

GOSPEL

Mt 5:13-16

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.*You are the light of the world.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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 Lord, our God, who once established these created things to sustain us in our frailty, grant, we pray, that they may become for us now the Sacrament of eternal life. 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** cf. Ps 106:8-9**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.****PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

P. O God, who have willed that we be partakers in the one Bread and the one Chalice, grant us, we pray, so to live that, made one in Christ, we may joyfully bear fruit for the salvation of the world. 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 in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD****FIRM FOUNDATIONS**

When the people of Israel returned from exile it was a time of great hope and rejoicing. God's promises had proved true and their persistence in faith had been rewarded. Now was the time to rebuild and people set about re-establishing their lives, homes and businesses. During the exile, they had been united in their suffering but now there was the danger of people looking after themselves at the cost of others. Isaiah was concerned to nip this in the bud showing that the best foundation on which to rebuild was their concern for others, especially the poor and the disadvantaged. In this way, their lives would be a shining example. In the gospel, Jesus calls each of us to examine the quality of our care for our brothers and sisters. It is by means of our practical concern that we can be salt for the earth and light for our world.

Paul was concerned that the faith of some of the Corinthian Christians was not built on a firm foundation. They had been overly impressed by the quality of the preaching and rhetoric of the various preachers who had worked among them. He knew that while their response was understandable, it was nonetheless misguided. At the end of the day, he knew that rhetoric and philosophy would never build a foundation that could challenge the one built on the self-giving love of Jesus. With their eyes fixed on the crucified one, they could learn true wisdom and the meaning of love.

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

5 FEBRUARY 2023

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE! We all have our special gifts, but sometimes we fail to recognise this. We may feel that we have little to offer others. That is never true. As Jesus says: 'You are the salt of the earth! You are the light of the world!' Let us ask Jesus to help us recognise our unique gifts and share them with others.

INTRODUCTORY RITES**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Ps 94:6-7**O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.****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. P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart; Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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. Keep your family safe, O Lord, with unfailing care, that, relying solely on the hope of heavenly grace, they may be defended always by your protection. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.**LITURGY OF THE WORD****FIRST READING** Isa 58:7-10A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor; clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then your light will shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you.

Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 111:4-9. R. v. 4**R. A light rises in the darkness for the upright. (or Alleluia!)**1. He is light in the darkness for the upright; / he is generous, merciful and just. / The good man takes pity and lends, / he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**2. The just man will never waver: / he will be remembered for ever. / He has no fear of evil news; / with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear; / open-handed, he gives to the poor; / his justice stands firm for ever. / His head will be raised in glory. **R.****SECOND READING**

1 Cor 2:1-5

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

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified. When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Jn 8:12

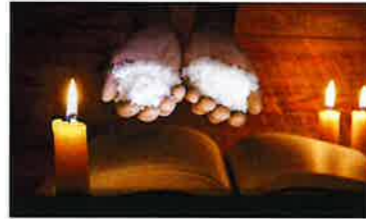
Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!



HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH RYDALMERE

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time / A
5 February 2023

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MASS TIMES

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| SUNDAY EUCHARIST: | Saturday Vigil | 5.30pm |
| | Sunday | 7.30am & 10.00am |
| WEEKDAY EUCHARIST: | Tuesday - Saturday | 9.15am |
| RECONCILIATION: | Saturday | 4.30pm - 5.15pm |
| EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT | Exposition: Wednesday and Saturday | 8.30am |
| | Exposition: Monday - Friday | 7.00pm - 12.00am |
| BAPTISMS: | 2 nd and 4 th Sunday of month | 11.30am |

Please Pray For

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Vicky Cook, John Joyce - His Eminence, George Cardinal Pell, Corazon Santos - Betty Griffin, Des Howard, Maurice Reid - Fr Peter Maher

ANNIVERSARIES:

Peter Murphy, Fr Tim Crowley, Lia Edouard-Betsy - Joseph Paul Faust, George Sant, Carmela Ruotolo, Barry Nicholls, Sr Christine Hesel, Doreen Clinch.

Rosters – 11/12 February

Cleaning Ministry

Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm Marthe Nalletamby, Jing Tapiador
Sun. 7.30am Thomas Russo
Sun. 10.00am Anne Marie Lyons
Vartguess Markarian

Counters:

Lectors:

Vigil 5.30pm Patrick Edouard-Betsy, Bill O'Shea
Sun. 7.30am Len Farrugia, Sue Farrugia
Sun. 10.00am Glenys Oxlee, Astrid Kossim
Lynette Rodrigues, Linda Tsang

RYDALMEN



Our men's group resumes for 2023 on **Wednesday 8th February** at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start in the Parish meeting room. Oldies, newbies and the curious are all most welcome to join us as we continue our faith journey together. Contact details: shane.young@ozemail.com.au, 0432 815 165.

