



Surrey Hills Wattle Park Parish



Our Holy Redeemer
4 Barton Street
Surrey Hills 3127

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
301 Elgar Road
Surrey Hills 3127

SUNDAY 28 JUNE 2020 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A

WEEKEND MASSES*

6.00pm Saturday OHR Church
9.00am Sunday OLPS Church
10.30am Sunday OHR Church

*As of 11.59 pm on Sunday 21 June 2020, numbers in places of worship will remain at 20 until 12 July 2020 (dependent on trending health concerns and advice), in addition to those who are necessary for the service to take place. More information is inside the bulletin.

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(incl. SHWP Hall bookings)

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sunday 5 July—14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading *Zec 9:9-10*

Rejoice O Zion.

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

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

Second Reading *Rom 8:9.11-13*

Life in the Spirit brings life everlasting.

Gospel *Mt 11:25-30*

Christ will refresh the weary.

REFLECTION FOR THE WEEK

Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

Dianne Bergant CSA

REMEMBERING OUR COMMUNITY

Please pray for those who have died recently, and for those whose death anniversary occur at this time:



Orlando Colosimo, Susan Keegan, Elaine Brandwood, Mary Lovelock, Peter Fraser, Irene Evans, Catherine McDonald, William Simpson, Fred O' Brien, Anna Baker, Kevin Van Eede, Patrick Madden, Dorothea Callaghan, Julie Deakin, Mary Spangaro, Edward O'Donnell, Arthur Hall, Jean Corby, Brian McMahon, Iris McKenny, Kathleen O'Brien, Brother Ron Moore, John Kelly, Charlotte Polongi, Vincenzo Deluca and James Daffey.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine on them. May their souls rest in peace.

"Surrey Hills Wattle Park Parish Community, committed to the Victorian Child Safety Standards"

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PARISH COMMUNITY

As valued members of the parish, each of you has a role to play in the pastoral care of this community. Please keep an eye out for each other and if you are aware of someone who is unwell or has been hospitalised/gone to care please contact the parish office so support can be offered.



SVDP WELFARE ASSISTANCE

A free and confidential service for those requiring assistance - please phone 1800 305 330 Monday to Fridays (excluding public holidays).

PARISH NOTICES

Parish Bulletin requests must be in by Wednesday midday. Please email all requests to shwp@cam.org.au

**AN ACT
OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen

June 28, 2020

13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:38)

Pope Benedict XVI said, "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness." "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!



GRADUAL REOPENING OF OUR CHURCHES—UPDATE

With a sudden rise in COVID cases throughout Victoria the Premier has, this afternoon, announced changes to the proposed easing of restrictions that was to have come into place from Monday.

As of 11.59 pm on Sunday 21 June 2020, numbers in places of worship will **remain at 20 until 12 July 2020** (dependent on trending health concerns and advice). This has meant that our planned increase in numbers for Masses will not go ahead until further notice.

In the meantime we will continue to provide online Masses each weekend and do our best to keep our parish communities connected and to care for one another. Please contact the parish office if you have any pastoral needs or concerns for you or anyone close to you, we are available to assist.

In Surrey Hills Wattle Park, there will be no weekday masses until the end of July, however our regular Weekend Masses will be celebrated as follows:

6.00 pm Saturday, Our Holy Redeemer
9.00 am Sunday, Our Lady of Perpetual Succour
10.30 am Sunday, Our Holy Redeemer

You will still need to pre-book via Try Booking, a new link will be on the parish website from Tuesday morning. Once your name has been registered you will be met at the Church door where your name will be confirmed. We are required to keep records of names and numbers of those in attendance for 28 days.

You should not feel obliged to get to Mass at the moment. It is recommended that if you are in a risk category you should not attend Mass and if you are sick you should stay at home.

BAPTISM

This weekend we celebrate the baptism of **Harry Anthony Lau**, son of Anneliese and Sam. Please keep them in your prayers.



PARISH ROSTERS

As the churches are gradually re-opened to larger numbers, rosters until September have been prepared and emailed to those parishioners who assist in the ministries of Readers, Leaders and Welcomers. You are not required to book attendance via TryBooking if you are assisting with the Liturgy, however if anyone is coming with you they will need to book a place online.

PRESBYTERY COLLECTION AND STEWARDSHIP GIVING

The preferred method for contributing to either the Stewardship programme or to the Presbytery is via Credit Card, Direct Debit or via CDFpay (a link to this can be found on the parish website under the Donate tab). Parishioners who contribute via the CDFpay portal will be considered as giving "on the plate", please reference your envelope number in the Notes section.

