

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C 6th Nov 2016

Entrance Antiphon: let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord

First Reading from the second book of Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

Second Reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kinship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: According to Luke 20: 27-38

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose, near restful waters he leads me.

Saints of the Week

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Wed 9/11)
St Leo the Great (Thurs 10/11) St Martin of Tours (Fri 11/11)
St Josaphat (Sat 12/11)

WEEKEND MASS TIMES: Sat Vigil 5.30pm, Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES: Monday—Friday 9.15am

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 4.30pm—5.15pm

MASS INTENTIONS: There are Mass Intention envelopes in the church foyer for people to write their respective Intentions. These need to be returned to the parish office no later than one week prior to the said date. Please do not place them in the 'suggestion box'.

ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT: Thursday 7.00pm -8.00pm except Thursday before 1st Friday of the Month.

BAPTISMS: Please contact the Parish office 9825 1679

WEDDINGS: 6 months notice is required

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Life after death, in one form or another, is a common belief of most of the major faiths of the world. It is certainly a basic tenet of Christian faith. Because the gospels record Jesus as speaking about an afterlife, we tend to assume that this was a common belief of his time. However, within the different groups of Judaism, there was significant diversity of belief about this point. While the Pharisees believed in resurrection, the Sadducees did not. The Sadducees, whose name means 'righteous ones' were an elite group within the Jewish faith. They were purists in their adherence to the Torah and their rejection of any later teachings or writings – this actually put them in conflict with the Pharisees, although the two groups are often portrayed in the gospels as being united against Jesus. Today's gospel passage depicts an attempt by the Sadducees to ridicule belief in an afterlife by questioning Jesus about an extremely exaggerated scenario.

The reply Jesus gives largely ignores the farcical nature of the question. Rather, Jesus makes clear that the resurrected life is not merely an extension of the earthly life. The things that are of concern in this world are not an issue in the next. Through death and resurrection, life is changed; not ended. This idea can be challenging at a time when we are mourning the loss of a loved one, yet we are called to respond to that challenge with a genuine hope and trust in the life that goes on in a different way. Jesus, in fact, dismisses the whole idea of death as an ending by saying that to God all people are alive, whether on earth or in the resurrection.

Greg Sunter

Parish Collections 30/10/2016
First: \$ 645.35 **Second:** \$657.30

IMPORTANT NOTICES—

There will be **NO Sunday night Masses** from this weekend. Weekend Mass times will revert to **Saturday Vigil 5.30pm, Sunday 8am & 9.30am.**

Parents of children attending the Children's Liturgy Parents, please continue to sign in your children each week. The Sheet is in the church foyer.

NOVEMBER MASS OFFERINGS & THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

All the names that have been given have been printed in the Book of Remembrance.

During November this book will be brought to the altar at the Offertory time at the weekend Masses. Any new intentions this month will be included in all the November Masses, however they will not be written in the Book of Remembrance until a later time.



PARISH RAFFLE The Parish Fund Raising Committee is holding its annual Parish Raffle to be drawn on 10th December 2016 after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass.

1st prize is a cruise for 2 people valued at \$1,500.00

2nd prize is \$1,000.00 Myers gift voucher

3rd prize is \$500.00 Myers gift voucher.

Tickets cost \$2.00 each and shall be on sale after all week-end Masses. For more information please contact Sam Capra phone 0407 105 456 *Thank you.*

CAROLS by candlelight will be celebrated in our parish on **Sunday 11th December 6.30pm** outside the church. Please place this date in your diary.

Children of the parish are invited to join in a special Kid's item for the evening. There are flyers in the church foyer, please take one home for further details.

THE CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL is on this weekend. The success of this appeal is important because through the benefiting agencies, the Sydney Archdiocese can provide advocacy and counselling services to families in crisis, obtain equal access for the deaf and hearing impaired, offer pastoral support through its chaplaincies, deliver training for our future priests and educate Catholic primary state school children in their faith. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible and would also assist the parish to fulfil its financial requirements. Please consider giving on the collection plate, or setting up an obligation-free monthly gift or leaving a Gift in your Will to this parish or the CWF. Phone **1800 753 959** or email cwf@sydneycatholic.org

Walk With Christ Completing The Year Of Mercy. The annual CBD Walk With Christ Eucharistic procession will take place this year at 2.00pm on **Sunday, 20 November**; the Feast of Christ the King. As the procession coincides with the closing of the Jubilee doors at St Peter's Basilica, Rome, it will be the completing event for the Year of Mercy in Sydney. Participants will gather for the start in a closed section of Pitt St, between Hunter St and Martin Place. The Blessed Sacrament will be brought to meet us there from St Patrick's, Church Hill. For more details visit www.sydneycatholic.org/walkwithchrist

Mass intentions

Saturday 5th Nov 5.30pm.....November Mass Intentions
Sunday 6th Nov 8.00amNovember Mass Intentions
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Monday 7th Nov 9.15am.....November Mass Intentions
Tuesday 8th Nov 7.00pm.....November Mass Intentions
Wednesday 9th Nov 9.15am.....November Mass Intentions
Thursday 10th Nov 9.15am.....November Mass Intentions
Friday 11th Nov 9.15am.....November Mass Intentions
Saturday 12th Nov.....**Reconciliation : 4:30 PM // Vigil Mass :5:30PM**

NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY EUTHANASIA SEMINAR.

Important insights relevant to the current political and social policy debate on legalising euthanasia in Australia will be heard at a seminar at The University of Notre Dame Australia on Tuesday, **15 November** from 5.30pm. Notre Dame's Professor of Bioethics, Margaret Somerville, will join with visiting Canadian Professor Harvey Max Chochinov at University's School of Medicine, 160 Oxford St Darlinghurst. For more information please phone **02 8204 4455.**

MOUNT ST BENEDICT CENTRE ADVENT 2016 FESTIVAL. All are welcome to the yearly Advent Festival at Mount St Benedict Centre, Pennant Hills. This year we will pre-empt the O Antiphons, and pray these ancient cries of COME O Morning Star, COME O Holy Guide, COME O Prince of Peace! **27 November**, 1st Sunday of Advent; 3.30 Afternoon Tea followed by the Festival at 4.30 for one hour. **Bookings:** For catering purposes by **Monday, 21 November. 9484 6208** or mtsbenedict@bigpond.com. **Entrance:** Off Hull Road.

ONE MONTH LEFT OF THE YEAR OF MERCY. Pilgrimage Of Mercy – St Mary's Cathedral Holy Door. "The practice of pilgrimage has a special place in the Holy Year, because it represents the journey each of us makes in this life". Pope Francis. Throughout this Year of Mercy, you are invited to come to St Mary's Cathedral and make a Pilgrimage of Mercy. Walk through the Holy Door and make a pilgrimage along the Way of Mercy - six different Mercy Stations throughout the Cathedral where you can stop, reflect and pray.

THE ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS

The Order of Malta invites all parishioners to Lourdes Day Mass 2016 to be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, 3 December at 10.00am.

A Blessing of the sick will take place during the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. Those receiving the Blessing will, also be provided with a bottle of Lourdes Water for their personal use.

We Pray For The Sick : Joseph Francis, Fr. George Memana (India), Sue Morris, Kerry Stark, Jack Hamilton & Peter Sidgreaves

Recently deceased:

