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the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord.

(R.) Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 15:1-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

(R) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Sacramental Program

Reconciliation

If you would like your child to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time [NOTE: your child must be in **year 2 or older**], the enrolment form will be available from the **16th of September** from the Parish Office or the website. Enrolment forms must be submitted before the Information Evening on the 22nd of October. *Enquiries to Lynne.*

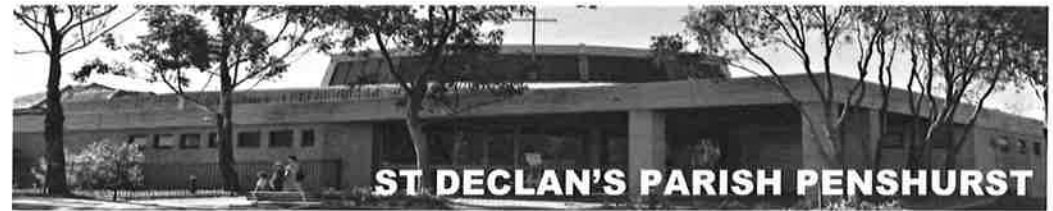
HISTORICAL CONTEXT

Scandal at the dinner table

The accusation that Jesus eats with sinners would have been considered incredibly insulting and defamatory. In that time, dining was as much a political act as it was a social one. Breaking bread together had incredible significance. To break bread or share a meal with someone was to acknowledge them as a person and to in some way become one with them. So to eat with sinners was to also become one with them - to become a sinner yourself. For Jesus to deliberately seek out opportunities to dine with sinners was scandalous behaviour. It challenged one of the basic social principles.

Eucharistic Adoration Thursday Night 19 September—7.30pm Start

Please be advised that Eucharistic Adoration this Thursday night, 19 September will start at **7.30pm** due to the Confirmation candidates using the church for a rehearsal beforehand. Please keep these children in your prayers, as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, held next weekend.



ST DECLAN'S PARISH PENS Hurst

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - 15 September 2019

St Declan's parish acknowledges that we gather, pray and live together on the land of the Bidjegal people of the Eora Nation.

First Reading

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19. R. Lk 15:18

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

3. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

Second Reading

1 Tm 1:12-17

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy.

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King,

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MASS TIMES

Mass Times at St Declan's Parish

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 7am, 9am, 11am, 6pm

Weekday: Mon, Wed, Fri: 6.45am

Tues, Thurs: 9.15am

Saturday: 8.00am

Public Holiday: 9.15am

Communion Services

Tues, Thurs: 6.45am

Confession: Saturday: 5.00pm-5.30pm

Baptisms & Weddings: by appointment
(Please contact the office or email declans@tpg.com.au)

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday 9.45am-10.45am and 7.00pm-8.00pm, Sunday 10.15-10.40am.

Mass Times at Our Lady of Fatima Peakhurst

Saturday: 5.00pm

Sunday: 9.15am & 6.00pm

Wed, Fri: 9.30am

St Declan's Primary: 9580 4831

Marist College Penshurst: 9579 6188

Welcome to St Declan's Parish

If you are new to our parish we invite you to leave your name, email address and number on the sheet provided in the front foyer (Near the Crying Room). Thank you.

We Remember in our Masses:

Recently Deceased

Sr Alma Pollard, Kata Starcevic, Kata Veselin, Marie Higgins, Michael Ryan, Charlie Jones, Guiseppa DiMeo, Luka Lebic.

Anniversaries

James Anthony Lobina, Janelle Scott, Mick Henry, Jane Refalo, Jakov Mihaljevic, Juan Casio Jr., Michael O'Sullivan, Clyde Walker, Margaret Hawes, Paul Smith, Vincenzo Giannone, Joseph Zarb.

