



therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

There have been periods in the church's history where the burdens placed on the shoulders of people – particularly an exaggerated sense of guilt for certain sins – truly weighed people down, creating a terrible sense of unworthiness, leading to the living of distorted lives.

Our Lord makes it clear that leaders cannot evade responsibility for this by hiding behind honorific titles.

In the Gospels, we find the One who said: 'Come to me all you who toil and are burdened and I will *refresh you*. Take my yoke upon you *and you will find rest for your souls*. For my yoke is easy and my burden light.' (Matt 11:28-30)

If people don't find that the burden laid on them by Church leaders (who often long to be greeted obsequiously) leads to refreshment and rest for their souls, then it is right to question the burden, and to question the leaders who impose such burdens.

Perhaps we could pause for a moment to pray for Pope Francis whose favoured titles are simply: 'Bishop of Rome', 'Servant of the Servants of God'.

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The Living Word

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

5 November 2023

First Reading Mal 1:14 – 2:2.8-10

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm Ps 130

(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. *(R.)*
2. Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. *(R.)*
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Thes 2:7-9.13

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 23:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have one Father, your Father in heaven;

you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 23:1-12

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must

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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
ANOIDING OF THE SICK**
Offered to those in need on
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COVID-19 is still around, Please use
sanitiser when you enter the church.

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

2023 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION
will be celebrated at 11.30am this Sunday
5th and next Sunday 12th November.
Please keep the candidates and their
families in you prayers.

CHARITABLE WORKS FUND
November 2023 Appeal. 11th & 12th
November 2023 is our parish appeal. Help
keep alive vital ministries of the Church in
service to those who need it most. In
hospitals, churches, schools, communities
and families, your donation is making our
world a loving, caring and compassionate
place. Give generously. Your tax-
deductible gift changes lives. Thank you!

**ALTAR LINEN AND CLEANING
CHURCH ROSTERS** Both of these
rosters run out at the end of November. If
you can assist on either roster please
provide your details on the sheets at the
back of the church or email
parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com

CHRISTMAS OLDIES LUNCH Our
next bus outing will be held on Thursday 7
December - a leisurely drive down the
south coast. We'll stop for morning tea
and then go on to enjoy lunch at the
Illawarra Yacht Club - both at your own
expense. Cost \$25 to cover the bus. Please
collect an envelope from near the sacristy,
complete your details and enclose money
to secure your seat, put the envelope in the
collection box near the sacristy. Enquiries:
Lorraine 9724 9519

MILK FOR MATES For the next 4
weeks, we are asking parishioners to help
out the House of Welcome Food Bank by
donating 1 litre long life milks. These will
be shared amongst the many needy refugee
families that visit the H.O.W. Please place
your milk in the crates at the back of the
church near the side door. Thank you for
your kind donations.

BIBLE STUDY All young adults are
invited to join us in the Church for Bible

study! Next session on Thursday 9th
November at 6:30pm. If you have any
questions or for more information, please
contact Grace at
gracemokdassi@gmail.com

PARISH CENTRE We have asked our
Architect to provide a side/street
orientational view. He promised to submit
it this week.

VISITING A CEMETERY An
indulgence is granted to the Christian
faithful who devoutly visits a cemetery
and pray, if only mentally, for the dead.
This indulgence is applicable only to the
souls in purgatory. This indulgence is a
plenary one from November 1 through
November 8 and can be gained on each
one of these days. On the other days of the
year this indulgence is a partial one.

WHAT IS AN INDULGENCE "An
indulgence is a remission before God of
the temporal punishment due to sins
whose guilt has already been forgiven,
which the faithful Christian who is duly
disposed gains under certain prescribed
conditions through the action of the
Church which, as the minister of
redemption, dispenses and applies with
authority the treasury of the satisfactions
of Christ and the saints." "An indulgence
is partial or plenary according as it
removes either part or all of the temporal
punishment due to sin." The faithful can
gain indulgences for themselves or apply
them to the dead.

**NOVEMBER – MONTH OF PRAYER
FOR THE DEAD** The Holy Mother
Church, like a good mother, consecrates
the whole month of November to the
memory of the dead. This pious practice
of praying through an entire month for the
dead takes rise from the earliest ages of
the Church and was preached with zeal by
all the great Church Fathers and Doctors.
Praying for the dead is clearly shown in
Scripture. The custom of mourning thirty
days existed among the Jews. People
mourned for Moses for thirty days. Pope
St. Gregory the Great established the
practice of saying thirty Masses on thirty
consecutive days, and they are called
Gregorian Masses.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS Try to pray for the holy
souls often. Perhaps include the prayer for the holy souls in
your daily prayers: Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and
let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the
faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.

