

Gospel

Lk 12:49-53

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

(R) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sacramental Program

Confirmation

This weekend, we are welcoming the candidates who are preparing for Confirmation. Please keep them in your prayers as they take this next step in their faith journey.



A reminder that **Lesson 1** is on this coming **Tuesday 20 August at 6.30pm** in the Church. Samuel Clear who raised the world's awareness for the need for Christian Unity will be speaking.

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.



New issue of Declan's Well - coming soon!

If you would like to subscribe to Declan's Well and haven't already, please use the signup form on our parish home page, or email well.stdeclans@gmail.com with your first name, surname and email address.

Please note: Fifteen email addresses bounced on the first issue. If you suspect this was you, please check your junk mail first, then contact the email above and let us know. Alternatively, contact the parish office and leave a message and contact number for the Declan's Well team, and someone will call you. Thank you!

Stand for Life Rally against proposed Abortion Laws

Join us in peaceful protest against this radical proposed legislation.

DATE: Tuesday 20 August.

WHERE: Martin Place (Macquarie Street side)

TIME: 6pm until 9pm (including vigil outside NSW Parliament)

STAND FOR LIFE RALLY - TUESDAY 20 AUGUST - BUSES ORGANISED

Buses have been organised for the 'STAND FOR LIFE' Rally on Tuesday 20 August. Join thousands of others as we show that we value life and are against this extreme abortion bill!

The bus will depart St Raphael's, 82 George Street, South Hurstville at 4.30pm SHARP (please arrive by 4.15pm) and return all passengers to the same location upon completion of the rally.

Bus costs are \$13 per person and children are most welcome. If you happen to be working in the city and wish to join and have a return trip only, please leave details in the message via the booking form.

This will be Australia's largest pro-life rally ever and the most important one in NSW's history so let's join thousands of others as a community! To book visit:

<https://www.trybooking.com/541361>

Contact Paula for enquiries: 0409780107



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C - 18 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

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

The word of the Lord.

(R.) Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2-4, 18. R. v. 14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.

2. He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm.

3. He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord.

4. As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay!

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

Second Reading

Heb 12:1-4

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

The word of the Lord.

(R.) Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.

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

St Declan's Primary: 9580 4831

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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

Nicolina Montesin, Ernestina Aservi, Marica Vukelich, Kata Majnarich, Branko L. Bozica Rasic, Casna Setra Anjica Cufjaki, Rudi Krcmar, Carmela Agostino, Samir Ryad, Mile Vodera.

Anniversaries

Maria Cordi, Ben Cunneen, Robert Nelson, August Pineda, Jonathan Pineda, Juan Gito, Julio A. Pineda, Cecile P. Famisan, Ma. Luisa Pineda, Ante Abramovich, Marko Majetic, Maria L. Bazil Pinto, Gerundio Reblando, Roque Reblando, Cyril Woodbridge, Alice L. Godfrey Harris, Rea Baya.

Also

Kata Foss, Luju Tancibok, Christina Balic, Cecily Ryan, Noel Sheather, Stjepan Kranjec, Maria Vukobrat, Stjepan Obrovac, Stanko Prorokovic, Ignac Krlin, Ivan Kucinic, Mijo Trupkovic, Nikola Dragisic, Kevin L. Stephen L. Jim McElroy, Denis L. Ante Bacic, Betty L. Danny Dusek, Michael O'Sullivan, Betty L. Brian O'Sullivan, Frances Anne O'Sullivan, Teresa L. Joseph Macinante, Spiro L. 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, 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 Email Address

Please note that the St Declan's Accounts email address has changed to:

declans.finance@gmail.com

Please forward St Declan's accounting enquiries to this new address.

Ignite Youth Conference 2019

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

The bill to make abortion legal in NSW up until birth, for any reason, has been passed through the NSW Legislative Assembly. Archbishop Anthony Fisher has asked all Catholics in NSW to continue to pray for the rejection of this bill, and to make your views known to the members of the Legislative Council, asking them to vote against this bill. 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. (Please see Page 4)

LIFE ASCENDING AUSTRALIA will meet this Wednesday 21 August 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

Family Mass

This Sunday we welcome the families of the kindergarten and year 1 children at St Declan's at the 9am Mass. May they feel welcome within the St Declan's community, and always feel the presence of Jesus in their hearts.

Scripture Discipleship Groups

The groups will start **this week** 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.

A notice from the Social Justice Group:

Jesuit Refugee Services (JRS) provide essential food to people seeking asylum and refugees living in Sydney. Government cuts have meant a huge increase in demand for JRS to further support those in need. Please help by bringing IN DATE food such as 1kg Basmati rice, 700ml cooking oil, tea, instant coffee, sugar, salt and pasta (spaghetti & penne) to Masses on the weekends of 17/18th, 24/25th and 31st August/1st September.

See posters at Church doors for a full list.

Migrant & Refugee Week Commences 19 August and concludes with Migrant & Refugee Sunday on 25 August.

The Social Justice Group will gather in the Meeting Room (under the church) on Sunday 25 August from 10am-11am for discussion and morning tea. All welcome. Enquiries: Please contact Barry Ducrou on 95708644 (for St Declan's Social Justice Group)

Father's Day Mass

Is your child interested in participating in the Children's 9.00am Father's Day Mass? If interested, please email Sarah at sarah.ducrou@hotmail.com your child's name, age, grade, and a contact number, OR sign up on the sheet in the Church foyer. Please note there is no rehearsal for this Mass.

All Readers, Acolytes and Eucharistic Ministers who were commissioned last weekend may collect their certificates after each mass this weekend from Father in front of the altar. Thank you for your service.