



St Mark's Parish

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The Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

~ 15 January 2023 ~



"There is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world."

John 1:29

"HE IS THE ONE!"

In the centre rose window behind the Altar on the left of the centre representation of Jesus is a depiction of the victorious Lamb of God. All the stain glass windows are depictions of different images or representations of Christ. In today's Gospel Jesus is described as the 'Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world' this phrase is known to us from the scripture text and the recitation three times in every Mass we celebrate. The window depicts Jesus at the Last Supper and the context for this is the Passover meal and the sharing of the lamb without blemish in this context referring to Jesus who is to give his life on the Cross for us on the next day Good Friday.



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In and through Jesus we find healing comfort, challenge and direction for our lives. We can say as we do at Mass "Lord, I am not worthy that you would enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

*Yours, in the Lord Jesus,
Fr Michael McLean, Parish Priest*



VALE HIS EMINENCE GEORGE CARDINAL PELL.

We have lost a Cardinal of the Church, a former Archbishop of Sydney, a fine priest, a good Christian soul.

The Church in Australia and around the world is deeply saddened at the sudden passing of Cardinal George Pell, the former Archbishop of Sydney and of Melbourne.

Cardinal Pell's episcopal motto was 'Be Not Afraid' and through good days and bad, he lived up to these words as a man of courage and with a big heart, who trusted in divine providence.

He fearlessly proclaimed the Gospel and worked to explain the teachings of the Church. He spoke truth as he found it, however difficult or unpopular. He was also a man of prayer, of deep Christian faith and a loving shepherd to his flock in parishes, schools, hospitals and throughout his dioceses.

I was in Rome last week for the funeral of another great churchman and close friend of Cardinal Pell, Pope Benedict XVI. The Cardinal and I did not know it would be the last time we would see each other in this life, but he was in good spirits and his regular, witty self, and I am thankful that we shared this time together. Cardinal Pell was a proud Australian who loved this country and its people and he was awarded a Companion of the Order of Australia in 2005. The Archdiocese of Sydney thrived under his leadership. He saw great promise in youth, and his vision in bringing World Youth Day 2008 to Sydney saw a whole generation of young Catholics respond to Christ's call. Our community as a whole was uplifted by this colossal event and moved by the testimony it offered.

His Eminence was an author of books and a regular newspaper columnist, a lecturer and leader in Catholic education, and a scholar in his own right. He served the broader Church as a member of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, the Vox Clara Commission, the Pontifical Council for the Family and the Congregation of Bishops.

As Prefect for the Secretariat of the Economy, member of Pope Francis' Council of Cardinal Advisors and one of the highest-ranking church officials in the world, the Cardinal's work for openness in Church affairs was hugely important.

His final years were marked by his wrongful conviction and imprisonment, but he bore this with grace and goodwill and gave us all an example of how to accept suffering with dignity and peace. His words of reconciliation with his detractors and concern for survivors increased in authenticity as he steadfastly and successfully maintained his innocence. He will be remembered as a courageous leader who inspired so many clergy and lay faithful around the world to proclaim Christ crucified, risen and with us still.



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Entrance Antiphon

Ps 65:4

(All) All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

The 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.

First Reading

Isaiah 49.3, 5-6

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

The Lord said to me,

“You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

And now the Lord says,

who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him,

and that Israel might be gathered to him,

for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord,

and my God has become my strength.

He says,

“It is too small a thing that you should be my servant

to raise up the tribes of Jacob

and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,

that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 40.1+3a,6,7-8,9 (R.7-8)

(R.) Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. **(R.)**

2. Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. **(R.)**

3. Then I said, “Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart.” **(R.)**

4. I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O Lord. **(R.)**



St Mark's Parish

United in Baptism, Nourished by the Eucharist,

Guided by the Holy Spirit,

We Form a Vibrant and Caring Community,

Living and Proclaiming the Gospel,

Reaching Out to Those in Need,

Journeying Together, Growing in Faith.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1.1-3

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

From Paul, called to be an Apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and from our brother Sosthenes. To the Church of

God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in

every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our

Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

John 1:14,12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him

to become the children of God.

Alleluia.

Gospel

John 1.29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and

declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a

man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptising with water for

this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.”

And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from

heaven like a dove, and remain on him. I myself did not

know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water

said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and

remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I

myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of

God.”

Reflection: The Perfume of Holiness

What does it mean to be ‘holy’? It does

not mean 100% morally correct, or

separate from the great mass of

people: ‘Holier than thou!’ It means

being so close to God that God’s

holiness rubs off.

We are adopted members of the Holy

Family, and something rubs off.

Each one of us has heard at our

baptism ‘You are my beloved son/

daughter’. We have been adopted into

God’s family and that brings us into

close proximity to God.

So, if St Paul were writing to us today,

as he did to the Corinthians, this is

how it would run: ‘... to the church of God that is in [your

town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ

Jesus, called holy.’

But, we are not alone. In a multitude of places there are

people who have also been baptised and therefore share a

certain family resemblance. How is the ‘togetherness’ held

together? By being in communion with the Bishop of Rome,

currently Pope Francis.

We might pause for a moment to thank God that we are

amongst the baptised who can receive St Paul’s greeting:

‘Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus

Christ.’

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Apostles Creed

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

Prayers of the Faithful

Leader: With confidence in the Father's generous love for us, let us turn to him in prayer.

