



St Mary's Parish Concord
The Body and Blood of Christ
Year C

19 June 2022

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Genesis 14:18-20

Melchizedek brought out bread and wine.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 110

**You are a priest forever in the line of
Melchizedek**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

Do this in remembrance of me.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:11-17

All ate and were filled.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for Vincenzo Cellucci and all those who have died recently. We pray for Augustus (Jack) Coulson, Ann Margaret Coulson, Antonietta Cartiere, Carmelina DeMasi, Pasquale DeMasi, Francesco Franze, Salvatore Vecchio and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time and for all our deceased family members, friends, and parishioners.

We pray for all health care workers and all those who continue to work to protect the community.

We pray for peace in the world, and especially for the people of Ukraine, and for all those affected by floods, fires and other natural disasters.

WINTER APPEAL The St Mary's Concord conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society is seeking our support for their important outreach ministry to those in need in our local community. Envelopes are available on the pews and at the back of the church and can be placed on the parish collections. Donations over \$2 are 100% tax deductible – please ensure contact details are clearly written.

ANNUAL LEAVE: Fr Paul will be away on his annual leave until June 21. This Sunday we welcome **Monsignor Vince Redden** who will be presiding at Vigil and 9.30 am Masses. **Fr Gerard Kelly** will preside at the Sunday 6.00 pm Mass.

There will be a Communion Service at 8.30 am on Monday 20 June. Weekday masses will resume from Tuesday 21 June. The Parish Office is open Monday to Thursday from 8.30 am to 3.00 pm.

For after-hours non-urgent parish matters, please email parish@stmarysconcord.org.au

For an urgent sick call, please contact one of the neighbouring parishes.



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Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal

The continuing violence in Ukraine is a humanitarian crisis. Over three million people have been forced from their homes and thousands of civilians have lost their lives. Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground, supporting people in need during this humanitarian crisis.

Your urgent support today will help provide critical assistance including emergency shelter, food, clean water, transportation services, and psychological support to people affected by this crisis.

Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

**World Meeting of Families | 22 - 26
June 2022**

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However, the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally around their bishop to explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: A vocation and a path to holiness." You can discover local Australian events or explore the resources with your own family by visiting: www.family.catholic.org.au

Acknowledgement of Country



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

SCHOOL ENROLMENT 2023: St Mary's School is now enrolling students for Kindergarten in 2023. An application form is available from the school office or phone 9744 0260 or email your request to info@stmconcord.catholic.edu.au. Visit the school website for more information www.stmconcord.catholic.edu.au. We look forward to welcoming new families into the school and parish communities.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated within a special 11.00 am Mass on Sundays 21 and 28 August 2022. **Registration opens on Monday 20 June and will close on Friday 1 July. To register please email the Parish Office nominating either Sunday 21 August or 28 August.**

Please note First Holy Communion in the subject line and in the email include your child's full name and your full name. An information letter and enrolment form will be sent by return email.

Due to health concerns the number of applicants for each Mass is limited and each date will be closed when that limit is reached.

The number of family members who can be present at those Masses will also be limited due to the ongoing presence of COVID in the community.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION ON OTHER DATES As happened last year, a family can nominate to celebrate First Holy Communion at any parish Sunday Mass. There will be no limit placed on the number of family members present at a parish Mass.

If you wish to celebrate your child's First Holy Communion before August, please contact the Parish Office to discuss other possible dates.

SYDNEY METRO WEST is the new metro railway connecting Parramatta to the Sydney central business district (CBD). One of the stations, to be called Burwood North, is located at the corner of Parramatta Road and Burwood Road. For more information go to: <https://caportal.com.au/tfnsw/sydmetrowest/virtual-station>

TAX RECEIPT FOR PLANNED GIVING

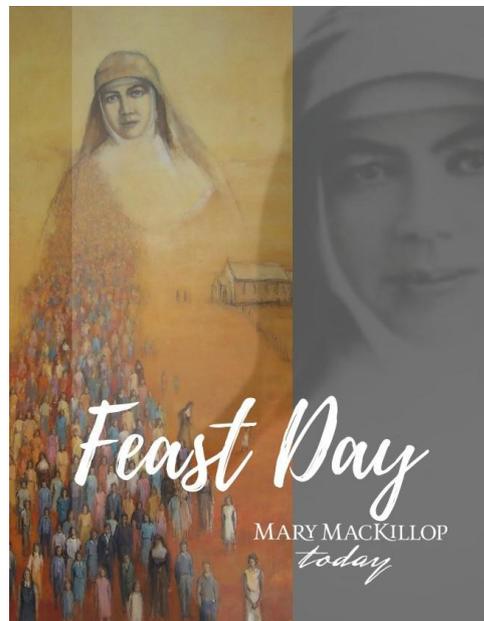
Thank you to all those who have been able to support the Mission of the parish through your contributions to the parish Sunday collections.

All those who contribute through the parish envelopes will receive a receipt but only those who have requested a **tax receipt** will receive one.

Because not all contributors require a *tax receipt*, in 2017 parishioners were asked to register with the parish if they did **require a tax receipt**.

Those who have registered for 2021-2022 will receive a tax receipt that gives 50% tax deductibility for contributions **received by 30 June 2022**.

We will presume that those who have registered in the past still wish to receive a tax deduction. However, if your circumstances have changed and you no longer require a *tax receipt* for 2022-2023, please contact the parish office.



**Thank
you
for
your
prayers**

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MacKillop Today supports thousands of people in Timor-Leste, Peru, Papua New Guinea, Fiji and here in Australia, bringing hope to communities for generations to come.

Please pray for Mary MacKillop Today especially during the challenging times we all face, so that we can continue to transform lives through our vital works carrying on the legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop.

