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**SUNDAY MASSES**

**Malabar**

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

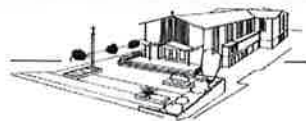
Weekday Masses: 9.10am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

RECONCILIATION:

Sat 4pm - 4.30pm

Also available by appointment.

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**SUNDAY MASSES**

**Matraville**

Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7 am Tues, Wed, Fri

9.10am Thurs

RECONCILIATION:

Sat. 4pm to 4.30pm at Malabar.

School: 9311 1995

**Please Tell Others**

Many parishioners are still not aware that masses are now being celebrated in our parishes. Please pass on the following information either by phoning, texting, emails or putting the bulletin in their letter boxes.

**Resumption of Masses**

The good news is that the number who can attend at our two parishes is now **increased**.

However, in keeping with Government regulations, **from 1<sup>st</sup> July we will be limited to**

**65 people at each Mass at Matraville and 75 at Malabar**

***Please be early enough if you wish to attend.***

During this time of limited numbers, you are **most welcome to attend a weekday mass if unable to attend on the weekend.**

Weekday masses: 9.10am on Tues., Wed., Fri. and Sat. at Malabar.

7am on Tues, Wed, and Fri at Matraville

We also have 9.10am Mass on Thurs. at Matraville.

***Please use the disinfectant every time on your way in.***

**PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES for St. Andrew's**

Please pick up your new set of envelopes at the back of the church.

A few have a **different** number so please check name and address.

**You are encouraged to stay in or join the Planned Giving Program even if you will not be claiming a tax deduction.**

**13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: Daisy Joseph, Jenny Moy, Moyah Buckley,

Dr Ralph Baccash, Yolande & Robert Aquilina, Lydia & Joe Bujeya, Marie & Fawzi Absi, Alexander Selvan, Agnes Borg, Xavier Micallef



Please reflect on the Scripture readings on the other side of this bulletin.

You are invited to read the reflections by Fr Paul on our website.

[www.stagnesmatraville.org.au](http://www.stagnesmatraville.org.au) [www.standrewsmalabar.org.au](http://www.standrewsmalabar.org.au)

**Musicians needed.**

If you can play a musical instrument, please think about helping at our Parish masses.

***Please pray for those infected with COVID-19 and all those who are sick.***

**Sincere thanks** to those who have continued their **Financial Support**

*If you wish to help, you can make a direct deposit into our bank account:*

**Matraville – St Agnes**

BSB: 062 784

Account: 0496 5001

**Malabar – St Andrew**

BSB: 062 784

Account: 0428 5001

*or place cash/cheque into an envelope and mark it 'for Malabar' or 'for Matraville' and for security, please place into brass slot beside front door of MALABAR Presbytery only.*

**It's almost tax return time.**

If you wish to **help the parish** and claim **100% tax deduction**

you can make an online donation to the CWF before 30 June.

Just google **Charitable Works Fund Sydney** to find the link.

***Let us never confuse stability with stagnation.***

***No Saturday morning mass at Matraville until further notice.***

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Pet 2: 9

Alleluia, alleluia! / You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. / Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. / Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mt 10: 37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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# Reflections on the Gospel



# THE SAVING WORD

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

28 JUNE 2020

## WELCOMING CHRIST

The attractive themes of 'welcome' and 'hospitality' running through today's readings sit a bit uncomfortably alongside the opening words of the Gospel, where Jesus starkly rules out 'preferring' family members to loyalty to himself.

The warning reflects the situation of the early church, where the experience, or at least the threat, of persecution was very real, and where some members of a family may have been Christian and some not.

In contemporary societies that are either majority Christian or tolerantly post-Christian, we may not face this challenge so sharply. If, however, we are comfortable in our world, largely sharing its values and aspirations, then some aspect of Christ's message is not getting through to us.

At this point, the theme of 'welcome' in the second part of today's Gospel comes into play. In Matthew's Gospel Jesus is from the start 'Emmanuel – God with us' (1:23). This sense of divine presence stands behind the statement: 'Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me; and those who welcome me, welcome the One who sent me'.

The stranger, then, who stands before us comes as an emissary and representative of Christ and, further, of the Father, who sent Christ to be the divine presence in our world. In dealing with this person, we are in some sense dealing with our God.

As never before, save perhaps immediately after World War II, are so many people being displaced through war, tyranny or economic misery. In the light of this mass movement, Christ's words about discipleship and welcome hold fresh challenge.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

## FIRST READING

2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings.

*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

### ■ The word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 88: 2-3, 16-19. R. v. 2

**R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.**

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; / through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. / Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, / that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, / who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, / who find their joy every day in your name, / who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; / it is by your favour that our might is exalted: / for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; / our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**



## SECOND READING

Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

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