

**+Please Remember in your prayers:**

**Sick:** Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Bourke Gibbons, Kerry Gibbons, Rose-Tariaz Haddad Daniel Matesic, Robert Moran, Phillip Nehme, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, John Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Margaret Ward and for those infected with COVID-19.

**Recently Deceased:** Mervyn Thompson, Craig Goodchild, Dick O'Reilly, Michael Smith, Jean Graham and all who have died from Covid-19.

**Anniversary:** Frank Calligaro, Milka Gobo, Joseph Schembri, Wassim Noujaim, Margaret Crook, Violet Galea, Robert Gooley, Tania Porreca, Elizabeth Stanton, Stephen Bruce, Liberato Gobo, Katelinh Nguyen, Peter Curic, Emil Steffek, Elizabeth Francis, Granville Swift

**Sick List**

The sick list has been 'cleared' and only those names notified to the office have stayed on the list. To include the name of your loved one on the sick list, please email: [parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com)

**Anniversary List**

Some weeks the anniversary list it quite long. From next weekend only the most recently listed in the anniversary book will be shown in the bulletin.

If you would like your loved one's name in the bulletin under anniversary, please email name and date/year of passing to: [parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com](mailto:parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com)

**Keeping in touch**

If you can drop the bulletin into other parishioners' letter boxes when going for some exercise, please pick up some bulletins from the front of the church.

We will print extra ones if needed, just let us know.

Please remember not all parishioners have access to the internet.



**Catholic Weekly**

This week's online addition of the Catholic Weekly is free due to COVID lockdown. Check out the [online Catholic Weekly](#)

**Supporting our Parish -**

The parish is also incurring financial loss, yet the bills still need to be paid. Please think about how you can help. *Special donations will be greatly appreciated.*

Please click on this link to [Support Us](#) or ring the parish office for information re making a donation



**Safeguarding our Parish**

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police.

If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police.

Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or

Email: [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. **St Mary's Safeguarding Officer:** Veronica Denning - 0407 231 262



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**Reflection**

Ask God to show you who can you help and bless today



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**Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Vigil: 5pm  
Sunday: 8 & 10am, 5pm

**Weekday Masses:**

Tuesday: 6pm  
Preceded by Rosary/Novena - 5.30pm

Wednesday - Friday: 9am  
Preceded by Rosary -8.45am

**Vietnamese Masses:**

Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm  
Sunday: 3pm



**Reconciliation:**  
Saturday 4-4.30 pm  
or by appointment

**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

19 September 2021



**Saint Matthew - 21 September**

Matthew, also known as Levi, was a Jew who collected taxes for the Romans at Capernaum in Galilee. Here Jesus met him and called him to be an apostle. Venerated as the author of the gospel which highlights Jesus' role as Messiah and underlines the presence of the Kingdom of God in the church.

**Covid Restrictions**

Masses and other meetings are suspended during this time. The church is kept closed and no one should enter without permission. **Please think of those who may be very lonely.**



**Confirmation 2021**

If churches are allowed to open around 18 October, we hope to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sat. 13 November**. Parents/carers are asked to attend a meeting on **Wed 20 or Thurs 21 Oct. 7pm at the church**. (Due to restriction on numbers, you will be advised as to which night to attend.)

**First Holy Communion**

Unfortunately, due to lockdown and other restrictions, there will not be sufficient time to prepare our children to receive their First Holy Communion this year. All going well we hope to celebrate First Communion early next year. The preparation will begin mid-November this year.

# Praying the Word

Week of the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

## First Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20

*Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.*

The godless say to themselves,

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man,  
since he annoys us  
and opposes our way of life,  
reproaches us for our breaches of the  
law

and accuses us of playing false to  
our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true,  
let us observe what kind of end he  
himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son,  
God will take his part  
and rescue him from the clutches of  
his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and  
with torture,

and thus explore this gentleness of his  
and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death  
since he will be looked after – we have  
his word for it.'

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6**

*(R.) The Lord upholds my life.*

1. O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayers;  
listen to the words of my mouth. *(R.)*
2. For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God. *(R.)*

3. But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good. *(R.)*

## Second Reading Jas 3:16-4:3

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds  
sown in a spirit of peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition,  
you find disharmony, and wicked things of  
every kind being done; whereas the wisdom  
that comes down from above is essentially  
something pure; it also makes for peace,  
and is kindly and considerate; it is full of  
compassion and shows itself by doing  
good; nor is there any trace of partiality or  
hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they  
work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear  
fruit in holiness.

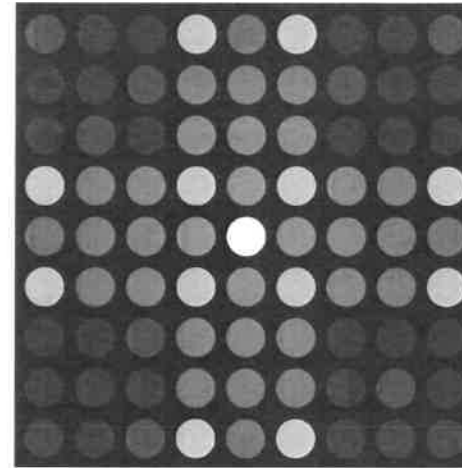
Where do these wars and battles between  
yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in  
the desires fighting inside your own selves?  
You want something and you haven't got  
it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an  
ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you  
fight to get your way by force. Why you don't  
have what you want is because you don't  
pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it,  
it is because you have not prayed properly,  
you have prayed for something to indulge  
your own desires.

## Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our  
Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Alleluia!*



## Gospel Mk 9:30-37

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity  
... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants  
of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his  
disciples made their way through Galilee;  
and he did not want anyone to know,  
because he was instructing his disciples;  
he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be  
delivered into the hands of men; they will  
put him to death; and three days after he  
has been put to death he will rise again.'  
But they did not understand what he said  
and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he  
was in the house he asked them, 'What  
were you arguing about on the road?'  
They said nothing because they had been  
arguing which of them was the greatest. So  
he sat down, called the Twelve to him and  
said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must  
make himself last of all and servant of all.'  
He then took a little child, set him in front of  
them, put his arms round him, and said to  
them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these  
little children in my name, welcomes me;  
and anyone who welcomes me welcomes  
not me but the one who sent me.'

## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus was well aware of the constant  
temptation for the leaders amongst his  
followers to be conditioned by the  
surrounding social and political  
structures. So, when he became aware  
that his disciples were disputing 'who  
is the greatest', he decided to teach  
them a lesson by engaging in some  
counter-cultural street theatre.

Jesus saw a young boy on the edge of  
the crowd and beckoned him into the  
middle of his group of disciples. This  
was not because of some sentimental  
idea that all kids are little innocents,  
but because in his society, children  
were absolutely at the bottom of the  
social scale. Jesus moved an utter  
nobody from the margins of society to  
the centre, challenging his disciples to  
change their perspective.

This challenge is made to all of us. We  
must identify those on the margins,  
some of whom we have quite literally  
dis-located like indigenous  
communities or asylum seekers, and  
bring them into the centre of our  
concern. There may be pain, personal  
and social, in changing perspective.

We might pause for a moment to pray  
for a new way of seeing, for  
perseverance in re-locating someone  
in the centre of our concerns, for the  
graceful insight that in welcoming that  
person we have welcomed Christ.

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