

Gospel

Lk 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

(R.) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

A bill to make abortion legal in NSW up until birth, for any reason, has been tabled in NSW Parliament and is due to be voted on this week. Archbishop Anthony Fisher has asked all Catholics in NSW to urgently contact their state Member of Parliament and ask them to vote against this bill. Contact details for your local MP are:

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By opposing this Bill, the Church is not rejecting or condemning women who have had or will have an abortion. As a parish family we want all women who have had an abortion to know that they are loved and cared for by a God who is rich in mercy. Fr Chris.



Mary MacKillop was born in Fitzroy, Melbourne, in 1842, the eldest child of Scottish immigrants. In 1861 she moved to the small town of Penola in South Australia, where she met Fr Julian Tenison Woods. Together they established Australia's first five Catholic schools. In 1866 she co-founded Australia's first religious order, the Sisters of St Joseph, and took a vow of poverty. Soon there were 17 schools under her care, but Mary's refusal to abide by the rules of the Bishop in Adelaide led to her excommunication from the church. She was accepted back a year later and eventually shown respect by the Bishops for her work with the poor. Mary was beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1995, as a result of a woman who was cured of leukaemia in 1961 after a group offered prayers to Sister Mary. She was canonised by Pope Benedict XVI on 17 October 2010 and is now known as St Mary of the Cross.

Thursday 8 August is the feast day of St Mary of the Cross.

Josephite Associates Meeting

The Josephite Associates will meet this Monday 5 August, 10am at Mary's Place. For further information, please contact Mary on 95796893.



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - 4 August 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

Ecll 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes.

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

(R.) Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.

2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades.

3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. **(R)**

Second Reading

Col 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians.

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord.

(R.) Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

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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

Mass Times at Our Lady of Fatima Peakhurst

Saturday: 5.00pm

Sunday: 9.15am & 6.00pm

Wed, Fri: 9.30am

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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

Ernestina Aservi, Marica Vukelich, Kata Majnarich, Branko & Bozica Rasic, Casna Setra Ankica Cufjaki, Rudi Krmar, Carmela Agostino, Samir Kyad, Josefina Carreon, Antonio Ciudadano, Jack Haran, Sam Franco, Violet Fonseca, Mary Griffiths, Frank Stewart, Christina Balic, Marica Vukelich, Lucienne Levehang.

Anniversaries

Michael Logue, Denis Bacic, John Martin, Christina Martin, Denis Martin, Luca Knezech, Jezica Ugarkovic, Nikola & Ivan Vukelich, Ivan Pavelich.

Also

Cecily Ryan, Noel Sheather, Mira Crncevic, 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, Sr Alma Pollard, Mary Tenney, 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.

New music rosters are available for collection in the Sacristy.



Dates: 3-6 of October (Thursday-Sunday)

Location: Freeman Catholic College (41 Mount St, Bonnyrigg Heights, Sydney)

<https://igniteyouth.com/conference/sydney#contact-syd-section>

Ignite conference is a 4 day experience of real-world formation, encouragement in faith, great people and powerful worship. We are super keen to get a group together of people in high school grades 7-12 to experience faith in a radical new way! For more details, contact Doug: igniteym.penshurst@gmail.com or 0410643818

Brotherhood and Sisterhood Event!

After 11am Mass this Sunday 4 August, Ignite Youth Group and YMT will be hosting a social event for people in grades 7-12. The boys will be having a bbq and playing soccer. The girls will be having a picnic (bring a plate)! Bring a friend! For more information, please contact Doug 0410643818 or igniteym.penshurst@gmail.com

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Something creative and social for the over 40s...**Jewellery Making**
Learn simple techniques in jewellery making, design & beading. Facilitated by Paulineke Nolan.

WHEN: Three Saturdays; 17, 24 & 3 August; 10am - 12.30pm.

WHERE: Meeting Room.

COST: \$20 (all supplies provided).

BOOK BY: Monday, 12 August.

Limited numbers, bookings essential.

Nimble fingers and good eyesight are required. Contact Paulineke on 0419426123; wpnolan@internode.on.net

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

The professional photos taken at First Holy Communion weekend have arrived and are available from the parish office during the week. Please contact Lynne to make alternative arrangements to pick them up. Thank you for your patience with this matter.

Charitable Works Fund (CWF)

Pastoral Appeal

The CWF Appeal is being held this weekend. Donations to the appeal from our parishioners are needed in assisting the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney with its charitable and pastoral works. There will be a third collection at each Mass for envelope donations. The CWF will issue tax deductible receipts for donations of \$2 or more. The CWF funds the following ministries:

- CatholicCare
- Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD)
- Ephpheta Centre
- Aboriginal Catholic Ministry
- The Seminaries
- Chaplaincies

Thank you for your support.

Acolyte training (for new and current acolytes): 10am Saturday 3 August (repeated 7.30pm Wednesday 7 August)

All new and current Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and Acolytes who have completed the required training sessions will be commissioned at the Masses on the weekend of August 10-11. From October 2019, only those who have undertaken this training will be included in upcoming rosters. We thank you for your generous commitment and service.

Scripture Discipleship Groups Starting Soon!

For St Declan's next Discipleship Groups five parishioners are opening their homes to host an 8 week video-based program called **Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible**. This program explores the "big picture" of the Bible to help readers understand what it is all about. The only cost of the program is the purchase of a participant's workbook. The groups will start during the week of Monday 19 August and each weekly session should take 1.5-2 hours. Sign-up sheets, including the host's name, suburb and chosen day and time are in the church lobby. **Sign up ASAP as places are limited to 12 for each group.**