Stewardship Envelopes for July—December 2020 are available for collection from the Parish Office. To assist with distributing these, if you are attending a weekend mass, please collect your envelopes from the Church.

REFUGEE ACTION GROUP GREYTHORN

Locally, the Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre on Union Road is still collecting food and toiletries parcels for ASRC. If you are able to donate items, the list from the ASRC website is below:

- Tuna in oil 400g
- Honey *small jars or bottles*
- Raw, unsalted nuts: almonds, walnuts, pecans, pine nuts, pistachios
- Tinned veg (peas, carrots, corn) 400g
- Tinned tomatoes 400g
- Tinned chickpeas & beans 400g
- Coconut cream 400g
- Sweet & savoury biscuits

Spices: ground cumin, coriander & turmeric (*single packs or bulk*); buy sanitary products through Tsunio; deodorant, soap **bars**, toilet paper

Saint of the Week—Saints Peter and Paul

Some weeks of the year have fewer feasts than others. Some are laden with feasts of the great figures of our tradition. This is a week from the latter. On this coming Monday we celebrate the Feast of St Peter and St Paul and on Friday the Feast of St Thomas. Three apostles in one week! Everyone has a view about these three apostles.



I have images of St Peter and St Paul in the hallway of my house and I walk past them every day. St Peter is grasping a key, as he is often portrayed. He holds the key tight to his chest as if it is the most precious thing he possesses. This is the key to the kingdom of heaven entrusted to him by Christ. “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” (Matthew 16:19). This is a great responsibility given to Peter. It is a reminder that Christ will never leave the Church and that the leadership of the Church has a great responsibility, along with all the faithful, to pray and to discern, to listen and to distill the movement of the Spirit within the Church and within the world as the *binding* and *loosening* ways of God are discovered and proclaimed. Pope Francis has called this the way of a synodal Church: a Church that listens to all, where every layer of the Church is heard and all views are considered along the way, before Peter teaches and guides. Peter leads but never without the voice of the flock in his ear.

My image of Peter, along with keys, has a ‘cock perched on his right shoulder. The image of the cock pushes Peter slightly off balance. It is as if the cock is crowing directly into his right ear. The crowing cock is as much a part of Peter as is the large key. And the cock represents Peter’s denial. It is a reminder of his vulnerability and his fragility. It is a reminder of his sinfulness and his humanity. It is a reminder that our great St Peter, is as human and as vulnerable as the rest of us. It is also a reminder that he is forgiven and loved. It is a reminder that all who follow are also forgiven and loved as well as vulnerable and sinful.

In my hallway next to St Peter sits St Paul and he holds not a key but a sword. In his writings Paul refers to the Word of God as a sword. “And take the ... sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Ephesians 6:17). The author of the letter to the Hebrews, once believed to have been St Paul, uses a similar analogy and further explains why the Word of God is connected to a sword, “For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12). The ‘Word of God’ has many senses. It can refer to the Biblical Word of God in both the First and Second Testament and it refers to Jesus Christ himself, God’s Word incarnate. For Paul both senses are true and his own writings are a testament to the way in which the Word of God has cut through into his life, reached his soul and inspired him to preach and teach the Gospel. Paul takes his sword, the Word of God, throughout the world on his missionary journeys. He is constantly seeking to find ways to find receptive ears and eyes to listen to the story of Jesus Christ, his life, his death and his resurrection. He is a creative teacher and preacher.

Peter and Paul feature large in the Acts of the Apostles. There we find them preaching, teaching, praying and working out the shape of the emerging Christian community. They had to be innovative in the way that they accompanied the diverse people who were captured by their preaching and teaching. Together, with that nascent community, they had to make decisions about what was important and how their community life should be lived out. Paul’s letters to the communities at Thessalonica, Rome, Ephesus, Philippi, Corinth and Colossia are enduring legacies of that dynamic. Peter and Paul’s debates about community life and regulation, recorded in the Acts of the Apostles similarly testifies to their energy, courage and ingenuity in building the earliest of Christian communities.

As we approach the Plenary Council 2020/2021 we would do well to call on the intercession of these two pioneering saints of the new testament communities. We should ask them to give us as much energy, boldness and creativity to respond to the rebirth and renewal of the Church in Australia.

Saints Peter and Saint Paul Pray for Us

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FIRST READING

2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2

(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,

who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted:
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Pt 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.
Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 10:37-42

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone

who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



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