

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

30 AUGUST 2020

'YOU HAVE SEDUCED ME, LORD!' The prophet Jeremiah was captivated by God. His attachment meant that he suffered greatly at the hands of God's enemies but he also experienced a fire within, lit by God's love, that urged him on. We too can follow Jesus wholeheartedly only if we are captivated by him. Like Peter, we may remonstrate with Jesus as we struggle to understand his ways, but we will follow him faithfully along the way of the cross to the fullness of life.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 85:3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long, O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah
The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.'

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 62:2-6, 8-9. R. v. 2

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; / for you my soul is thirsting. / My body pines for you / like a dry, weary land without water. **R.**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary / to see your strength and your glory. / For your love is better than life, / my lips will speak your praise. **R.**

3. So I will bless you all my life, / in your name I will lift up my hands. / My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, / my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R.**

4. For you have been my help, / in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. / My soul clings to you; / your right hand holds me fast. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Eph 1:17, 18

Alleluia, alleluia! / May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ / enlighten the eyes of our heart, / that we might see how great is the hope / to which we are called. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 16:21-27

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and

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'They all ate and were satisfied' ... Matthew 14

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THE PARISH OF ST MARTHA'S ACKNOWLEDGES THE WANGUL PEOPLE AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF THE LAND ON WHICH THE CHURCH IS BUILT

Vision:

**Welcoming
Eucharistic
Transformed by the Word
Full of Grace
Proclaiming Good News**



Mission:

**Alive with the Spirit
Inspired by St Martha
We Celebrate & Witness
God's love
Using our Gifts & Talents**

MASS TIMES



Tuesdays: 7.30am Wednesdays: 9.10am

Thursdays: 9.10am Fridays: 9.10am

Saturdays: 9.10am, 5pm Vigil Mass

Sundays: 8.00am; 10.00am & 6.00pm

1st Saturday of every month: 8-9am Adoration, 9am Benediction, 9.10am Healing Mass and Anointing of the Sick, followed by reconciliation

RECONCILIATION:

Saturday after 9.10am Mass or by appointment.

BAPTISM:

Available Every 2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month

Next Preparation Session:

4th October 2020.

Contact Parish office for more information.



MARRIAGES: By appointment only. 

(6 months' notice is required).

ROSARY: Tuesday & Saturday after morning Mass, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday 8.30am and 7.30pm on Fridays in conjunction with Marian Movement of Priests Cenacle and Divine Mercy Chaplet.



PRAYER GROUP / ADORATION AT ST MARTHA'S CHURCH:

Temporarily unavailable during COVID-19

SYDNEY MALAYEALÉE ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Rosary, Mass & Adoration from 6.30pm to 9pm on the 2nd Saturday of each month. Rosary & Bible Sharing 6.30pm on the 4th Saturday of the month



ADORATION AT SISTER DISCIPLES OF THE DIVINE MASTER:

Daily from 2.30pm-6.00pm-

Not available during COVID



Please continue to support the St Vincent De Paul Society through the Church Poor Boxes.

*In the Spirit of St Martha,
let us continue to help others and Carry
Hope Everywhere.*



SAFE GUARDING

A reminder to parents that the Notice-Board located at the side entrance contains various resources for children regarding Safeguarding.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY.

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydnecatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.

The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Please be aware that if you "TAG" St Martha's in photos on your Facebook page, the images also appear on an "unofficial" St Martha's Facebook page. This "unofficial" page was created automatically by Facebook and is not controlled by St Martha's. We kindly remind you to take care when uploading photos of any children without parent consent.



Office of the Children's Guardian

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

IF YOU PARTICIPATE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING MINISTRIES YOU ARE REQUIRED TO SIGN IN - ACOLYTES; READERS; EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS; CHOIR; CHILDREN'S LITURGY (LEADERS & CHILDREN) & SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM (LEADERS & CHILDREN). SIGN IN FOLDERS ARE KEPT IN THE SACRISTY. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION.

ALTAR SERVERS ARE NOT PERMITTED IN THE SACRISTY WITHOUT A PARENT/TEACHER. THE SIGN IN FOLDER IS LOCATED IN THE CORRIDOR OUTSIDE THE SACRISTY.

Confirmation Dates for 2020

Thank you to all the Confirmation candidates for attending lesson 2. Bishop Terry Brady will be kindly ministering Confirmations on the 18th & 25th of September @6.00pm.

