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ONSORIAL PSALM: (continued)

RESPONSE: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory.

Response.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5
A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: John 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Matthew 5: 13-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy, his wonders for the children of men, for he satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry he fills with good things.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Sirach 15:15-20; 1 Cor 2: 6-10; Mt 5:17-37

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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10.00 am.
MONDAY:	9.15am Communion Service.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass. Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A) 4th / 5th February 2023

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 58: 7-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 111: 4-9

RESPONSE: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. Response.

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. Response.

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4 / 5 FEBRUARY 2023 – 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	T DABBAH	D D'MELLO	G MOODLEY
Reader	V PERERA	E WHEELER	R DEARING
Offertory	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	A SHEEKA		
Altar Servers	GRP 1: JAMES D'MELLO & AIDEN SHEEKA		GRP 5: DEARING FAMILY
Welcomers	S CHAMISA		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 4: R WHITE G WHITE		
Altar Flowers	KAYSHINEE PERERA / TINA CHAMISA	FEBRUARY ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

11 / 12 FEBRUARY 2023 – 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	D ELLIS	J RAPER
Reader	B CLARK	P TREACY	C LAYOUN
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	T MORFUNI		
Altar Servers	GRP 2: ZAC O'DONOGHUE & NOAH EL-AZZI	GRP 10: JOSH MULROE	GRP 6: ADAM CALLAGHAN
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 5: P HO F HO A STANTON		
Altar Flowers	N HAHN	FEBRUARY ALTAR LINEN: MIRA SAVIC	

PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Joe Howard. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries.



Word of God – Catechist Sunday.

In September 2019, Pope Francis instituted the celebration of Word of God Sunday when issuing the apostolic letter *Aperuit Illis*. The letter encouraged the celebration, study and dissemination of the Word of God. But in Australia, the Catholic Church celebrates Word of God Sunday on the first Sunday in February each year. In *Aperuit Illis*, Pope Francis proposed setting aside 'a Sunday given over entirely to the word of God, so as to appreciate the inexhaustible riches contained in that constant dialogue between the Lord and his people'. Devoting a specific Sunday of the liturgical year to the word of God can enable the Church to experience anew how the risen Lord opens up for us the treasury of his word and enables us to proclaim its unfathomable riches before the world. For many centuries before being written down, God's Word was passed down orally from one generation to another. Therefore the actions of proclamation, listening and heeding God's Word are still accorded high priority. Pope Francis invites us never to take God's Word for granted, "but instead to let ourselves be nourished by it, in order to acknowledge and live fully our relationship with Him and with our brothers and sisters." Excerpts from Vatican News, 30 September 2019.

Lent 2022.

Lent begins with **ASH WEDNESDAY** on the **22nd February**.

Lenten programmes.

There will be an opportunity to pray and study the Word of God responding to Pope Francis invitation. There are TWO groups – afternoon and evening, beginning on **Tuesday the 28th February at 7.30pm** OR **Wednesday 1st March at 3pm** in the presbytery. Please add your name to the clipboards at the front of the church if you are interested in attending.

Stations of the Cross.

Will begin on **Friday the 24th February** and will run throughout Lent, every Friday evening at 7.30pm. Come, meditate and pray on the Passion of our Lord to prepare well for Easter.



Catechist Sunday.

Become a Catechist or Helper.

Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools. Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2023.



Find out more about the work catechists do here at <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/> or talk with Fr Roberto after Mass.

Rite of Commitment and Commissioning.

PRIEST: In this year, 2023, may each of us reflect upon our baptismal calling. We are called by our loving God to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to those whom we encounter. In doing so, we help make Christ's love to be a reality in our world. Some members of our parish community have accepted the invitation to do this in a special way as Catechists to our Parish children in public schools.

(FR ROBERTO WILL INVITE THE CATECHISTS TO MOVE TO THE FRONT OF THE CHURCH)

PRIEST: Let us all join in prayer that God will bless these Catechists by carefully undertaking the task that has been entrusted to them.

As Catechists, do you promise to help bring the Word of God to the children you teach through your prayer, teaching and example?

CATECHISTS: I DO AND ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY OF BEING A CATECHIST IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST.

PRIEST: As a Parish community, let us support our catechists through prayer.

May God bless you, Our Catechists, with wisdom, strength and joy. We ask this in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

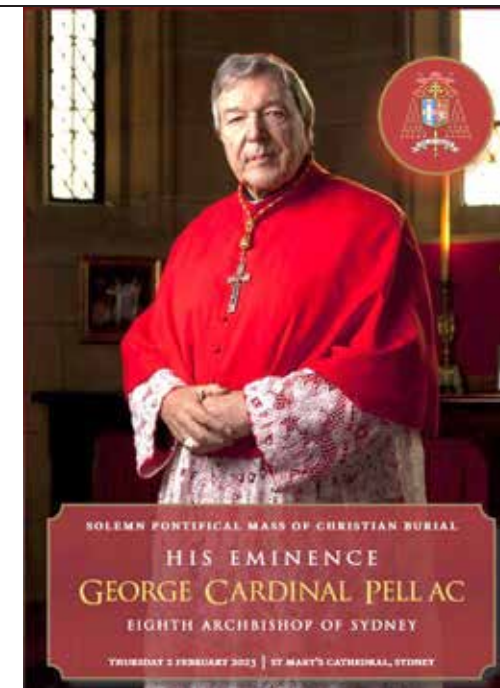
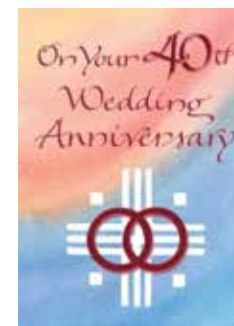
ALL: AMEN

Monday Communion Service.

Aruna will begin this week celebrating a Communion Service every Monday at 9.15am. Everyone is welcome to attend.

40th Wedding Anniversary.

Congratulations to Silvia and John Salvemini, as they celebrate with their 40th wedding anniversary with family and friends. May the Lord continue to bless you and your families and give you many more years together!



A statement from Archbishop Anthony Fisher.

The Church in Australia and around the world is deeply saddened at the sudden passing of George Cardinal Pell, the former Archbishop of Sydney and Melbourne. Cardinal Pell's episcopal motto was "Be not afraid" and though good days and bad, he lived up to these words as a man of courage and with a big heart, who trusted in divine providence.

He fearlessly proclaimed the Gospel and worked to explain the teachings of the Church. He spoke truth as he found it, however difficult or unpopular. He was also a man of prayer, of deep Christian faith and a loving shepherd to his flock in parishes, schools, hospitals and throughout his dioceses.

Cardinal Pell was a proud Australian who loved this country and its people and he was awarded a Companion of the Order of Australia in 2005.

The Archdiocese of Sydney thrived under his leadership. He saw great promise in youth, and his vision in bringing World Youth Day 2008 to Sydney saw a whole generation of young Catholics respond to Christ's call. Our community as a whole was uplifted by the colossal event and moved by the testimony it offered.

He will be remembered as a courageous leader who inspired so many clergy and lay faithful around the world to proclaim Christ crucified, risen and with us still. Requiescat in pace George Cardinal Pell AC 8 June 1941 – 10 January 2023.

Archbishop Anthony Fisher, 11 January 2023

"We will bring forth good fruit by learning the language of the cross and inscribing it on our hearts."

George Cardinal Pell's World Youth Day homily, Sydney 2008