



St Mary's Parish Concord

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

20 June 2021

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Job 38:1-4, 8-11

Here have I prescribed the bounds of the sea.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 107

R: Give thanks to the Lord,
God's love is everlasting.

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

See, everything has been made new.

GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

Even the wind and the sea obey him.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for Concettina Stagnitta, Giuseppe Giglio, Michael Convery (Nth Ireland), David Spence and all those who have died recently.

We pray for Salvatore Vecchio, Francesco Franze, Carmela Grillo, Giuseppe Franze and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We pray for all our deceased family members, friends and parishioners.

We pray for those who have died of the COVID-19 virus, for their families and all who mourn for them.

We pray for all those who are sick and for the health workers who care for the sick.

1st HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated at a special 11.00am Mass on Sundays 22 and 29 August. **Registration opens Monday 21 June.**

To register, please email the parish office with your child's name and your preferred date. Places are limited and will be allocated as enrolment forms are received at the Parish Office. Further details available under Sacraments on the parish website.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

All are welcome to join us at our Sunday and weekday Masses. No bookings are required.

The most recent changes to the Government restrictions still require churches to observe the 2 sq m rule.

All those attending must still register using the QR Code. To use the QR Code you first need to download the Services NSW App to your phone.

Those who do not have a smart phone must record their name and contact details (phone or email) on the forms provided at the church doors. Please write clearly. It is very important that your details are accurately recorded.

TAX RECEIPT FOR PLANNED GIVING

Thank you to all those who have been able to support the Mission of the parish through your contributions.

With the impact of Covid-19, many parishioners have switched to electronic giving or have dropped their envelopes into the Parish Office. ***If you would like further information on electronic giving, visit the parish website or contact the parish office.***

Because of changes made by the NSW Government regarding school funding, **in May 2017 all parishioners were asked to register with the parish if they required a tax receipt** for their donation to the parish Planned Giving envelopes.

While all who contribute through the parish envelopes receive a receipt, **only those who have registered receive tax receipt.**

Those who have registered will receive a tax receipt for contributions **received by 30 June 2021.**

Any contributor who has not previously requested a tax receipt, may do so for the new financial year (2021-2022) by contacting the parish office, but we must receive your request by Friday 25 June 2021.

For 2021-2022, St Mary's Parish Concord will be able to offer 50% tax deductibility for contributions to the Parish Planned Giving.

Acknowledgement of Country



We acknowledge the Wangal people of the Eora nation as the traditional custodians of this land.

"THANK YOU" to all those in our various parish ministries who continued to support the parish community at the Sunday Masses while I was away on my annual leave.

While we thank Mgr Vince Redden and Fr Gerard Kelly for presiding at our Sunday Masses, they were only able to do so with the support of the parish community.

My thanks also to those who led the Communion Services that replaced the weekday Masses on Monday to Friday.

It is a reminder to us not to take the Mass for granted. Many Catholic communities throughout the world do not have access to the Celebration of the Eucharist on Sundays.

*Paul Crowley
Parish Priest*

CATHOLIC MISSION INDIA COVID-19 APPEAL

Catholic Mission has launched an urgent appeal to provide immediate help for vulnerable communities devastated by COVID-19 in India. Well over 300,000 people have died from the illness in India and the hospitals have been struggling to cope. Through donating to *Catholic Mission*, you will be playing a key role in supporting the valuable work of mission hospitals in the country. Donate online via the Catholic Mission website:

<https://www.catholicmission.org.au/donate/your-donation?id=covid-19-india>

WOMEN ALIVE (Indian, Pakistani and Sri Lankan Catholic women's prayer group) - a Canberra - based initiative that predominantly serves Indian, Pakistani and Sri Lankan women but all women are welcome. How to get involved: We have a WhatsApp group (Women Alive Canberra). You can also join us by Zoom for the reflection at the end of our monthly Rosary. We are also beginning a nightly novena to Mother Mary from Sat Aug 29th to Mary's birthday Thu Sept 8th. **Contact the parish office for more details.**

LIVE STREAMING MASS: The 9.30 am Sunday Mass is being live streamed to the parish YouTube channel. See our website for details. It is also possible to view the Mass on the parish Facebook page: St Mary's Parish Church Concord.

GO MAKE DISCIPLES Archbishop Anthony Fisher has launched a new Archdiocesan Mission Plan *Go Make Disciples*. The new plan is aimed at renewing parishes as places of encounter with the living Christ and centres of outreach to our community in love and mercy.

To find out more about the Mission Plan go to <https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/>

PARISH COLLECTIONS: We are still not able to pass around the plates for the traditional parish collections. If you are able to continue your support of the parish's Mission through the collections, buckets are available on the table at the back of the church and near the side entrance. They are marked 1st and 2nd Collection. Your regular donations can be placed in the appropriate containers.

For your convenience Tap and Go stations are available at the doors of the church. The station inside the main entrance is set for \$10 and the side entrance for \$5. Please note that receipts cannot be issued for donations and the transactions cannot be reversed.

Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Twilight Reflection Evening, 30 June 2021, 6:00-8:00pm, Pennant Hills:

Join keynote speakers Bishop Anthony Randazzo, Dr. Robbie Lloyd and Ms Ashleigh Donnelly together with Catholics from the Archdiocese of Sydney, Parramatta Diocese and the Diocese of Broken Bay for a prayerful dinner event to celebrate our social justice work and reflect on the themes of this year's Social Justice Statement "To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today."

Date: Wednesday 30th June 2021. Time: 6.00pm - 8.30pm. Venue: Pennant Hills Bowling Club, 52 Yarrara Rd, Pennant Hills.

Please register your attendance here: <https://form.jotform.com/211228078037048> or by emailing ruth.moraes@sydneycatholic.org or phone 0439 584 221.

PARISH COMMUNITY AFTER COVID

The Parish Pastoral Council is currently reflecting on **Go Make Disciples**, the Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney. Their aim is to set our goals for the future. One of the foundation areas of the Mission Plan is Community.

As we slowly emerge from the COVID pandemic, one of the challenges we face is the rebuilding of our parish community.

Many of the things that we took for granted in the past still cannot happen. We cannot gather for the Morning Tea on the first Sunday of the month. As we begin preparing for 1st Holy Communion in August, we presume that some restrictions will still be in force.

The latest Sydney "hot spots" have reminded us that the COVID virus can quickly spread into any community.

An example of the challenges we face is the need to rebuild our team of volunteers who previously took Holy Communion to the sick at home or in Aged Care facilities. Many of our older parishioners are still not confident to come back to Mass.

If you are interested in being part of this important reflection, come and join the Pastoral Council. New members are welcome. Speak to Fr Paul or contact the Parish Office for more details.

The first church built of the St Mary's Parish site was blessed and opened by Archbishop Polding on 7 December 1845. The painting that now hangs in the parish hall is based on a photograph taken in 1917 when the hall was under construction.

Prior to European settlement, the Burwood-Concord district was occupied by the Wangal clan. They called themselves the Eora, meaning 'the people' and they had been living in the Sydney area for at least 10,000 years.



The British colony of New South Wales had been established in January 1788 with the arrival of the First Fleet under the command of Captain Arthur Phillip.

In late 1788 a small settlement was established at Parramatta and by 1791 a bush track had been built between Sydney and Parramatta that became what is now Parramatta Road. In 1793 some free settlers received grants in the area then named Liberty Plains. In that same year, land grants were made to six non-commissioned officers in the district that came to be known as Concord.

The Concord-Burwood district continued to grow and in 1844 land was purchased by the Catholic Church on Parramatta Road at Concord for the site of a church and school. The first church stood in the present Church Forecourt in front of the parish hall. It was blessed by Archbishop Polding on 7 December 1845.

At that time there was no resident priest. A priest came from Parramatta, where the parish of St Patrick's had been established in 1827. When the parish of Petersham (now Lewisham) was established in 1851, the church at Concord became part of Petersham parish. St Mary's Concord became a parish in 1870.

The first church was also used as a hall and a school. A Catholic School, operating with Government funds, had begun operating on the parish site in 1846.

PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office provides support and training for parish communities to ensure that our communities offer a safe and caring environment. The Safeguarding Office also provides support for those who have suffered abuse.

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney, the Safeguarding Office will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on phone: 9390 5812.

CELEBRATING AT HOME

We can be united with each other in prayer by setting aside a time when we can pause and read the Word of God and share our reflections. Many find it helpful to create a "prayer space" that helps us to focus.

We can also find those places where the Mass is being televised or live streamed.

For those who have access to the Internet there are many places that offer prayers and resources to help us. Those listed below are some examples

LITURGY BRISBANE offers a range of resources that are updated each week. They can be found on the Liturgy Brisbane website at <https://www.liturgybrisbane.net.au/prepare/sunday-readings-and-family-prayer/>

The Brisbane Liturgy website gives the Sunday readings with associated commentaries and prayers. It is suggested that families gather to read the Scriptures aloud together.

FAMILY PRAYER WEEK BY WEEK

The second resource is designed for families with young children. An extract from the Sunday gospel is provided, along with some reflection questions, a family activity and a worksheet for children.

We invite you to share these resources with anyone who may find them useful.

SACRED SCRIPTURE Set aside a time each day to read the Bible by taking a book, such as one of the Gospels or the Psalms, and working your way through it together. Pause and reflect on the passage. Use *Lectio Divina* when reading a bible text – this is explained in **Universalis** (see below) and also on the Jamberoo Abbey website.

THE ROSARY is a prayer that a family can easily recite together or can be said by those living alone.

The Examen is a daily reflection that aims to help us to review how God is present in the ordinary moments of life. It is done at the end of the day and is inspired by the Spiritual Exercises of St Ignatius of Loyola.

Search iTunes or other platforms for the following podcasts:

The Examen with Fr James Martin SJ

This 18 minute Podcast offers a guided reflection from the American Jesuits.

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HOUSE OF WELCOME FOODBANK APPEAL



Foodbank provides household necessities for people seeking asylum who have limited or no income.

People can access groceries on a weekly basis to alleviate the cost of living. The Foodbank program is largely stocked through the generosity of people in the community. No contribution is too small.

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