

Scriptures, Prayers & Responses

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

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.**



FIRST READING: 1 KINGS 19:9. 11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 85: 9-14

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.
Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

Continued above...

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

FOR VIGL MASS & 8:30AM SUNDAY

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING: ROMANS 9:1-5

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe 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 the life everlasting. **Amen.**



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.



Mary Immaculate Church, Waverley

Parish of St Charles Borromeo - Church of Mary Immaculate

Waverley Parish will be a sign of God's love for all people by being a welcoming and caring community which embraces the Gospel of Jesus in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

We acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand. We walk on a land once occupied by the Gadigal people of the Eora nation. May we continue to love and respect the land as they have.

Mass Times

Monday - Friday: 9:15am

Saturday: 9:15am
9:45 - 10:15am *Reconciliation*
6pm *Vigil*

Sunday: 8:30am, 10am & 5pm

**Note: Children's Liturgy will alternate - 1st & 3rd weekend of the month at 8:30am mass; 2nd weekend of month at 10am mass and 4th weekend is Family mass.*

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

12 - 13 AUGUST 2017



Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

Reflection

A little noticed phrase in this text adds significantly to the way we understand this story. Jesus told the disciples to cross to the other side of the lake. In doing this they were heading away from the Jewish region and into gentile territory. The boat is a symbol of the Church and as such, we can detect in this text a reflection of the situation of Matthew's community who have been forced out of the synagogue and away from traditional Judaism. More and more, it is gentiles who are coming to belief in Jesus. This is causing fear and concern for some in the community.

Matthew gives a prominent place to Peter whose actions do not make sense except as a combination of impulsive love and faith weakened by doubt. While his full attention is on Jesus, Peter is fine, but as soon as he allows what is going on around him to distract him from Jesus, he begins to sink.

This text offers a parable of the Church besieged and being tossed about. Peter's response is to be bold and step out into the unknown, yet he is vulnerable. The great comfort is in the risen Lord stretching out his hand to restore morale. This manifestation of the power of Christ is greeted by that great acclamation of faith: Truly you are the Son of God.

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Those who are sick

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Those whose anniversaries occur at this time

Rafaele Bruzzese, Anthony Chin, Andrew Chin, Joan Lynch & Theresa Chin

Those who have recently deceased

Joan Ann Quinn, Anthony Culhane, Albano Goncalves Da Silva, Frederico Evangelista, Nick Klafas, Ellen Armstrong

Further Reflection

To get out of a boat in the middle of a storm and start walking across the water was certainly an act of faith on Peter's part. He wasn't even sure that the person walking across the lake to him was Jesus, but he knew that if it was he would not come to harm. When he lost his nerve and began to sink, Jesus put out his hand and held him, at once. This instant action indicates that Jesus did not take his eyes off Peter as he embarked on his walk of faith across the water.

There is a saying that every journey begins with one small step. Peter's journey across the water began with the step out of the boat. With his eyes fixed on Jesus, he believed he could do something which was physically impossible, and for a few steps on his journey across the water he did the impossible. But when logic took over he began to sink

Sometimes Jesus calls us to make a journey in faith. The first steps on the journey may not be difficult, as we are buoyed by faith and the momentum which is often part of beginning something new. But there is often a "dip" period after the beginning, where the momentum flags, the easy things have been done and problems emerge. Critics appear and the return for the energy expended seems very little. Like Peter we begin to feel the full force of the wind. At this point the initial act of faith which prompted us to step out on the journey can be replaced by doubt.

It is in this "dip" period that we make the real act of faith, without the support of the enthusiasm and emotions which prompted us to begin the journey. This is the time in which we need to remember that when Peter was sinking amid his doubts, Jesus responded at once to help him. More than that, Jesus put out his hand to help him which indicates how close Jesus was to Peter during the journey across the water.

Peter had no hesitation in calling out "Lord! Save me!" when he got into difficulties. When we start to sink, the temptation is to try to save ourselves. In trying to save ourselves we abandon the original act of faith which propelled us into making the journey. In calling out to Jesus to save us, we abandon ourselves into his hands in a true act of faith.

Did You Know?

- ♦ For the Hebrew people, the waters of the sea are a symbol of the chaos from which creation sprang. Never having been a seafaring people, they were fearful of the watery deep.
- ♦ Even today, storms can blow up on the Sea of Galilee very quickly and make it dangerous for boats out on the lake.
- ♦ In art, the Church is often represented as a boat. A boat carries its passengers through threatening waters but is not exempt from the turbulence of storms. The Church can bear us through the storms of life but it does not exempt us from the stresses and struggles.

