



## St Mary's Parish Concord

### 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

16 October 2022

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

**FIRST READING:** Exodus 17:8-13

*Whenever Moses held up his hand, Israel prevailed*

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 121

**Our help is from the Lord,  
who made heaven and earth.**

**SECOND READING:** 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

*All scripture is inspired by God.*

**GOSPEL:** Luke 18:1-8

*God will grant justice.*

#### PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for peace in the world and especially for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for communities in many places who are affected by floods and other natural disasters.

We pray for those who are sick, especially those who have no one to care for them.

We pray for Emile Khalil, Sr Dorothy Barden RSC and all those who have died recently; for John Cammareri, Milenko (Michael) Jurkovic, Mario Guerrero, Henrietta Attard, Paul Attard, Silvio Barbarlich and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time; we pray for all our deceased family members, friends, and parishioners.

**HEALTH GUIDELINES:** We are encouraged to wear a mask at indoor gatherings, especially where social distancing is difficult and we are together for an extended time.

**CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL** will be held next weekend 22-23 October.

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** Children who are currently in Year 2 or older are now eligible to celebrate their First Reconciliation. In the Archdiocese of Sydney, First Reconciliation is celebrated prior to First Holy Communion. There will be two sessions: **7.00 pm on Tuesday 8 November 2022 and 7.00 pm on Wednesday 9 November 2022.** Registrations open Monday 10 October and will close on Friday 21 October. Parents are invited to register their child for one of the sessions by emailing the Parish Office: [parish@stmarysconcord.org.au](mailto:parish@stmarysconcord.org.au) Please note Reconciliation and your preferred date in the *Subject* of the email. More information and the registration form will be sent by return email.

**ST MARY'S PLAYGROUP:** Resumed on 14 October for Term 4. Families are invited to join for games, music and fun activities each Friday in the parish hall 9.30-10.45 am. For details contact: [info@stmconcord.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stmconcord.catholic.edu.au)

#### Acknowledgement of Country



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

**THE LETTER:** The Feast of St Francis of Assisi (4 October) saw the world premiere at the Vatican of the documentary film ***The Letter: A Message For Our Earth***. Based on Pope Francis' 2015 encyclical letter, "Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home" the film was made in partnership with the Laudato Si' Movement, the Vatican Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development and the Dicastery for Communication.

It explores the consequences of climate change through the voices of the poor, young people, indigenous peoples and others who met with Pope Francis last year. The film is streaming for free at [theletterfilm.org](http://theletterfilm.org) and **YouTube Originals**.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION** will be celebrated by Bishop Danny Meagher within the 10.30 am Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 30 October. It is an opportunity for any adult who has not been confirmed to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Candidates must first register with their parish. Registrations close next Friday 21 October. To register please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

recommences this Sunday within the 9.30am Sunday Mass. All children of primary school age are invited to attend. We ask that pre-school children remain in the church with their parents. The Children's Liturgy is not a catechetical class nor is it Sunday school. It is a celebration of the Word of God at a level appropriate for young children.

### THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Mon	17/10	St Ignatius of Antioch
Tues	18/10	St Luke
Wed	19/10	Weekday, Ordinary Time 29
Thurs	20/10	Weekday, Ordinary Time 29
Fri	21/10	Weekday, Ordinary Time 29
Sat	22/10	Weekday, Ordinary Time 29
Sun	23/10	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** The Parish Pastoral Council is a consultative body entrusted with the task of reflecting on the parish's vision and mission. In a spirit of service to the community the Pastoral Council works with the parish priest to foster and support appropriate pastoral action. Members serve a four-year term with half the Council changing every two years.

Over the past two years the work of the Pastoral Council has been disrupted by the COVID Lockdowns. As we begin to plan for 2023, new members are needed.

Any active parishioner 18 years of age or older may be nominated or may nominate his/herself. If you are interested, please talk to Fr Paul or to any of the current members. For more information go to the "Our Parish" tab on the Home Page of the parish website [www.stmarysconcord.org.au](http://www.stmarysconcord.org.au)

### JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE FOODBANK

The JRS continues to support those seeking asylum and temporary migrants in Australia, as they remain excluded from all forms of Federal government support. This has meant that people who were once working and self-sufficient have had to rely on charities, like JRS, for rent, medication, bills and food. To help keep everyone fed, we are asking those who can to donate one item a week (1 or 2 Kg bags of Basmati Rice, Tuna in oil, Cooking Oil (750ml/1L/2L bottles), tinned tomatoes, tinned lentils, chickpeas, red kidney beans, pasta (spaghetti, penne, spiral) but please not tinned spaghetti. Donations can be placed in the blue bin on the table at the back of the church.

### 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.



**SOCIAL JUSTICE:** This year's Social Justice Statement, *Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse*, invites us to engage with a complex and confronting social reality. It explores the roots of violence and abuse, honours the voices of victims, offers a social and theological exploration of the reality of violence, especially against women and children, and invites us to develop relationships in all parts of our lives 'marked by equality and reciprocity rather than domination and violence, respect and freedom rather than coercion and control.'

We welcome this urgent call from our Church to deepen our faith through full and frank discussion and dialogue, advocacy and action.

If the content of the Statement raises issues or concerns for you, please refer to the Getting Help page in the Statement for a list of support channels, or speak to a trusted friend, your GP, your parish priest or parish pastoral worker.

Access the Statement: <https://bit.ly/SJS22-23>.

More information: ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace, [www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au](http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or Tel (02) 62019845.

