law. The Pharisee (Hebrew *perusim*, 'the separated ones') conceived of religion as centered upon the observance of the Torah, and interpreted the Law in the strict manner.

In his time, Jesus was also addressed as 'rabbi'. But his teaching was recognised as being more authoritative than that of the scribes with whom he often came into conflict.

Today's Gospel is taken from the discourse in which Jesus denounces the scribes and Pharisees (*Matthew 23*). Scholars believe that the speech reflects not just the deep opposition between Jesus and the teachers of the Law in his time, but also the conflict between the followers of Jesus and the Pharisaic Judaism that rose after the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD. In their efforts to build the Jewish nation around the Law, the Pharisees excluded those Jews who believed in Jesus as the Messiah. In turn, the Christians criticised the rabbis, just as Jesus did.

FR GIL ALINSANGAN SSP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

5 NOVEMBER 2017

YOU HAVE ONLY ONE TEACHER. St Paul was a great religious leader. Like a mother, he nourished and watched over his people. He tried not to be a burden on them. He sought to preach God's message and not his own. He helped the people, whom he called his brothers and sisters, to look to Christ as their only Master and Teacher. Today we pray for religious leaders as they strive to express in their own lives the qualities of leadership embodied in Paul.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 37: 22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me!

Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.

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. Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. 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 Mal 1: 14-2: 2, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Malachi
You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 130

R. In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes.

I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. **R.**



- Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. **R.**
- O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Thess 2: 7-9, 13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians.

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 23: 9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! / You have one Father, your Father in heaven; / you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 23: 1-12

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.

They do not practise what they preach.



The Catholic Communities of Rose Bay and Dover Heights



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Lord, welcome into your calm and peaceful kingdom those who have departed out of this present life to be with you. Grant them rest and a place with the spirits of the just. Give them the life that knows no age, the reward that passes not away, through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

NOVEMBER is the month we pray in a special for the **HOLY SOULS**. There is a Book located near the altar where you can write the names of relatives and friends who you would like remembered in the November Masses.

CONGRATULATIONS to the forty-three children who celebrated their First Reconciliation this weekend. It has been an honour to walk with these children and their parents learning about the Sacrament that offers from God mercy, healing and pardon through the death and resurrection of Jesus.

We learnt together in the Parable of the Prodigal Son how much God yearns to welcome us all to the great celebration of forgiveness and communion that we celebrate in this sacrament. May the Lord continue to bless these children and their families as they now prepare to celebrate their First Holy Communion in Term 1 2018.

I would especially like to **THANK THE WONDERFUL PARENTS** who have attended the preparation sessions with their child.

This weekend we have the **FIRST CHARITABLE WORKS FUND COLLECTION FOR THE NEW FINANCIAL YEAR**. The 'Charitable Works Fund' is the official charity of the Sydney Catholic Church. The funds from the collection are used to assist in the special ministries of the Archdiocese. Contributions \$2 and over are tax deductible. Envelopes for the collection are on the seats and at the entrances to the Churches. Your assistance with this collection is very much appreciated. The quota for Dover Heights is \$6,300. The quota for Rose Bay is \$5,500.

THANK YOU to the speaker who came from the Archdiocese to assist in explaining the special ministries of the Archdiocese!

CONGRATULATIONS to Bernadette Brosnan who celebrated her 90th birthday on 30th October. The mother of eight children and the grandmother of 16 children! May the Lord bless her with peace and joy!

Every 1st Sunday of the month we have 'Baptism Preparation' for the parents of the children to be baptised during the month. The session commences at 9.15am in the Parish Centre. The parents are then welcomes to the 10am Mass. If you would like to assist with this special ministry, kindly contact the parish office.

CONGRATULATIONS to Robert and Maureen Brian who will be receiving the Papal Award 'Croce pro Ecclesia et Pontifice' this coming Friday 10th November at the Chapter Hall at St Mary's Cathedral from Archbishop Fisher for their outstanding contribution to the Church in the Sydney Archdiocese. May the Lord continue to bless them as they continue to build the Kingdom of God!

