

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 20:27-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, ‘Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man’s married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all the seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?’

Jesus replied, ‘The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all are in fact alive.’

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL

Reproduction of this bulletin in any form prohibited. Published with ecclesiastical approval by ST PAULS PUBLICATIONS, PO Box 906, Strathfield NSW 2135. Tel 02 9394 3400 Fax 02 9394 3444. Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible, published and © 1966, by Darton, Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co. Inc. are used by permission of the publishers. Psalm text from The Psalms, A New Translation, © 1963, The Grail (England), HarperCollins. New translation of the Order of Mass from The Roman Missal © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. Artwork by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj. Layout, commentaries and illustrations © St Pauls Publications, 2022. No 1956. Website: www.stpauls.com.au

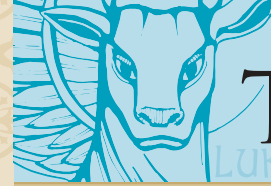
Breaking Open the Word

ENDURANCE AND STEADFASTNESS OF CHRIST

While we may take belief in the resurrection for granted, it was not always so for the people of Israel. For most of their history the people of Israel did not believe in an afterlife, and if they did, it was the shadowy afterlife of Sheol where even God was not praised (Psalms 6:5; Isaiah 38:18). Both the first reading and today’s Gospel give us a glimpse into the development of Jewish belief in the resurrection. In the second century BC, the martyrs of the Maccabean revolt found the strength to endure torture and death because they trusted that the living God would give their lives back to them at the resurrection. In Jesus’ time, this belief was still not widespread. The Sadducees were one group who found the idea of the resurrection to be ludicrous. The Pharisees, however, believed in the resurrection, angels and spirits (Acts 23:8).

As a preacher of the death and resurrection of Jesus, Paul knew better than most how difficult it could be to convince people of the truth of the Christian message. We hear the voice of experience when he observes that faith is not given to everyone. Misunderstanding and opposition were ever-present realities in his ministry of proclaiming the Good News. The Christians of Thessalonika are encouraged to remain steadfast in their faith, certain that the Lord is with them to guide, console and strengthen. Furthermore, they are called to support Paul’s ministry using their prayers.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

6 NOVEMBER 2022

FIRST READING

2 Macc 7:1-2, 9-14

A reading from the second book of Maccabees

The king of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig’s flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, ‘What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.’

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, ‘Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.’

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, ‘It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.’ The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man’s courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, ‘Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men’s hands, yet relying on God’s promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.’

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15. R. v. 15

**R. Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full.**

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just, / pay heed to my cry. / Turn your ear to my prayer: / no deceit is on my lips. **R.**



2. I kept my feet firmly in your paths; / there was no faltering in my steps. / I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. / Turn your ear to me; hear my words. **R.**

3. Guard me as the apple of your eye. / Hide me in the shadow of your wings. / As for me, in my justice I shall see your face / and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Thess 2:16–3:5

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord’s message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

■ The word of the Lord.



**ST ANDREW & ST AGNES
TWINNED CATHOLIC PARISHES**
Parish Priest: Fr John M. Knight KCHS



6 Prince Edward Street, Malabar
Ph: 9311 2062
standrewmal@gmail.com
www.standrewsmalabar.org.au
Office hours: Tues & Wed 8.30 am - 4.30 pm
& Fri 8.30 am - 2.30 pm
Secretarial Staff
Julie Lippmann and Julie Wright
Masses Tues, Wed, Fri: 9 am
Vigil Saturday 5 pm
Sunday 9 am
RECONCILIATION:
Sat 4.30 - 4.45pm
Also available by appointment
Principal: Mr Phil Tax
School: 9311 1203

War Memorial Church
509 Bunnerong Road, Matraville
Office located at 6 Prince Edward St, Malabar
Office hours: See Opposite Box
Ph: 9311 2062
stagnematra@bigpond.com
www.stagnematraville.org.au
Syro-Malabar Rite: 1st Sunday; 5pm
Masses Tues, Wed, Fri: 7 am Thurs: 9 am
Vigil Saturday 5:30 pm
Sunday 10 am
RECONCILIATION:
Sat. 5pm - 5.15pm
Also available by appointment
Principal: Rose André
School: 9311 2995



Our Parishes acknowledge and honour the Bidjigal and Gadagal People of the Eora Nation as traditional custodians of this land, that we stand on.