Facebook | [www.facebook.com/socialjusticeACBC](http://www.facebook.com/socialjusticeACBC)

Twitter | @JusticeCatholic

Instagram | @JusticeCatholic

**HERITAGE SIGNS:** St Mary's Parish commissioned five heritage signs to mark the sesquicentenary of the parish in 2020.

They are located in the Church Forecourt and recall the 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). Each sign has been placed close to the original location of that building.

The sign near the Parramatta Road gates also reminds us that 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 First Church 1845***

The British colony of New South Wales was established in January 1788 with the arrival of the First Fleet. 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.

**HOW DO I BECOME A CATHOLIC?** Adults who have not been baptized and wish to become part of the community of the Catholic Church receive the Sacraments of Christian Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) in the ***Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*** (RCIA).

The RCIA presumes that there is an extended period of formation and preparation, usually leading to the celebration of Baptism at Easter.

Baptised members of other Christian Churches who wish to become members of the Catholic Church do so through ***Reception into Full Communion***.

If you are interested, or if you know of someone who may be interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact Fr Paul or the Parish Office tel 9747 4210.

### **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.

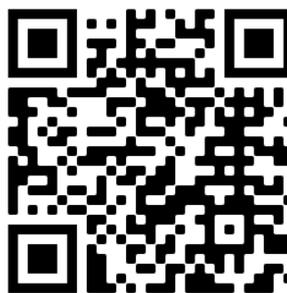
The 9.30 am Sunday Mass is live streamed to on the parish Facebook page (St Marys Parish Church Concord) and to the parish YouTube channel.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL0awxfUmJ6XjHJZcqsR2\\_A](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCL0awxfUmJ6XjHJZcqsR2_A)

**MARRIAGE ANNULMENT:** The Tribunal of the Catholic Church offers advice to all of those who have experienced a marriage breakdown and question the validity of their first marriage as understood by the Church. Inquiries: 9307 8300 or email: [admin@sydneytribunal.org.au](mailto:admin@sydneytribunal.org.au)

**SUPPORTING OUR PARISH** There are many ways parishioners continue to support the Mission and work of the parish: the Planned Giving program, Tap n' Go donations and cash donations placed in the collection buckets each Sunday.

Increasingly, we are becoming a cashless society. For your convenience this QR Code allows secure credit donations to be made to the parish through the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.



The QR Code will take you directly to the Donation Page on our parish website. If you select the default option (Sunday collections) your donation will automatically be split between the normal parish 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> collections.

Alternatively, you can scroll down for other options.

### **MARIAN COURT INDEPENDENT LIVING**

Marian Court Units is an independent living village for over 55s, acquired by the Trustees of Catholic Aged Care Sydney in April 2022. Conveniently located near Strathfield station, there are currently vacant units featuring one bedroom one bathroom (46sqm) and two bedrooms two bathrooms (65sqm). There is a sliding scale of entrance and exit fees to suit your circumstances. Please call the Manager on 0400 077 781 for an inspection.



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### **Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal**

The continuing violence in Ukraine is a humanitarian crisis. Over three million people have been displaced and thousands of civilians have lost their lives. Our long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground to provide support for those forced from their homes. Donate today at [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine) or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

**MARRIAGE** Are you planning to celebrate your Marriage in 2023? Many couples begin their planning by booking a venue for the reception. If you are hoping to celebrate your marriage in a Catholic church, it is important to confirm your date with the church and with a priest before committing yourself to a reception or any other booking.

**PALMS AUSTRALIA** is seeking a part-time volunteer with accounts or book-keeping skills to assist them in their work of supporting those engaged in the Palms Mission. Kevin Wilson will be delighted to discuss the possibilities. ph 0412 550 902 or email kevin@palms.org.au

### **Catholic Men's Fellowship:**

A Catholic Men's Formation and Prayer Group currently meets Thursdays 8pm till 9pm, via online conference (zoom). We are a group of men who have met on a regular basis over the past ten years. We invite men to various formation programs, and to conclude with Prayer of the Church. Our chaplain is Deacon Louis Azzopardi. We are currently using Kapaun's Men, Virtue Series. For details on how to connect, contact Lee Caruana via email leecaruana@hotmail.com



For help finding help,  
call CCareline  
on 13 18 19

### **Are you struggling in this time of crisis?**

Depression. Anxiety. Loneliness. Conflict. Stress. CCareline 13 18 19 is a free and confidential helpline for counselling, relationships, parenting, ageing, disabilities, addictions and mental health. For help finding help, call CCareline on 13 18 19

### **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.

### **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.

**Contact: [office@houseofwelcome.com.au](mailto:office@houseofwelcome.com.au)**

**197 The Trongate, Granville**

**Ph: 02 9727 9290**

**[stfrancis.org.au/house-of-welcome](http://stfrancis.org.au/house-of-welcome)**

## **Help with Alcoholism and Addiction**

Do you, a family member, or friend need help with an addiction concern? You can reach out to the ***Calix Society***. Calix is an association of Catholic alcoholics, drug addicts, and family members and friends affected by addiction, who are maintaining their sobriety through participation in their Catholic faith and a 12 Step program. We welcome anyone concerned with the illness of alcoholism or addiction who wish to join with us in prayer for *the virtue of total abstinence, promoting our spiritual development, and striving for the sanctification of the whole personality of each member.* Contact [calixsydney@outlook.com](mailto:calixsydney@outlook.com) for meeting times and resources. Perhaps this could be a crucial step toward recovery and saving a life.