

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

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SUNDAY MASSES

Malabar

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

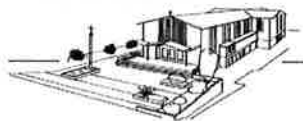
Weekday Masses: 9.10am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

RECONCILIATION:

Sat 4pm - 4.30pm

Also available by appointment.

School: 9311 1203



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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

23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Child Protection Week

Let us continue to work together to create safe and protective environments where children and young people can flourish.



Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Maree Dynan, Constantino Caruso and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

Anniversary: All our deceased Dads. Giovanni Spano, Teofila Depczynski, John Stalgis, Lorna Vella, Jenny Moy, Cathy O'Brien, Ivan Curotta, Celestino & Maria Bisosc, Inez & Angelo D'Souza, Nora Morahan & Morahan Family, Stitt & Hargey Family.

Communion for the Sick or Elderly

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

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

We strongly encourage you to wear a face mask while at church.

HAPPY FATHERS DAY to all our dads.

Thank you and God bless you.

This weekend we have the annual Father's Day Appeal for the
Retired Priests Foundation

When a priest retires, often after 50 years or more of service, he is no longer supported by his parish. This foundation supports retired and sick priests.

Donations are 100% tax deductible.

BIG THANK YOU

For your donations to the SVdP Winter Appeal

Totals donated: Matraville \$5377 and Malabar \$3200.45

Your contributions will be a great help to those less fortunate.

URGENT REQUEST FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

SVDP are in great need of fabric masks for its workers. Please phone the parish office on Ph: 9311-2062.

All are strongly encouraged to wear a face mask while at church.

It is also suggested that we do not attend more than one church.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping each other safe.

Please invite your fellow parishioners to celebrate Mass with us.

100 people at each Mass at Matraville and Malabar

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.

Please keep the physical distance of 1.5 metres 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.



Sacrament of Confirmation 2020

There will be an important meeting for **parents /carers**
in the **church** at Malabar on **Wed. 14 Oct. at 7pm**

Young people in both parishes in year 6 or upwards

may be eligible to receive this Sacrament on 21/28 **November** this year.

Weekday Masses

Over the next four weeks:

There will be **no** weekday masses at Malabar.

There is morning Mass at Matraville at 7am on Tues, Wed & Fri

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between you and two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.'

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

06 SEPTEMBER 2020

WINNING PEOPLE BACK

The Church is not a community of the perfect. Allowance has to be made for dealing with moral lapses and dissensions that inevitably occur in a community still on the way to the Kingdom.

In today's Gospel the procedure Jesus lays down for dealing with conflict reveals his sense of the Church as the *family* of God. Correction should as far as possible be carried out in private. Only if that proves unsuccessful should a carefully staged progression of increasingly public procedures be set in place. The goal is not simply to win, but rather to 'win back' the 'brother or sister', to preserve as far as possible the dignity of the errant person, and to enhance everyone's sense of being a valued member of the 'family'.

If, despite all, the process fails, there is nothing to be done but to treat the person as an outsider. There comes a point beyond which a community can no longer tolerate members who consistently defy its core values.

To set someone outside the community is no light matter. The Church needs to know that its decisions in this regard enjoy heavenly sanction. Hence Jesus' assurance that the 'binding and loosing' authority conferred personally upon Peter in regard to interpretations of the law (Matthew 16:19), is also enjoyed by the local community with respect to the exclusion or non-exclusion of errant members. As risen Lord, Jesus remains 'Emmanuel', 'God with us', in community life and deliberation (see Matthew 1:23).

The Church's canon law and way of proceeding has developed way beyond this simple instruction. But its fundamental spirit should remain.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Ezek 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

R. O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! / God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; / and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. / Alleluia!