Date Event Time

- Saturday 28th August Lesson 3/Mass 3.00pm
- Saturday 5th September Lesson 4/Mass 3.00pm
- Saturday 12th September Retreat 2.00pm
- Friday 18th & 25th September- Confirmation 6.00pm



If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to direct them to Patricia Saad at

sc@stmarthas.org.au

MASS INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Simon Raheb, Francesco Colagiuri, Marie Verschwer, Amirda marie Shanthy, Lorna Redolfi, Gloria & Bill Wallace, Helena Ibrahim, Mick Rigby, Tom Gaha, Maria Casimiro, Sr Maura McAvoy op, Sr Thecla Caruana, Sr Cecily Gaudry, Sr Marie Gaudry, Noeleen Smith, Bernard Nader, Philip Huynh, Mary Bentley, Mary Zammit, Daragh Hayden, Daniel Lucich, Sr Sophie McGrath, Fr Noel Connolly.

Repose Of The Soul:

Frank Monaghan, Fr Adrian Horgan, Fr Paul Ryan, Br Ray Dowding, Gerald Wilson, John Ferguson, Ken Fraser, Connie Wong, Aldo Amarino, Salvatore (Phillip) Puglisi, William (Bill) & Dorothy Starr, Roger O'Reilly, Stefano, Estelle Thurn, Anne Cecilia Glass, Reginald & Agnes Glass, Gerald & Frances Gleeson, Faado & Alice Herro, Patrick & Janet Reynolds, Jim Reynolds, Ken Rich, Monica & Patrick Ryan, Stephen Maxwell Stewart & Christopher John Stewart, Dr Stephanie Winfield, Mary & Anne Trefle', Philip Winfield. Francesco & Maria Colagiuri, Caterina & Matteo Genova, Lisa Cooke, Michael & Mary Cassar, Guiseppe & Romilda Reginato.

Anniversaries:

Norman Gode, Jan Loney, Harold Crocker, Albert Khoury, Doreen McNamara, Mary Loscocco, Ivan Skuric, Francesco & Maria Colagiuri, Caterina & Matteo Genova, Francis & Roslyn Sinnadurai, John Ferguson, Lough Campion, Antonious Katrib, Julia Georges, Joseph Moussa Tannous, Reg Jones, Clare Kenny, Frank Burton, Lawrie Soares, Blanche Saldanha, Peter Lam, Maria Vozzo, Kathleen Woodland, Mary Liu, John Harrington.

Sick Intentions:

The Ladd Family, Marc Kayrouz, Br Jude Butcher cfc & Peter Starr.

Special Intentions:

Phil Robinson, Sarah Argiro, Members of the Lucich & Argiro Families, Members of the Casmiro & Martins Families, Pauline Murphy, John Murphy, Kristian Seric & Family. Deceased Friends, Relatives & Benefactors of the Dominican Order & the St Vincent de Paul Society & Benefactors, Holy Souls.

5th & 6th September

5 th & 6 th SEPTEMBER	5.00PM VIGIL	8.00 AM	10.00 AM	6.00PM
SPECIAL MINISTERS	Peter McCluskey Marian McCluskey	Gina Surjadinata Andri Surjadinata	Raymond K / Maria F Georgia E. Meaghan Williamson	Cue Family Cue Family
READERS	5.00PM VIGIL Natalie Bains Patricia Saad	8.00 AM Greg Glass Maria Yu	10.00 AM Helen Williamson Rachel Suriano	6.00PM Theresa Kuk Lena Melhem
ALTAR SERVERS	5.00PM VIGIL Lincoln M. Hayden M. Therese S. Sophia S.	8.00 AM Mary Louise I. Shannon D. Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	10.00 AM Kristian K. Luca K. Beatrice L. Volunteer Needed	6.00PM Marina B. Oliver B. Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
WARDENS	5.00PM VIGIL Joy Li	8.00 AM Mary Cooke	10.00 AM Trudie Rogers	6.00PM Anne Chow

If you are unable to attend your rostered Mass kindly organise a replacement.

