

SECOND READING: Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Punishment will come to me if I do not preach the Gospel.

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessing.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 8:17

Alleluia, alleluia!
He bore our sickness,
and endured our suffering.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 1:29-39

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
He cured many who suffered from diseases of one kind or another.

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said,

'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Lev 13: 1-2,44-46;
1 Cor 10: 31-11:1;
Mk 1: 40-45.



This week's prayer

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney.

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office at safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or by calling (02) 9390 5810.

Mobile phones at Mass.

To maintain a spirit of reverence and solemnity, please turn off and refrain from using all mobile telephones and other electronic devices during Mass.

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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL: 6:00 pm.
 SUNDAY: 8:00 am and 9.30am (changed to 10 am till further notice)
 MONDAY: No Mass.
 TUESDAY through to SATURDAY: 9.00 am Mass.
 FRIDAY: 9.00 am Mass.
 Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
 RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
 Baptism: Every Sunday at 11am or 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
 Marriage: By appointment.
 Anointing of the sick: Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year B)
6th / 7th February 2021

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING: Job 7:1-4. 6-7

A reading from the prophet Job
I am filled with sorrow all day long.

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service,
 his time no better than hired drudgery?
 Like the slave, sighing for the shade,
 or the workman with no thought but his wages,
 months of delusion I have assigned to me,
 nothing for my own but nights of grief.
 Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'
 Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'
 Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.
 Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed,
 and vanished, leaving no hope behind.
 Remember that my life is but a breath,
 and that my eyes will never again see joy.

The Word of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 146:1-6

RESPONSE: Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
 sing to our God for he is loving:
 to him our praise is due. **Response.**

The Lord builds up Jerusalem
 and brings back Israel's exiles,
 he heals the broken-hearted,
 he binds up all their wounds.
 he fixes the number of the stars;
 he calls each one by its name. **Response.**

Our Lord is great and almighty;
 his wisdom can never be measured.
 The Lord raises the lowly;
 he humbles the wicked to the dust. **Response.**



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Lent 2021.

As usual Lent begins with Ash Wednesday.
Ash Wednesday is on the 17th February.
Masses will be held here at Denistone at:
9am and 7.30pm.



A message from the Clergy Office.

The Congregation for the Divine Worship has issued a Note concerning the Imposition of Ashes in this time of pandemic.

For practical point of view, "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel" or "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return" will be said only once rather than repeating the formula to each person. Additionally this year the ashes will be distributed differently – Fr Roberto is still thinking through how to do this without touching people's foreheads. One option is to sprinkle the ashes on your head OR dabbing the ashes on the forehead using swabs.

Pastorally, given that the usual practice in Australia is for the ashes to be daubed on the foreheads of the faithful in the form of a cross rather than sprinkled on the head. It could be helpful to read the following:

- The act of putting on ashes symbolizes fragility and mortality, and the need to be redeemed by the mercy of God. Far from being a merely external act, it symbolizes that attitude of internal penance to which all the baptised are called during Lent.
- The placing of ashes on top of the heads is the more ancient practice.
- It is common method in many parts of the world.
- In time of Covid19 it has the advantage of not requiring the priest to contact the skin of many people one after another, risking inadvertent infection
- The fact that the ashes are not readily visible to others is of no concern, since they are principally intended as a sign for the person receiving them and not for others.



Catholic Mission's Work with communities.

Catholic Mission spends the money you donate forming individuals and communities as missionary disciples of Jesus who share their faith in action and through prayers. Your donations are invested in so many worthy activities among them we have:

- World Mission Month resources for students, teachers, and catechists.
- Advocacy in support of children and Aboriginal and Torres Strait islander peoples;
- 5,656 catechists supported through Catholic Mission programs.
- 57,167 children supported through Catholic Mission programs
- 79,380 seminarians supported globally by St Peter the Apostle.



PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Fred Hawkins (over a decade Fred provided our Parish with his Mass Welcome files and propers, sharing his database of hymn files and playing organ and piano at some of our Christmas in the Church celebrations and on other significant occasions), Anthony Urbano and Pasquale Simonetti. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries at this time.



Lenten programme.