A few words from Fr Bernie...

As of the first weekend in September there will be some significant changes to our music ministry. The first being the move from Organ music at Saturday night to 10am Sunday morning. For many years Kurt, our organist, has not be available for music at the 10am Mass because of other commitments, but that has recently changed. So I have asked Kurt to play at 10am Mass on the Sundays except at the 4th Sunday when we have the guitar/piano group who lead the music for the Family Mass. A Cantor will also be singing at this Mass. This will mean that Kurt will no longer be playing on the Saturday nights as the parish cannot afford to pay musicians for 3 weekend Masses. I do have some people interested in forming a new group of musicians (guitar and piano) possibly for the Saturday night Masses. Kurt will however play the organ on the Saturdays of the 4th week of the month. This decision also means that the choir will be temporarily suspended. The choir has been struggling since I got here, with only three dedicated older members who have been incredibly loyal over many years - (thank you Noelene, Elizabeth and Michael). My hope however is that we might be able to form some seasonal choirs for big occasions such as Christmas and Easter – and having music at 10am may bring in some new people to our music ministry. As a musician I would dearly love to have music at all our weekend liturgies but we need more volunteer musicians to help.

Blessings, Fr Bernie



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together as a group.

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News and Notices

DEVOTIONAL SHOP

Visit the after Mass today to see the new stock that has arrived! As well as beautiful gifts for baptism and other Sacraments we have prayer cards for patron saints including St Gerard (patron saint of mothers and expectant mothers). Medals for St Christopher (patron saint of travellers) and other miracle medals. We also have a lovely range of young children's nativity storybooks.

GREGORIAN CHANT

Celebrating the Feast of the Assumption
When: 5:30pm Tuesday, 15 August 2017
Where: OLSH Convent Chapel
2 Kensington Road, Kensington
Parking: On Convent Grounds
Enquires: stephens.harry@gmail.com
or call 0418 230 322

PARISH ADVISOR

Applications are invited for the position of Parish Advisor within the Archdiocese of Sydney. Further details are available from www.catholicjobsonline.com.au. Applications close 18 August 2017.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

Early Bird registrations for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival close on Friday 18 August; payment to secure this rate must be finalised by Friday 25 August. All young people from this parish aged from Year 9 to 30 years of age are invited to contact our Deanery Coordinator, Janice on 0414 886 682 for further information. The Festival will attract around 15,000 young people from all over Australia. Please support this major initiative of the Australian Bishops and encourage your young people to register. There are 30 free registrations available to State School students also available through the Deanery Coordinator. With registrations for groups and the early bird rate for groups and individuals is closing 18th Aug, Janice is having a meeting to update anyone interested - from parish reps, to the general public. This will be held at Maroubra Holy Family Parish Centre, 214 Maroubra Rd Maroubra on Mon, 14th Aug 6.30pm

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13-15 October 2017 at Jamberoo Abbey
Registration via www.trybooking.com/RAXG by 8 September 2017

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION COMMUNITY

Every Monday 5:30pm, Mary Immaculate is offering Christian Meditation in the Parish House. Meditation, also known as contemplative prayer, is the prayer of silence and listening. All welcome. If you have any questions or are interested in coming, please contact Trisha 9665 9017



ST FRANCIS HOUSE OF WELCOME

If anyone would be able to assist with food gifts vouchers of \$20 from Coles or Woolworths to help support those who come to the House of Welcome. Please note that the new Centre for House of Welcome has recently moved to Granville. For any vouchers donated, please give to Fr Bernie or Carla Korkor at the Parish Centre.



MORNING TEA & KNITTING

Each Friday after the morning Mass there is a Morning Tea and knitting in the Parish Centre, please come along for a chat and cuppa and stay for knitting also. The idea for the knitting is to knit beanies, hand-warmers and maybe scarves for people in need. Fr Bernie has all the patterns needed and will teach anyone who is keen to learn. These beanies etc will be then be given to charities like St Vincent de Paul, Cana Community and Matt Talbot Centre who support those people on the streets and in need of good warm clothing.
N.B: Please bring 8 ply wool and 3.75mm & 4mm needles.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY APP

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney had released a Smartphone App (for iPhones and Androids only) for parishioners in the Archdiocese, featuring parish Mass times, the latest news from the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Catholic Church in Australia, information about upcoming Archdiocese events, as well as announcements from the Most Rev Anthony Fisher OP, Archbishop of Sydney. The App is available to download for free – search for "Archdiocese of Sydney" in the Google Play and App stores.



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