READERS NEEDED

We are desperately short of Readers for all Masses. Please prayerfully consider taking on this role. The next roster begins 5th March and training is provided. Please contact Glenys Oxlee on 0488 288 633 by 11th February for more information &/or if you would like to join the roster.

CARMELITE RETREAT PROGRAM 2023

The Mount Carmel Retreat Centre at Varroville has released their 2023 Retreat Program. This includes weekend/weeklong retreats and day retreats. There are some brochures at the back of the Church. For further information or to make a booking, please visit their webpage <https://mtcarmel.com.au/carmelite-retreat-program> or call on 8795 3400.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Anthony Profilio** and **Sebastian Kan** who were baptised on Sunday 29th January 2023.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL NEWS

Final donations have been received for the Christmas Appeal which brings our Parish total to **\$6,839.70**. A wonderful result, thank you all so much.



Congratulations to our Conference President Ron Della Vedova who was awarded 'highly commended' in the Parramatta Senior Citizen of the Year award category on Australia Day.

LED BY THE SPIRIT

You are invited to participate in a Lenten Series, call *Led by the Spirit*. Throughout Scripture the Spirit often leads people through the wilderness so that they might find God's greater plan for their lives. Join us this Lenten season to find where the Spirit is leading you. This series will be run by Disciples of Jesus (DOJ) and the Missionaries of God's Love (MGL). DOJ is a Charismatic Community and the MGLs are an Order of Charismatic Priests, Brothers and Consecrated sisters.

Dates: **Sundays during Lent 26 Feb to 2 April 2023**

Time: 3:00pm-5:00pm

Each Sunday will begin with a high tea—don't miss out. Location: Christ the King, Parish Hall—10 Statham Ave, North Rocks.

For more information contact Matthew Leslie 0409 295 962

DIOCESAN WORLD DAY OF THE SICK MASS

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on **Saturday 11 February 2023** at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome. **RSVPs** are required by **6 February** to hannah.portelli@parracatholic.org

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick will be Celebrated on **Saturday, 11th February** at the **9.15am Mass**. The Mass will be in conjunction with the Diocesan World Day of the Sick.

Fr Peter

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION AND RENEWAL DAY

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, on **Sunday 19 February from 10.30am to 3pm**, with registration from 10am. BYO picnic lunch and other refreshments. No need to register ahead of time. Donations welcome. For enquiries, please contact either Ann Bergman on anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas on atomas@bigpond.com or (02) 9653 2637.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Ron & Barbara Clarke were long time Parishioners of Holy Name of Mary and were the founders of Antioch in the Parish. Before moving to the Northern Beaches, they resided in Ermington. Their daughter Therese has asked for their friends and parishioners at Holy Name of Mary to pray for Barbara as she is unwell with dementia and in hospital.



SCHOENSTATT MEN MONTHLY FORMATION GATHERINGS



Mens Reflection: The Search for Home – belonging, being 'home' for each other as family, our parish as 'home', God as 'home'. **Sun 19 Feb, 9am-10.30am.** Optional Mass 11am. No cost. Home of Light, Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa NSW 2745. Enquiries: Jim 0432 487 927. More info: <https://bit.ly/3DSBpan> Also in the series: Conversion 19 Mar, Mission 16 Apr.

MET FAITHLIFE SCRIPTURE COURSE

Want to learn more about the Bible? Sign up for the FaithLIFE 3-night short course on Scripture with Dr Michele Connolly rsj, brought to you by the Mission Enhancement Team (MET). 6:30PM to 8:30PM on three **Thursdays: 23 February, 2 March and 9 March**. Downstairs at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown. RSVP via <https://pfparr.org.au/faithlife/>

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

How prepared are you for marriage? Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and into married life. We give you a chance to spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. The next Engaged Encounter Weekend will be held on **25-26 February**. For further information and to register, visit www.engagedencounter.org.au/

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Monday, 6 February – Saints Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

Paul Miki, a Japanese Jesuit, and his twenty-five companions were martyred in Nagasaki, Japan. They were the first martyrs of East Asia to be canonized. They were killed simultaneously by being raised on crosses and then stabbed with spears. Their executioners were astounded upon seeing their joy at being associated to the Passion of Christ. Brother Paul Miki, a Jesuit and a native of Japan, has become the best known among the martyrs of Japan. While hanging upon a cross Paul Miki preached to the people gathered for the execution: "The sentence of judgment says these men came to Japan from the Philippines, but I did not come from any other country. I am a true Japanese. The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I certainly did teach the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason I die. I believe that I am telling only the truth before I die. I know you believe me and I want to say to you all once again: Ask Christ to help you to become happy. I obey Christ. After Christ's example I forgive my persecutors. I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all, and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as a fruitful rain." When missionaries returned to Japan in the 1860s, at first they found no trace of Christianity. But after establishing themselves they found that thousands of Christians lived around Nagasaki and that they had secretly preserved the faith. Beatified in 1627, the martyrs of Japan were finally canonized in 1862.