A HUGE THANK YOU to the volunteers who have offered to assist with the **THANK YOU MORNING TEA** after Mass on Sunday 3rd December and the **THANK YOU BBQ** after 6pm Mass. If you would like to assist, the list is located at the back of the Church. If you are coming to the BBQ, kindly list your details on the attendance sheet to assist with the catering!

The **SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION** in preparation for Christmas will be celebrated on WEDNESDAY 20th DECEMBER AT 9 30AM AFTER MASS AND AT 7 30PM.

The next **PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held on Tuesday 21st November at 6 30pm.

The **SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK** will be celebrated on Friday 24th November after the 9am Mass.

Just a reminder that we have **ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** every Friday at 8 30am and the Rosary prayed every Friday after the 9am Mass.

Could you kindly remember in your prayers Constantine Rodrigues who is to be ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on 22nd November at St Mary's Cathedral at 7pm by Archbishop Fisher. I will invite the newly ordained Deacon to visit both parishes!

Why is Jesus so concerned about us 'lifting a finger'?

Fr Chris

Let Us Pray For...

The Sick: Dorathea Bettridge, Brian Oong, Dorothy Cambell, Barbara Leslie, Bernice Miles, Ross Clifton, Michelle Jones, Janaya Zohs, Georgia Cleaici, Fr Brian Yates, Natalie Connors, Elaine Oong, Harry Vanda, Alan Backman, Mary Marando, Tom Clark, Fabien Drif, Sarah Walke, Renata, Richard Hughes.

The Deceased: Joy Hocking, Vittorio Cardamone, Giovanna Cardamone, Harry Yip, Victor Delfin, Gladys Shell, Monsignor John Lyne, Joan Day, Leo Bridle, Trish Mac Farlane, Paddy Nolan, Liam Marsden, Domenico and Elena Malzone, Ernesto Dayrit, Francesca Bellanto, Barbara Hall, Bernie Morgan, Fr Frank Furfaro, John Roarty, Christian Manaco Gonzales, John Johnson, Solomon Aguan, Beryl Yip, Sister Pam Corser, Victor Princeas, Dorothy D'Mestre, Mary Dunne, Joan Quinn, Pamela Shiels, John Fenech, Ethell Purcell, Patricia Scharrer.



Weekly Liturgies

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

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Building Our Parish Communities



St Mary Magdalene Roster - 12th November

12th Nov	8am	10am	6pm
Welcomer	Anna Creagh		
Info Desk		Hazel Mezger	
1st Reader	Mark O'Brien	Lucille Gravina	Kerry Gazal
2nd Reader	Therese O'Brien	Hazel Mezger	Lindsay Gazal
Eucharistic Minister	Tina Dahdah, Carmen Kapfenstein	Glenys Granger,	Ann Kirkjan
Acolyte/Altar Servers	Paul, John, Saxon & Anthony Williams	David Korte, Harriet Cassidy & Maya Mabee	Andrew Scarf, Edward Scarf, William Scarf

St Therese, Dover Heights Roster - 11th November

Commentator Patti McGowen
1st Reader Rob Brian
2nd Reader Tony Carroll
Acolyte/Senior Server Mark McNamara
Communion Ministers Danny Au-Yeung, Tom McNamara

Announcements

- We are looking to form our new parish choir!**
If your God-given talent is to praise the Lord with your voice, or to honour Him with instrument—organ, piano, violin, guitar, harp (or any other instrument), please contact our parish office to register your interest on 9371 7112 or at admin@magdalene.org.au.
- Next 'Coffee with Father'** - Sunday 12th November, following the 8am Mass. You are all more than welcome join.
- First Reconciliation—Sunday 5th November at 5pm.**
Congratulations to the forty-three children who are celebrating their First Reconciliation.
- Kincoppal School Year 6 Graduation Mass.**—Tuesday 28th November 1pm.
- 3rd December Thank You Morning Tea** following the 10am Mass.
- 3rd December Thank You BBQ** following the 6pm Mass.
- McAuley Catholic Primary School Graduation Mass** Tuesday 12th December 9am.
- 2nd Rite of Reconciliation in preparation for Christmas** Wednesday 20th December 9.30am Mass and 7.30pm Mass.

