

heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

### Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him up on the last day.

### JRS Appeal for Foodbank Donations

The Jesuit Refugee Service mobile food bank is a huge and growing operation. Since 1 April, they have collectively fed more than 5,000 women, children, and men who have lost jobs, been excluded from Federal Government financial support and cannot return home. In one week alone they fed close to 800 people, including by providing more than 300 kg of rice, 300 kg of pasta, 300 litres of long life milk, 500 cans of tuna and much more! Regardless, their stocks of rice, pasta, oil, tuna, and long life milk are RUNNING LOW. If you can donate these items we have drop off spots around Sydney.



**Parent Line 1300 1300 52**  
Many families are in the midst of or are facing serious challenges in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic and need extra support but don't know where to start. Parent Line can help parents by providing support and strategies to manage. Call us 7 days a week on 1300 1300 52.



### 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 and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto: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.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Church:** 280 Homer St, Earlwood, NSW, 2206

**St Bernadette's Church:** Corner William St & Bexley Rd.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School:** Ph: 9559 2556 Principal: Dermott O'Neill

**Society of Our Lady of Lourdes:** Ph: 9559 2171 (Mon & Fri 9am to 1pm)

### Family Drug Support

This is a caring non-religious organization which provided non-judgmental, non-directive support and information to families and friends of drug users across Australia. Telephone Support Line 24hrs/7day a week: 1300 368 186. Please see brochures in the Church foyer.



### Aid to the Church In Need –Fundraiser

17 October 2020 marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the canonisation of Australia's first Saint, Mary of the Cross MacKillop. In celebration, Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Australia is proud to have commissioned a commemorative set of Rosary Beads. All proceeds from the sale of these beads will directly support needy religious sisters around the world who - like Mary MacKillop -continue to take care of all people in so many ways.



### Hope Campaign

St Martha's Parish Strathfield is asking for help promoting its Hope Campaign to encourage everyone to spread and carry Hope during these uncertain times. See: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/even-in-lockdown-st-marthas-keeps-busy/> Any assistance that you could provide to help us promote Hope would be greatly appreciated. Contact Nicole Mazzaferro on 0421 959 636



### CatholicCare outreach to the lonely

CatholicCare, through its CatholicCare CCareline 13 18 19 number and the Parish Volunteer Program in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney, is working together as the 'hands and feet of Christ in the community' reaching out to those most in need in our parishes and beyond. To register or learn more about the Parish Volunteer Program call CCareline on 13 18 19.

### Next week 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readings :** 1st: [Jer 20:7-9](#) Psalm: [137](#)

**2nd:** [Rom 12:1-2](#); **Gospel:** [Mt 16:21-27](#)

LOURDES PARISH



EARLWOOD

Fr. Patrick Njenga *Parish Administrator* Fr. Miguel Perez Campos *Assistant Priest*  
Fr. Adrian Pittarello *Italian Chaplain* Ph: 80681595  
Office Hours: Cinzia - Tues to Thurs 9am to 1pm Maria - Tues to Wed 9am to 2.30pm  
Parish Office: 9558 1254 Email: [secretary@lourdesparish.com.au](mailto:secretary@lourdesparish.com.au)

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Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;  
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.  
Have mercy on me, O Lord,  
for I cry to you all the day long.

### First Reading Is 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

(R.) **Lord, your love is eternal;  
do not forsake the work of your hands.**

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

### Second Reading Rom 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.  
Alleluia!

### Gospel Mt 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in his

### Mass Weekends:

**Saturday 5.00pm OLOL, 6.30pm Bernadette's**  
**Sunday 8.00am Bernadette's, 9.30am OLOL**  
**Children's Liturgy:** during 9.30am Mass  
**10.45am (Italian). 6pm Maronite Mass in English.**  
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 4- 4.45pm OLOL

### Mass Weekdays:

**St. Bernadette** Tue 6.30 pm, Fri 6.30am  
**OLOL:** Wed 8.30am, Thurs 8.30am, Friday 9am  
**Baptisms:** 12noon 2nd & 4th Sundays at OLOL  
11am 3rd Sunday at St Bernadette's  
**Reconciliation:** Saturday 6 - 6.20pm St. Bernadette's

## Rosary Statue

Mary Gome. 9789 6972.