Go Make Disciples, The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

November is the month for prayers for the dead



Pray for the repose of the Souls in our November Masses

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently Deceased: David Drollett, Anthony Timins, Selena Blakeney, Ron Virago, Josh Peel-Yates, Kayleen Brindley, Carolyn Eames and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, the people of Ukraine and Russia, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.

Anniversary: Jennifer Blackmore, Ruth Kelly, Frank Patruno, Angelina Ramalhinho, Bishop Basilio Do Nascimento, João Bosco Quintão, Father Alves, William Hurworth, Aldo Viselli, Winnie & Peter Blyth, Inez D'Souza, Lydia & Joe Bujeya, Dr Ralph Baccash, Louise & Xavier Micallef

The Sick: Santa Viselli, Horrie Mifsud, Billy Stitt, Roy Burton, Milton Scott, Maria Reilly, Lachlan Strawbridge, Tina Maria, Ellie Carter and Ernie Ross. Pray for the sick, the dying, the poor and homeless in our parishes, all the souls in Purgatory, and those suffering from Covid.



Please see Parish websites for further notices.

Where will Fr. John be celebrating Masses next weekend?

Saturday - 12 November - 5.00pm at St Andrew's—Family Mass Yr 4 (Livestreamed)
Sunday - 13 November — 10.00am at St Agnes'



Congratulations to **Samantha Torrisi** who married **Stefan Staltare** on Saturday 5, November at St Vincents College Chapel, Potts Point.

Greetings to all parishioners and visitors of St Andrew & St Agnes Twinned Catholic Parishes, Malabar — Matraville.

This month of November has now commenced with the celebration of All Saints (1st November) followed by Feast of Holy Souls - The commemoration of all the faithful departed (2nd November). With the celebration of Holy Souls Masses, the Church uses the whole month of November to pray for the dead. As is customary envelopes for the Holy Souls can be found in your planned giving packs and around the Church. If you wish to remember your dear loved ones at all our Masses in November, use these November Mass envelopes by writing the names of your dear loved ones and placing your envelopes in any of our collection plates, which will in turn be placed at the foot of the Pieta in both of our parish Churches. Our dear loved ones cannot pray any more, but we can pray for them in assisting them on their journey to our Father in heaven. It is a Holy and wholesome thought to pray for the dead that they may be freed from their sins (2Maccabees 12:46).

Restoring of the blue vinyl of St Andrew's pews are continuing. If you wish to assist in this restoration you may wish to use the restoration envelopes. Each large panel cost \$160 while a smaller one is \$80. Brass vases and stands are being restored at both St Andrew's and St Agnes' (the original Altar candles from St Agnes' have recently been restored). We continue to bring beauty to our liturgy as we honour our Lord in our liturgies and all that surrounds it. Many thanks for your generosity.

Please note Friday 18th November at 10am there will be a Mass of Thanksgiving at St Agnes' War Memorial Church, Matraville to celebrate the 82 years of St Agnes' Catholic Primary School Matraville. If you have some old photos, please bring them in so we can scan them for history. All are welcome to attend this Mass, Bishop Umbers will celebrate the Mass and a morning Tea will follow.



This weekend our Charitable Works Appeal will take place, your generous giving goes towards many arms of the Archdiocese. The Seminary, the formation of the priests of the future of our Archdiocese is one place your generous giving goes to. You may wish to receive 100% tax deductibility on you giving, by using the envelopes.

God Bless you all.

Fr John;



We welcome **Blair Si Gastin, Frederick Severino Milazzo Phillips and Charlotte Angelina Tidball** into our Parish Community, who will receive the sacrament of Baptism this weekend at St. Andrew's.



WORLD RECORD ATTEMPT FOR DEMENTIA AUSTRALIA

On 12 November 2022, parishioner Jaxon Italiano (Suzy Pompor's son and Viki & Joe Pompor's grandson) will be attempting to break the World Record for the most pull-ups in 24 hours, the record at the moment is 7,716. If you would like to make a donation to support Jaxon and Dementia Australia please scan the QR code., or place your donation in the basket at the back of the church. Good Luck Jaxon.



FAREWELLING ST AGNES' PRIMARY SCHOOL

The amalgamation of St Agnes' Matraville and OLA Pagewood has been fast-tracked, with the new Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School Matraville to open in January 2023. As such, a variety of celebrations are currently being organised to farewell St Agnes' school including a Mass of Thanksgiving and Morning Tea on 18 November.

If you have any photos, memorabilia or contact information for people who have contributed to the rich history of St Agnes', we invite you to contact the Organising Committee at stagnesfarewell@gmail.com.