

**Catholic Parishes of
St. Andrew's Malabar & St. Agnes' Matraville**

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SUNDAY MASSES

Malabar

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

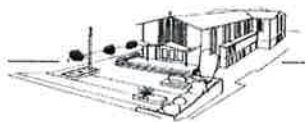
Weekday Masses: 9.10am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

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

19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: John Blockley, Kenneth Easforth, Joan McSwan, Dr Roberto Torrez Fernandez, Joan Portelli/Clarke and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: Jenny Moy, Olivia Baccash, Fay Davis, John Reveado, Ivan Fricek, Emilio Escano



Communion for the Sick or Elderly

If someone would like to receive Communion, but is unable to come to Mass please notify the priest.

The rosary is prayed immediately after the 9.10 mass on Wednesdays at Malabar.

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

Remember that happiness is more often found in giving than getting.

**Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday 15th August, which is a Holy Day of Obligation**

*To support Government guidelines
we strongly encourage you to wear a face mask while at church.*

*It is also suggested that during this uncertain time, we try to attend
just one church, to help prevent the spread of the virus.*

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping each other safe.

Remember to count your blessing, not your troubles.

**Please let other parishioners know of an
increase of numbers allowed at our Masses
100 people at each Mass at Matraville and Malabar**
Please remember there is to be **no singing** from the congregation.
*Please: Those who are unwell or at high risk should not attend.
Please sign in and use the sanitiser every time on your way in.*

St Agnes and St. Andrew's **RECEIPTS** for tax purposes available at back of church

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

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'.
**If you require a receipt for Tax Deduction for your DONATION,
please advise us at time of giving. Thank you.**

Please keep the physical distance of 1.5metres at all times.
When coming to Holy Communion or placing your donation,
please form one line and keep to the centre of the aisle and go back along the side aisles.

Weekday Masses

No weekday Mass or Sat morn next week at Matraville & Malabar.

There is no Sat Morning Mass at Matraville until further notice.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a headwind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Reflections on the Gospel

WALKING ON THE SEA WITH JESUS

Jesus sends his disciples off to cross the lake by boat, while he disperses the crowd. When eventually he rejoins the disciples, now battling with a headwind and heavy seas, he does so by walking on the sea.

In biblical imagery to tread down raging water is something only God can do (Psalm 77:19; Job 9:8; Isaiah 43:16). Jesus' reassurance to the terrified disciples, 'It is I; fear not', echoes the revelation of God to Moses at the Burning Bush (Exodus 3:14).

What prompts Peter's desire to come to Jesus across the sea? Love or bravado? Perhaps a mixture of both—but also, surely, faith. Faith enables him to trample for a time the forces of destruction. But when he looks away from his Lord, to focus instead upon the wind and sea, doubt creeps in, and with doubt the gravest danger.

Peter 'models' the mixture of faith and doubt to which all believers are prone. Jesus' gentle rebuke, 'O you of little faith, why did you doubt?', applies to us all. Sometimes the Lord calls us to leave the security of the boat and come to him across the waves. We begin to falter when we take our eyes off Jesus and focus only on the difficulties that come our way.

Then we can make our own Peter's cry for rescue and feel, as he felt, the Lord's strong hand reaching out to raise us up. The Lord is not absent: he is 'with us' ('Emmanuel': Matthew 1:17; 28:19) to the end of time.

Brendan Byrne, SJ



THE SAVING WORD

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

09 AUGUST 2020

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

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

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 84:9-14. R. v. 8

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

1. 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. **R.**

2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; / justice and peace have embraced. / Faithfulness shall spring from the earth / and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

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



SECOND READING

Rom 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 129:5

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