If you'd like to learn about **Mary MacKillop Today** please contact us via Ph: (02) 8912 2763 Email: hello@marymackilloptoday.org.au or visit:

www.marymackilloptoday.org.au

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.

HERITAGE SIGNS: In 2020 St Mary's Parish commissioned five heritage signs to mark the sesquicentenary of the parish. They recall historical parish buildings that once existed on the parish site: the first church (1845), the second church (1874), the presbytery (1882), the first school building (1894) and the convent (1898). The signs have been placed close to the original locations of the buildings.

St Mary's School Concord

The 1845 church also served as a hall and from 1846 as a classroom for a one-teacher school with John Clancy as the first schoolmaster.

When John Clancy retired due to ill health in 1858, he was followed by a series of lay teachers. Records are unclear about the school's operation in the 1860s but when St Mary's Parish was established in 1870, the existing one-teacher school became part of St Mary's Parish.



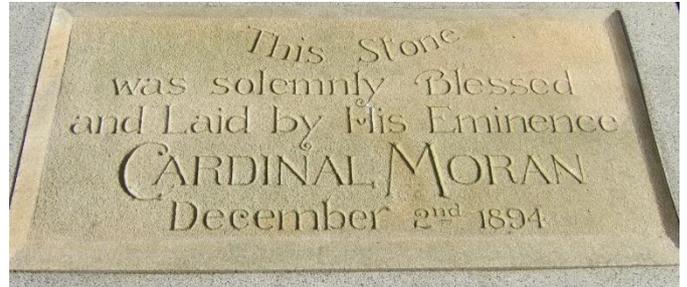
The First School Building 1894

The photo was taken 1917 as the hall was under construction (on the left).

When the New South Wales Colonial Government withdrew funding for denominational schools in 1879, it became more difficult for the parish to pay the salary of the teacher and to maintain the school.

Fr Callaghan McCarthy, the first parish priest, asked the Sisters of Charity to take charge of the school and in 1883 the Sisters began travelling each day from Ashfield to teach in the school-hall.

The first school building was erected on the parish site in 1894. It stood on the western side of the present Church Forecourt on what is now the "grass" area within the school precinct. The foundation stone laid by Cardinal Moran on 2 December 1894 can now be seen on the western side of the church steps. St Mary's School continued to grow and expand.



In 1917 a new hall was built with classrooms above and after the present church opened in 1929, the second church built in 1874 was used for classes.

In 1940 a new infants' school building was built facing Burton Street and in 1956 a Commercial College for girls was built on the site of the second church.



The 1972 block after the 2000-2001 renovations. It was demolished in 2011

When more classrooms were needed in the 1970s, the first school building that had opened in 1894 was demolished to make way for a new block of classrooms which was blessed and opened by Archbishop James Freeman on 3 September 1972.

Kindergarten moved into the new classrooms until almost forty years later when, in 2011, another new classroom block was built for Kindergarten along the Parramatta Road boundary of the school precinct. That project also enabled the 1972 classrooms to be demolished to create the present "grass" area.

LIVE STREAMING FROM ST MARY'S

We began live streaming the parish 9.30 am Mass in December 2020. When we were locked-down from June to October 2021, the live streamed Mass provided a valuable link for our parish community. **The dynamic coverage is made possible because someone is directing the cameras.** A small team of volunteers has enabled that to happen each Sunday. The 9.30 am Sunday Mass is live streamed to on the parish Facebook page (St Marys Parish Church Concord) and to the parish YouTube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL0awxfUmJ6XjHJZcqsR2_A



Are you struggling in this time of crisis?

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St Mary's Church Concord

The painting of the Blessed Virgin Mary that is the dominant image of Mary in the church is a copy of *The Immaculate Virgin of Los Venerables* painted by the Spanish artist Bartolome Esteban Murillo (1618-1682) in about 1678.

It is believed that the original painting was commissioned from Bartolomé Esteban Murillo by Justino de Neve, who was ecclesiastical president of the *Hospital de los Venerables* in Seville. He later donated it to the chapel at the hospital. The original painting is now in the Prado Museum in Madrid

The title of Immaculate Virgin reflects the belief that Mary was without sin from the first moment of her being. Although it was only officially declared a dogma of the Church in 1854, belief in the Immaculate Conception of Mary had been a popular devotion in Spain since the 16th century.

In this painting Murillo combined two different iconographic traditions: the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption. Although the Assumption of Mary was only declared to be a dogma in 1950, it too had been a popular devotion for many centuries.

The parish's copy was cleaned and restored in February 2020 to mark the Sesqicentenary of the founding of St Mary's Parish (1870-2020).



Didaskó Catholic Adult Faith Formation

The Parish Renewal Team of the Archdiocese of Sydney is offering Sydney Catholics an opportunity to grow in their faith with spiritual, intellectual and practical formation.

Didaskó offers an online short course each month which aims to build a culture of formation in our parishes. Courses are delivered online over three evenings at a cost of \$25 per course. Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliar Bishop in Sydney, will present the first course on Mondays 1 and 8 June, and Tuesday 14 June from 7:30pm-8:45pm, with the topic "What Catholic Christians Believe: An Introduction to the Catechism." Register at

www.gomakedisciples.org.au/cas-events/
For more information, contact Helen Wagner at parishrenewal@sydneycatholic.org or go to the link to the information leaflet here: [A4 flyer](#)

PARKING ON SUNDAYS: One of the limitations that we face is the very limited parking that is available. Some off-street parking is available in the Church Forecourt via the Parramatta Road gates. The Burton Street entrance is the emergency access for St Mary's Villa and can only be used as a drop-off point.

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