- Remember deceased family members on their anniversary by
requesting a Mass to be said for them.
- Include all your deceased friends and relatives in the altar list
of the dead in your parish church during November.
- Make little sacrifices for the holy souls during the month of
November. Perhaps encourage your children to eat a meal or
food they do not particularly like without complaining.
- If it is possible, visit the grave of a friend or relative on their
anniversary or during the month of November. If not, perhaps
light a candle or say a decade of the Rosary for them.
- If you hear of a tragic accident, pray for the souls of those
who have died.
- Pray often to go straight to heaven when you die.

NOVEMBER BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE - will be
located at the back of the church. Please write the names of
your deceased loved ones in this book. In each Mass during
the month of November we will pray in the Prayers of the
Faithful for all those listed in this book.

NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES If you'd like to have a
Mass offered for the deceased members of your family, please
fill in the November Mass Offering envelope located either in
the pews or at the back of the church. It is sufficient to write
"Deceased members of Smith's family" instead of listing
names of individuals. The Masses will be offered on first
come first serve basis. You can request a Mass by placing
Mass offering envelope on any of the collection plates. Once
recorded in the parish bulletin, the envelopes will be placed on
the altar during the month of November.

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 02 9390 5810 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 safe-
guarding newsletter. A link to the Archdiocese's Child Safe-
guarding Policy is available from the homepage of our parish
website and on display in the folder. Enquiries: Veronica via
email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com
Check out the latest Safeguarding newsletter-in the folder

Date/Mass	Greeters	Commentator	Proclaimers	Extraordinary Ministers	Acolytes	Altar Servers	Altar Servers
November 4/5 - 31st Sunday A							
5.00 pm Sat	Chris Lockart	Pauline Tonkli	Tony Re	Annette Simpson Zenna Azar	Laurie Simpson	Gabriel Azar Charlie Delfino	Anthony Torbay
8.00 am Sun		Jenny Freeburn	Danuta Maka	Ted Goetz Natalie Goetz	Bernie Freeburn	Lucas Ross	Nicholas Coorey
10.00 am Sun		Cramp Family	Ghanem Family	Alex Driessen Maurice Gili	Andrew Driessen	Harry Ross James Ghanem	
November 11/12 - 31st Sunday A							
5.00 pm Sat	Lorraine Impala	Abraham Family	Zenna Azar	Eileen Stevenson Annette Simpson	Paul Evans	Gabriel Azar Charlie Delfino	Anthony Torbay
8.00 am Sun		Coorey Family	Goetz Family	Carmen Heredia Veronica Dening	Mike Anderson	Lucas Ross Harry Ross	Nicholas Coorey
10.00 am Sun		Maurice Gili	Rosemary Lim	Gill Cramp Alex Driessen	Andrew Driessen	James Ghanem	



Please Remember in Your Prayers Our Sick

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

Let us Pray For All Those Who Have Died

Antonio & Assunta Ingenieri, Marjorie & arwoos & William & John & Margaret Moore, Robert Herrick, Heather Loudorf, Thomas & Eileen & Patrisha Roberts, Therese Coleman, Marie & Alfred Carter, Gobo & Sluga & Sain fmls & friends, Antoinette Srouji, Peter Ayoub, Nasta fml, Ball & Shanahan fmls + Mary & Eric, Hans & Tita Studer, Marcia Dimond, Karen & Vicki, Georgette Thomas, Tania Porreca, Joe Bartolo, Joe Feletto, Joe Mammone, Gina Kosabudsky & Mary & Michael & Alex, David Newman, Margaret & Lofty Plowman, Rega fml, Addolorata & Nicola Rega & grandparents fmls, Severina & Rosinella Pezzullo, Garry Wheeler, Jean & Max & Ross Graham, Dumbrell & Waldron & Danaher & Creed & Clements & Hickey fmls, Moreen McGinley, Ellen Carlisle, Catherine Doherty, Bill Quirk, Vince Murray, Bakehouse fml, Marijan & Iva Suto, Marijan & Ivan & Ana, & Mijo & Mate and Suto fml, Ivan Napanj, Sestito fml, Joanna & Giuseppe & Lino & Dawn Sestito, Maria & Vito Sabella, Bronwin Leigh Williams, Kathleen Jones, Stanley Jones, Elsie O'Reilly, Stevenson & Tierney fmls, George Stevenson, Molly & Bill & Michael Tierney, Srs Geraldine & Marie & Joan Harrison, Buckley & Cassar & Eiskine & Galea fmls, Baulman & McCartin & Hughes fmls, Thompson & Shepherd fmls, Matesic & Orlic fmls, Dinka Jurjako, Maria Turcato, Chaben Azar, Emilio & Yousef Nohra, Lamia Saad, Mousa Jubrail Haddad, Claudia Tabares, Concetta Denaro, Heather Dening, Joanna Sestito, Ivy Christina Hurworth, Peter Hurworth, Trevor Newton

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



Rest In Peace