Reader: Let us pray for the Church, that we, who have received life and love from God, may be active instruments of unity and reconciliation amongst all Christians. *(pause)*.
Lord hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray for our world, that the peoples of every land, culture and faith may enjoy secure and lasting peace. *(pause)*.

Lord hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray for Christians who face persecution for their faith, that they may be strengthened by God's Holy Spirit. *(pause)*.

Lord hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray for our own parish community that we may always be generous and welcoming to those in need. *(pause)*.

Lord hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Reader: Let us pray for all who have gone before us in the light of faith, that they may know the peace of God's Kingdom. *(pause)*.

Lord hear us:

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Heavenly Father, we ask you to hear our prayers and grant us all that is in accord with your will for us. We ask this in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 22:5

(All) You have prepared a table before me, and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.



21 January St Agnes was a young girl who lived at the time of Christian persecution in fourth century Rome. One tradition suggests that at the age of twelve, she refused to consider marriage because of her dedication to Christ, and instead offered herself as a martyr for Christ. Her name means "lamb" in Latin, and every year on her feast day two lambs are blessed, and their wool is used to weave the pallium, which is presented by the Pope to all newly appointed Archbishops.



~ volunteer to become a catechist ~

Our parish is looking for volunteer catechists for 2023 school terms.

The most common question people ask about being a Catechist is whether you need experience in teaching. The answer is simple and it's NO.

All you need is a love for God and the passion to share the truth and the Gospel.

The (CCD) Confraternity of Christian Doctrine Sydney will provide you with the training, support and resources to be equipped to teach effectively in the classroom.

You are required for one hour on Friday morning's during school terms. If interested speak with

Fr Michael or contact the Parish office and become a Catechist for 2023.

Get
Involved
unteer

OPEN DAY
7 March 2023 8-6pm

DIVINE RENOVATION
FEBRUARY 10-12 SYDNEY 2023 FRI-SUN
2023 DR AUS
Divine Renovation Australasia Conference
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
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On 10-12 February 2023, Divine Renovation will be hosting their 2023 Divine Renovation Australasia Conference in Sydney, Australia, with the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney as a Supporting Partner.

This conference will be a unique experience for active parishioners and clergy who want to help lead the parish from maintenance to mission. The conference will feature talks and workshops from speakers including Fr. James Mallon, Fr. Chris Ryan MGL and Daniel Ang among many others, on the topics of evangelisation and creating an invitational and missionary church. This is also an opportunity to connect with other parish leaders and hear inspiring stories of parishes that have seen transformation by prioritising mission. **For registration and more information, visit <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>**



In our thoughts and prayers

In your love and concern, please pray for all the sick and vulnerable members of our St Mark's community:

Brian and Anne Johnson, Heather Burbidge, Roslyn Chew, Pat Kenna, Joanna McGill, Giuseppina Pinto, Nancy Rice, Maureen Hanvey, Jenny Taubhorn, Nora Bateman, Milly Di Blasio, Rocco Zoccali, Lina Giannandrea, Wendy Madden, Patricia Ryan and Monica Rincon de Florez.

Remembering those who have gone before us.

Charlie Camilleri, Antonio Ziino, Maurangelo and Leonarda Altomare, Santina Macaluco, Marie Ryan, Assunta Sanzari, Selicia Isgro and Geoff Rice.

Recently Deceased. Pasquale Sestito, Giuseppe Bavaro,

His Eminence George Cardinal Pell, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI.

His Eminence George Cardinal Pell was ordained to the priesthood on 16th December 1966 and appointed Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne in 1987 and later served as the seventh Archbishop of Melbourne from 1996-2001. He was then appointed the eighth Archbishop of Sydney, where he successfully led the bid for Sydney to host World Youth Day in 2008. He was made Cardinal Priest of Santa Maria Domenica Mazzarello by Pope St John Paul II in 2003 and, from 2014, served as Prefect for the Secretariat for the Economy. May his soul rest in peace.



St Mark's Drummoyne Masses

Monday & Friday 8:00am
Tuesday & Thursday 9:30am
Wednesday 7:30am



Saturday 12 noon
Saturday Reconciliation 11:30am - 11:55am
Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday 9:00am & 6:00pm

Scan the QR code to donate to support the Ministry and Mission of our Parish.



WELCOME VISITORS TO ST MARK'S CHURCH
May the New Year bring you blessings for a prosperous life.

Baptism

We welcome into our faith community this Sunday through the Sacrament of Baptism at St. Mark's Jack James Leonard & Michael Leung. and we congratulate their parents. God bless you.



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St Mark's Church Hearing Loop installed

Parish Bulletin: we ask that you take home your bulletin, do not put it back for others or leave it on the pew for others to pick up.

Parish Priest: Fr Michael McLean PP
Priest in Residence: Fr Denis Minns OP
Pastoral Associate: Sr Antonia Nedu ISR
Chair Parish Pastoral Council: Ms Celine Cheng
School Principal: Ms Rachel Bourke

Masks are recommended, thank you for social distancing, please respect the sacredness of our church and remember to turn off your phone during the Mass.

St Mark's Parish, Drummoyne acknowledges the Wangal people, one of 29 tribes of the Eora nation and the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to them and for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual 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 and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. **Website:** Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding and Child Protection