Also

Teresa Kong, Lucy Ngu, Frank Mahoney, Pat Donnelly, Branko & Bozica Rasic, Cecily Ryan, Noel Sheather, Stjepan Kranjec, Maria Vukobrat, Stjepan Obrovac, Stanko Prorokovic, Ignac Krlin, Ivan Kucinic, Mijo Trupkovic, Nikola Dragisic, Kevin & Stephen & Jim McElroy, Denis & Ante Bacic, Betty & Danny Dusek, Michael O'Sullivan, Betty & Brian O'Sullivan, Frances Anne O'Sullivan, Teresa & Joseph Macinante, Spiro & Josephine Bajada, The Holy Souls in Purgatory and all the deceased members of our Parish.

Parish Sick List

Massimo Mascolo, Christopher March, Alina Kizeweter, Tim March, Sonny Venal, Kathy Dennett, Mary Phillips, Mirna Mundigo, Peter Tabutoa, Una Canute, Brian Lloyd, Terence Lang, Ann Steele, Elias Francis, Geraldine Brenston.

Mass Intentions: please indicate on the Mass Intentions envelope if you would like the name of the person published in the bulletin.

Parish Sick List: If you are no longer sick or you know someone on the list who is no longer sick, please contact the office so the list can be updated.

Declancraft

Are you over 40? Then here's something for you!

Handmade Cards – Create cards that will become keepsakes for someone special & for all occasions. Facilitated by Kim Corallo.
When: 3 Saturdays: **12, 19 & 26 October**, 10am – 12.30pm

Where: Meeting Room

Cost: \$25 for supplies. Limited numbers, bookings essential!

Book by Monday, 30 September. Please contact Paulineke: 0419426123 or wpnolan@internode.on.net

State Schools Scripture Class Mass

This Sunday at the 9am Mass we welcome the children (*and their families*) who attend Scripture classes at Beverly Hills Public, Hurstville Grove Infants, Penshurst Public, and Penshurst West Public. Please keep them in your prayers.

Commissioning of Visitation Ministers

Please join us on Sunday 22 September at the 6pm mass as our Visitation Ministers will be officially commissioned.

Stand for Life Rally

This is our last chance to have a huge public gathering to oppose the extreme abortion bill that is being rushed through NSW Parliament. Join religious leaders, politicians, pro-life advocates and everyone who stands for women and children for a rally on Sunday, 15 September 2019 at 2.30pm in Hyde Park, Sydney. More information www.stand4.life

Come to Little Church!

Little Church is held in the Meeting Room (under the church) every Sunday of the school term during the 9am Mass.

The aim of Little Church is to present the Gospel of the day in a meaningful manner to children between the ages of 4 to 12 years, followed by colouring-in and find-a-word activities. Parents are more than welcome to accompany smaller children.

Anointing Mass

followed by Morning Tea
Saturday, 28 September at 10.30am

This is an opportunity to experience, as a community, the prayerful and healing power of our faith through the sacrament of 'Anointing of the Sick'.

This sacrament is for: those who are sick; those who are recovering from surgery or have upcoming surgery; those who are suffering from psychological or physical affliction; those who have spent time in hospital or going through rehabilitation/therapy; those in special need of God's healing love.

All are welcome.

If you know any friends or parishioners who could benefit from this sacrament and are physically able to attend, please bring them along. Enquiries: Kate 0401028295



iStand Conference

coordinated by Sydney Youth Mission Team (YMT)

Date: Saturday 28 September

Time: 9am-9pm

Venue: Fernlands Hall, St Declan's Parish
Cost: \$30

The iStand Conference day is a great way to learn more about your faith, and take the next step in your personal relationship with Jesus. With sessions focussing on Theology of the Body, this is an amazing opportunity to know how God designed us through games, dramas and talks; only made better by the people and food around.

Contact Pete Dominish on 0428 771 744

Or sydney@ymt.com.au

LIFE ASCENDING AUSTRALIA will meet this Wednesday 18 September at 10am in the parish meeting room. This is a movement for Seniors; promoting spirituality, friendship and loving service. Visitors are most welcome. Please contact Hermie Talens on 0415529378 or hermie.talens2223@gmail.com