This year come and be inspired by the Word of God at our Lenten Group on Wednesday evenings. Our sessions will begin on **Wednesday 24th February at 7.30pm** in the Church and will run throughout Lent. Please speak with Fr Roberto or call the presbytery to reserve a seat.



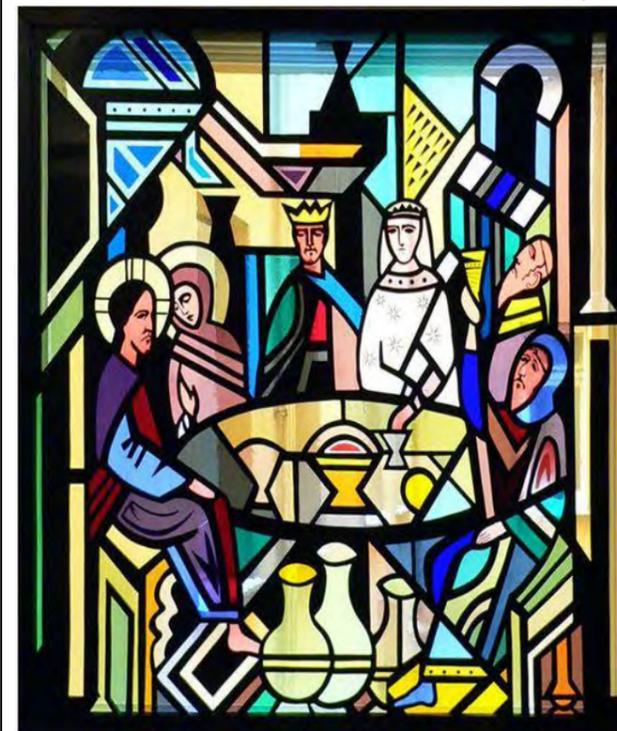
One Voice - The Voice

Save the date: **Sunday 21st Feb 7.30pm**

There are many confusing voices in the world in 2021.

But the strongest voice is still ACTIVE.
Invite Family and Friends to COME and LISTEN to the Christian Voice for 2021

More to come! (Covid Compliant)



Rosters and Volunteers.

Our rosters were all suspended in March last year due to pandemic. But if you wish to resume helping out please do so if you see a need. This can be from reading, acolyte – supporting Fr Roberto on the altar, staying back to clean the church after Mass or counting. Simply approach Father Roberto with your offer to help when you are at church.



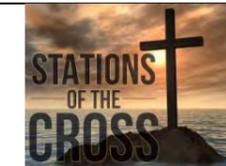
MINISTRY ROSTERS

ALTAR SERVERS: A new Altar Servers Rosters has been sent out, as all our wonderful altar servers have resumed their ministry. So please be on the lookout for this roster in your INBOX.

We pray that as more people consider resuming to their ministry more rosters will follow.

Stations of the Cross.

Will run throughout Lent on every Friday evening at 7.30pm. Come, meditate and pray on the Passion of our Lord to prepare well for Easter. Stations will begin on Friday the 19th February.



Parish Council update – February meeting.

At the February Parish Council meeting the following was discussed:
Liturgy – The Advent Giving tree was again a big success. Commenced looking at the Mission Plan for the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.



Maintenance – Further lights for the sanctuary will be installed.

Catechist Sunday.

Huge congratulations this Catechist Sunday to Jamelie Morabito & Michela Augimeri as they will be receiving a special award. They have reached a great milestone of 40 years of teaching religious education, helping the children in our public schools. They will receive their awards this Sunday at St Mary's Cathedral. It is a great blessing to have people like them in our community. Please pray that many blessings come upon them and that the Lord continues to give them a generous heart.

This weekend we will also be Commissioning and Sending Forth our catechists and helpers as they continue their wonderful ministry of teaching within our local schools.

Days of Penance! Repent from your evils and believe this Good News.

1. Rules for Lent follow in (a), (b), and (c).
2. Abstinence from meat and fasting are to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On all other Fridays of the year the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:
 - (a) Prayer – for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making that Stations of the Cross; praying the rosary.
 - (b) Self-denial – for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country.
 - (c) Helping other – for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or overburdened.

All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain.