



Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 11:25-30

I am gentle and humble of heart.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

When we hear the term, *yoke*, we tend to think about the yoke that is used to harness oxen together or the yoke that someone might carry on their shoulder to balance a heavy load. This yoke across the shoulder was adopted into tailoring and so the shoulder piece set into a shirt is also called a yoke. However, in the Jewish tradition there is a completely different meaning to the term. The yoke of a rabbi was his particular interpretation of Torah (the Law); his particular teaching. Disciples who followed a particular rabbi sought to take on his yoke; his particular interpretation. The yoke of any rabbi was best identified by asking him, 'Which is the greatest commandment?' A rabbi's answer to this question revealed his interpretation of Torah. When Jesus is asked that question, he answers, 'Love God and love your neighbour,' and goes on to say that all of the rest of the Law and the prophets flows on from these two commandments. This is the yoke – the interpretation of Torah – that Jesus taught.

In today's gospel, Jesus calls to him all those who labour and are overburdened. It is the Pharisaic interpretation of the Law that burdens these people. Trying to maintain the Law was burdensome and complicated for the everyday person. Jesus says, 'Shoulder my yoke and learn from me ... my yoke is easy.' The yoke of Jesus was easy: Love God and love your neighbour. Compared to the 613 *mitzvot* (commands) set out in the Torah and strictly maintained by the Pharisees, the yoke of Jesus was incredibly easy to understand and adopt. So simple, in fact, that it required a child-like simplicity to accept this yoke.

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The Living Word

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

9 July 2023

First Reading Zec 9:9-10

See how humbly your king comes to you!

The Lord says this:

'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!

Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished.

He will proclaim peace for the nations.

His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,

from the River to the ends of the earth.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14. R. v.1

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. (R.)

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. (R.)

4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:9.11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.



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COVID-19 is still around, Please use sanitiser when you enter the church.

ADDITIONAL NOTICES If you are interested in a diocesan events, please collect a copy of additional bulletin at the back of the church.

HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL
 Our thanks go to all who opened their hearts and gave generously to the Holy Father's Appeal. Through your gift, you have given hope to those in most need of our compassion.

If you missed our appeal weekend, it is not too late to give. Donate by visiting www.ourfaithourworks.org/give-to-holy-fathers-appeal, phone 1800 753 959 or through our parish collection.

WORLD YOUTH DAY PARISH FUNDRAISING

One of our very own young parishioners, Jesse Azar, will be making the pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal, commencing in July.

We congratulate Jesse on making this important decision in her faith

journey. This weekend we will be taking a third collection to assist Jesse with the cost of the trip. Thank you for your generosity.



'MARY AROSE AND WENT WITH HASTE'

LUKE 1:39

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 16 July—10am Mass

Children's Liturgy will be celebrated at 10am Mass next Sunday. This is a great opportunity for children to hear the Gospel, discuss it at their own level and do a fun activity. All children welcome.

2023 FIRST RECONCILIATION

Sacrament: Wed 16/8, Thurs 17/8, Fri 18/8
 All enquiries via email:

nehme.elaine@yahoo.com.au

All are invited to keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for this sacrament.

FAMILY MASSES: 10am Sunday

23rd July - Year 4
 10th September - Year 1
 22nd October - Year 2

LAY MINISTRY ROSTER - Thank you to those who have volunteered to serve as Greeters, Readers, Commentators, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Acolytes - the new roster is available.



STELLA MARIS
 SUPPORTING SEAFARERS AND FISHERS
 AROUND THE WORLD

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA - known to seafarers around the world as Stella Maris, the Apostleship of the Sea ministry is now call Stella Maris globally. The

organisation cares for the spiritual, social and material welfare of all seafarers regardless of colour, race or creed. Sea Sunday, the second Sunday of July, is the day set by many Christian Churches to remember, celebrate, pray for seafarers and their families and give thanks for their lives and work. Seafarers work tirelessly in the high seas throughout the year bringing us more than ninety percent of the goods we need. To donate <https://stellamarisaustralia.org/sea-sunday-appeal/>

FEAST OF SAINT BENEDICT – 11 JUL – Born at Norcia (Italy) about 480. Died at Monte Cassino about 547. After Studies in Rome he became a hermit at Subiaco, where many sought his counsel, and the founded the monastery at Monte Cassino. Remembered for his widely influential monastic rule, combining work and prayer, and for his charity and moderation.

FEAST OF SAINT BONAVENTURE – 15 JUL – Born at Bagnoregio (Italy) about 1218. Died at Lyons (France) on this day in 1274. He joined the Franciscans when studying in Paris and eventually became minister general of the order. Later appointed cardinal-bishop of Albano and died assisting Pope Gregory X during the Council of Lyons. Known as the "Seraphic Doctor". Remembered as a teacher, for his extensive biblical and mystical writings, and for his holiness, gentleness and compassion.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK to those in need will be from now on offered during the Mass on 1st Tuesday of



Please Remember In Your Prayers Our Sick

Paul Tonkli, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Azelia Donati, Eileen Ellery, Kerry Gibbons, Kathleen Gibson, Christine Hughes, Sue James, Barbara Kains, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, David Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Cornelius Van Baardwyk



Rest In Peace

Let us Pray For All Those Who Have Died

Wilson & Ursula Barrett, James Barrett, Colin & Eileen Newton, Tom Counihan, Colleen Bush, Tony Corkeron, Noel Baker, Michael Kairouz, Lilian Therese Coughlin,

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*

the month. Please consider to bring your shut-in loved ones to this Mass.

ADORATION AND BENEDICTION is now available on Wednesdays from 5-5.55pm prior to the 6pm evening Mass and on Fridays from 9.30-10.30am after the 9am Mass.

LOW GLUTEN HOSTS are available for gluten sensitive persons. If you or your child would like to receive such host, please inform the celebrating priest prior to the commencement of the Mass.

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL PLAYGROUP

Thursday during school term in the iCentre, meet at 8.45am out the front of the church near Our Lady's statue. Enquiries: natalie.goetz@syd.catholic.edu.au

PARISH WEBSITE - is updated on a weekly basis, if you have any feedback on content please email: gracemokdassi@gmail.com

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE (OSHC) Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services operate an OSHC facility to provide before, afterschool and vacation care for our primary school children. Please contact the OSHC on 0438 118 864 or email veenita.chand@syd.catholic.edu.au

IN THE FOOTPRINTS OF MARY MACKILLOP

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. Enquiries: please contact Sr Anne Bond: 02 8912 4818 or email: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au

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. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Our parish has a folder with Safeguarding information in the church for parishioners to view. Check out the latest safeguarding newsletter. A link to the Archdiocese's Child Safeguarding Policy is available from the homepage of our parish website and on display in the folder.

Enquiries: Veronica via email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

MASS TIMES (English):
 Vigil Mass 5 pm (Saturday)
 Sunday 8.00 am & 10.00 am
 Weekdays: Wednesday 6 pm
 Mon. Tue. Thu. Fri. Sat. 9.00 am

VIETNAMESE MASS
 Vigil Mass 6.30 pm (Saturday)
 Sunday 5.30pm

RECONCILIATION
 Saturday 4.30pm-4.55pm
 or anytime on request

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
 Wednesday 5.00pm—6.00pm
 Friday after Mass 9am-10.30am

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK
 Offered to those in need on 1st Tuesday at 9.00am Mass

Baptisms: Sunday 11.00am
 Bookings are necessary

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