## Grotto Rosary

Rosary every Mon & Fri at Grotto at 10am.

## Eucharistic Adoration & Holy Rosary

Please join us for **Holy Hour on Fridays 6:30-7:30pm at Our Lady's Church.** "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Mt. 26:41)

## Booking Again

Booking for weekend Masses has been reinstated due to COVID-19 restrictions changing again. You need to book in by ringing the Parish Office on 9558 1254 on weekday mornings.

Make a Booking

## COVIDSAFE Church COVID Update

The NSW Government has recommended parishioners wear face masks when attending religious services as an additional safeguard to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

Church attendance numbers are limited to 100, providing there is a four square metre space around each person, with the exception of people from the same household. So this means OLOL can have 100 but St Bernadette's can only have 65.

All parishes must ensure that their churches are not left unattended when their doors are open and they must keep written records with names and contact details of everyone who comes into the church at any time and these records must be kept for at least 4 weeks.

**Note that** collection plates are not allowed to be handled. So we have a leaving collection at the church door only. Also singing is not permitted and Parish Bulletins cannot be re-handled or re-used.

## Happy Birthday

Congratulations and best wishes to Des Pasfield who celebrates his 91<sup>st</sup> Birthday on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. In the Australia Day Honours 2019

Des Pasfield was awarded the OAM for 50 years of Service as a Volunteer in the St Vincent de Paul Society. HAPPY BIRTHDAY Des.



## Daffodil Day

On NEXT Friday 28th August we celebrate Daffodil

Day, which is the day of the year the Australian Cancer council invite all Australians to unite and lend their support to the fight against cancer. It is also a day to celebrate the spirit of cancer survivors and their families, carers and medical specialists & researchers, bringing hope and goodwill for the future of all Australians touched by the disease. So let us lend our prayer support to this great cause. There are few of us who have not known someone touched by this disease. Did you know that one in two Australians will be diagnosed with cancer by the age of 85? Today we have some daffodils on the Altar to remind us to pray for them all.

## Social Justice Statement 2020-21

The ACBC Office for Social Justice have released the Social Justice Statement for 2020-21, entitled



**To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today.** This year's Statement encourages faith communities, governments, and each one of us to make mental health a priority—a timely message in a year of bushfires and pandemic. The COVID-19 pandemic has also influenced the way in which the Statement and associated materials are being distributed this year.

Given that face-to-face gatherings are restricted this year, demand for physical copies of the Statement was difficult to predict. Therefore the Social Justice Statement and prayer card for 2020-21 have been made available online as free downloads. To download your copies now, please visit <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au> or visit the ACBC online shop at <https://www.catholic.org.au/shop/acbc-shop> Files suitable for a commercial printer are also available on request. Please email [publications.socialjustice@catholic.org.au](mailto:publications.socialjustice@catholic.org.au) if you are interested.

Please note that from this year, the date for Social Justice Sunday has shifted to the last Sunday in August. Consequently, Social Justice Sunday will this year be celebrated on 30 August 2020.



## Miracle Music

One evening in 1741, a lonely man, feeling very old and useless shuffled along a London street in the dark. His name was George Fredric Handel. For 40 years he had been a famous Court Musician, whose music was known to everyone. But then he had suffered a serious stroke, paralysing him so that he could not write music anymore. He was 60 years of age. As he walked past a church welling up from his soul came the cry "My God my God why have you forsaken me." When he arrived home he found a parcel on his desk. He unwrapped it. It was a bible and his eyes fell on the words, "He was despised and rejected by men." This struck a cord in Handel. At once he sat down and began to write. He worked almost non-stop for the next 24 days, taking little sleep or food. When the musical masterpiece 'THE MESSIAH' lay finished on his desk, he collapsed on his bed & slept for 17 hours. In his darkest hour he had achieved his greatest work.

