

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

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SUNDAY MASSES
Malabar

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

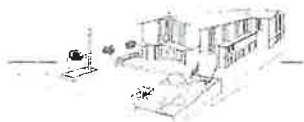
Weekday Masses: 9.10am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

RECONCILIATION:

Sat 4.30 - 4.45pm (fortnightly as of 6th Feb)

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. 5pm - 5.15pm (fortnightly as of 13th Feb)

School: 9311 1995

WELCOME FR JOHN KNIGHT

This week at St Agnes' we welcome Fr John as our new Parish Priest.

May he feel truly welcome in both our parishes.

May God's blessings be with us as we journey together.

From my desk,

Greetings to one and all. Last Sunday I began celebrating Sunday Masses at St Andrew's, what a wonderful experience! This weekend and the following weekend I will be at St Agnes' and looking forward to meeting you all.

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and we begin our Lenten Season 2021. The Masses for Ash Wednesday will be 7.30am (Matraville), 9.10am (Malabar) & 7pm (Malabar). Still settling in and continue to meet with you all. Don't forget the Sacrament of Reconciliation information evening this Thursday 7pm, St Andrew's Hall, Malabar. This meeting is for all baptised children in Year 3 from St Andrew's, St Agnes' Catholic School together with all in our State School.

God bless,

Fr John M. Knight KCHC

Parish Priest

This week 17th February is **ASH WEDNESDAY**

Ashes will be blessed and distributed at these Masses

Matraville 7.30am & 11.30am also at Malabar 9.10am & 7pm

This day is a day of **fasting** from food and drink for those 18 to 60 years old and a day of **abstinence** from meat for those 14 years and older.

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Go Make Disciples,

The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Nathhie McDermot, Lavina Matchin, Branko Roso,

Maria Lucia Gafa, Tessie Caruana

Anniversary: Fr Adrian Meany MSC, John London, Domenica Scarfo, Winnie Blythe, Carmel Donovan, Kevin Kilbane, Kathleen & Patrick McAleer, Mehall & Maureen Kilbane, Terry McDermot, Jenny Moy, Yolande & Robert Aquilina, George & Nicole Absy, Alfred & Helena Gainge, Robert & Helena Dwyer.



Unfortunately, the annual **Pere Receveur Mass** normally at La Perouse in February has been **cancelled** this year due to Covid-19 restrictions.

*According to Government regulations and out of respect for others,
wearing a mask is mandatory in places of worship.*

Please try to download the Service NSW app so that your phone can scan the **QR Code**

Sacrament of Reconciliation 2021

Information meeting for parents **on Thursday, 18th February, at 7pm** in the Parish Hall at Malabar. Children in Yr 3 at St Agnes' & St Andrew's & Yr 3 and upwards in other schools are eligible.

St Agnes' and St Andrew's are registered as COVID Safe

Those who are unwell or at high risk are asked not attend.

Please observe signs on the pews.

Please keep the **physical distance** of 1.5 metres (2 arms lengths) at all times.

When coming to Holy Communion or placing your donation, please form **one line** & keep to the **centre** of the aisle and go back along the **side** aisles.

Reminder: Parish Outing: 17th February, 2020 - 2½ hour Lunch Cruise on the Nepean Belle Paddle Wheeler: Depart - Car Park Matraville RSL (8.30am), Malabar Library (8.45), Maroubra 8.50am

If anyone is interested in hosting a Lenten group, please let the office know

Position vacancy for a sales assistant at Pauline Books & Media CBD Sydney (A ministry of the Daughters of St Paul) Contact: nerina@paulinebooks.com.au

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

✠ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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COMPASSION FINDS A WAY

One of the painful learnings we have had from COVID 19 is just how difficult it is to deal with contagious diseases. In Ancient Israel they had learned that quarantining people suffering from skin diseases was necessary until they could be declared by priests ready to safely return to the community. For lepers and those who loved them, it was a brutally painful experience of fear, isolation, and rejection.

In the Gospel today a leper has heard about Jesus and in his desperation risks his life, and the health of others, by entering the city. Falling to his knees he pleads with Jesus to be healed. In his boundless compassion for the man, Jesus reaches out and touches him. In doing this Jesus takes the extraordinary step of making himself an outsider. Healed by Jesus, the man can now be declared fit to return safely to the community. His life has been returned to him and while Jesus has commanded him to be silent, he simply cannot hold it in – the good news of Jesus cannot be contained. At the end of the episode, an outsider has been brought back home and now Jesus has become an outsider himself, and that's where everyone can find him.

Not seeking our own good, but the good of others by not causing them scandal or harm was a lesson Paul was trying to teach the community of Christians in Corinth. Jesus' compassion leads him to reach out to all those in need. Paul hopes that his Christians will live their lives in the same way.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Lev 13: 1-2, 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprosy: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean." As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

✠ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 31: 1-2, 5, 11. R. v. 5

R. I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, / whose sin is remitted. / O happy the man to whom the Lord / imputes no guilt, / in whose spirit is no guile. **R.**

2. But now I have acknowledged my sins; / my guilt I did not hide. / I said: 'I will confess / my offence to the Lord.' / And you, Lord, have forgiven / the guilt of my sin. **R.**

3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, / exult, you just! / O come, ring out your joy, / all you upright of heart. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Cor 10: 31-11: 1

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone — to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Lk 7: 16

Alleluia, alleluia! / A great prophet has appeared among us; / God has visited his people. / Alleluia!