## Catholic Weekly has gone Digital!

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## Support for the House of Welcome



The House of Welcome works with people seeking asylum and refugees to provide critical case-work, housing, employment, food bank and emergency living assistance. During COVID-19 the demand for financial assistance has risen. HoW has increased the Emergency Living Package program by 216% to respond to the amplified levels of distress and hardship amongst their clients. In the last few months House of Welcome has delivered emergency assistance and been able to support clients to maintain their tenancies and assisted those who have come to the centre homeless. There are a number of ways that you can help such as donating to the Emergency Relief Package or donate staple food items to the House of Welcome foodbank

## Please pray for the following:

**Rec Deceased:** Clorinda Solari (17/8), Audrey Steege, Maria Arcorace (12/8), John MTuru lbui (6/8, Fr Patrick's father), Joan Prendergast (22/7), Raul Gama 13/3), Genevieve James (24/6), Monica James (26/6), Peter Gallagher (29/6), Margaret Warham, Edmund O'Shea.



**Anniversaries** Mary Tierney (7th, 29/8), Clarice Gorman (25/8), Annette Gatto (3rd, 19/8), Kevin Quinn (10th, 9/8), George Metlege (2nd, 7/8), Sadie Stanton (6th, 20/7), Nora George (13/1); Patricia Stanton (5th, 8/8), Antonio Silva (1mth, 10/8), Joseph Auilina (11th, 3/8), Michael Dann (1/8).

**Also:** Rocco Vartuli, Joseph Bennett, Doreen Quinn, Joe Calaca, Delores Barakat, Annette Gatto, Derek Gilbert, Babs & Terry Rodrigues, Monica Brewer, Gillian Sofatzis, Pierino, Pasquale & Roberto Stanghieri, Vincenzo Zaccardelli, Mary & Karam Elkhouri, David Staunton, Regina & Katharina Liebig, Carmel Henwood, Sebastiano Salvato, Manuel De Nobrega, Carlo Favorito, Celie Channon, Dorothy Price, Joan Ashton, Giovanni & Maria Corrente, Giacomo Rosanella, Athol Cullen, Corrado Ardizzi, Antonio Camara, Sinacori & Salvato families, Spinola Family, Brian Davies, Michael & Flora Vartuli, Tony Miller & Maria Fung, Helen & Frederick Seeto, Joy Hockings, Anthony & Therese Bonnici, Joseph Sparrow, Lucy Elizabeth Sparrow, Christine Margaret Mary Sparrow, Edward Sparrow, John Sparrow, Pat & Lex Yule, Lillian Weaver, Ruth Yule, Frank & Kathleen O' Donoghue, James & Lesley Dalley, Nora & Joseph Collins, Andrea Canu, Domenico Antonio Mazzù, Sebastiana (Nella) & Francesco Di Stefano, Holy Souls. **May they rest in Peace.**

**Special Intentions:** Michael Kenny, Maria Cristovao & family, Jose Gomes & family, Sister Elana, Sanjogta Sabharwal Blessings

**Sick:** Mary (Penny) & Max Houterman, Fred & Doris Mordocco, Shirley Rait, Kristian Seric (little boy hit by car), Maria Camara, Maria Porcu, Maria Robson, Dick & Judy Poole, Kiani & Tasha, Bery D'Rosario, Erna Halangahu, Alfonso Costantini, Roz Ko, Krystali Boujoukas, Joyce Cutuli, Emilio Canteli, Joseph, Mercedes & Teresa Artigas, Carlos Vivero, family & friends Artigas & Canteli Families, Fr Colin Mason, Jess Harrison, Lenny Parisi, Kiani & Malik Hage, Salvatore D'Amico, Baby Sarah Maria Robin, Baby Domenico Guarnieri, Giuseppe Ferlaino, Marina Beeby, Rosina Cimino, Melanie Reardon, John Kellert, John O'Neill, Joe Touma, Maria Amarin, Mark & Joe Borg, Maureen Nuttal, Johanna Banaghan, Trent, Rosa Maria Santos, Nicole Camara, Baby Ruby Whittemore, Elaine Rowda, Sr Catherine Carroll, Val Crawford, June Lynch, Ida Gilio, Patsy O'Connor, Gladys Richardson, Baby Sebastian Valens, Mary Carroll, Candida Rossetti, Steve Channon, Betty McGee.