First Eucharist Dates for 2020

Parent information night	Tuesday 13 October 7pm- parents only
Lesson 1 plus commitment mass	Saturday 17 October 3.30pm followed by 5pm commitment mass
Lesson 2	Saturday 24 October 3.30pm followed by 5.00pm mass
Lesson 3	Saturday 31 st October @3.30pm followed by 5.00pm mass
Lesson 4	Saturday 7 November @3.30pm followed by 5.00pm mass
Retreat	November 14 2.00pm-4.30pm
First Holy Communion Masses	Sunday 15 November 12pm, Saturday 21 November 11am and 22 November 12pm

suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table,

we beseech you, Lord,

that, being the food of charity,

it may confirm our hearts

and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.

Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

THE COST OF FOLLOWING JESUS

In last week's Gospel, Peter expressed his God-given insight concerning Jesus' identity as 'the Christ, the Son of the living God'. He received a blessing in response and appointment as the 'rock foundation' of the future Church.

But when, in today's Gospel, Jesus goes on to tell his disciples that he is destined to go to Jerusalem to suffer and die, Peter, who had so conspicuously got it right, equally conspicuously stumbles at the truth Jesus now goes on to reveal: the more closely, as '(beloved) Son' he is related to God, the more closely he is aligned to the divine will that he enter into the pain and suffering of the world.

Peter's protest is subtle. The suggestion, 'Lord, this sort of thing is not for you!' recalls Satan's earlier attempt (4:8-9) to lure Jesus away from his God-given path by proposing an easy route to rulership of the world. Hence the sharpness of Jesus' rebuke: 'Get behind me, Satan!'

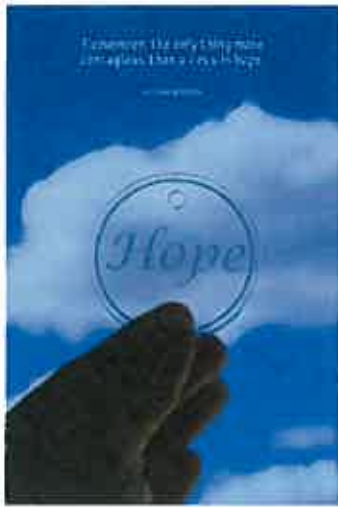
Peter's understandable human desire to preserve the Master from suffering aligns him with the demonic in a way that would thwart Jesus' God-given mission to save the world.

Jesus goes on to speak more generally to all the disciples, describing the conditions for any who want to follow him. It is human to want to avoid suffering and preserve those we love from it. But evil cannot be defeated without cost. Joining Jesus in his mission will mean taking up one's own cross and, in various ways, losing life, in order to find it.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

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- Thank you to all our parishioners for registering for weekend masses.
- Please Ensure that bookings are made in a timely manner to allow for adequate time to print
- Please arrive 20-30 minutes before mass to confirm your details.
- If you fail to come 5 minutes before mass begins your place will be given to a parishioner who is waiting.
- If you require assistance booking for a mass please call the parish office or speak to the wardens at the back of the church.
- assistance. <https://www.trybooking.com/BKONZ>

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NEW SETS OF WEEKLY PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION IN THE CHURCH.

We encourage all Parishioners to join the giving system by either Weekly Envelope or Monthly Credit Card as this is the main income of the parish, by means of which we run everyday expenses, funds projects and plan for the future. If you would like to join, forms are available in the Church Foyer which can be returned via any collection plate or directly to the parish office.

2019/2020 **TAX RECEIPTS** are now available in the Church Foyer. If you would like your receipt mailed, please contact the parish office on 9746 6131 (option2) or email admin@stmarthasparish.org.au

Message from Father Jacek Cichy

Last Sunday after the distribution of Holy Communion a consecrated Host was found near a pew.

Please make sure that the Host is consumed immediately after it has been placed on the palm of hand. The recipient of the Holy Communion **MUST NOT** proceed with the Host to the pew. If anyone sees such a practice, please notify a priest or minister of the Holy Communion immediately.

Restrictions regarding COVID-19 related to the distribution of Holy Communion may raise some concerns. The Parish will not compromise with these rules and regulations which have been set, especially with regards to sanitising hands before receiving Holy Communion as the minister touches your hand while placing the Host on it. Regretfully, if this form of receiving Holy Communion is difficult for you, you can receive Spiritual Communion.

Holy Communion to the Sick.

As a result of the coronavirus many parishioners do not physically attend Mass within St. Martha's faith community. However, they may want to receive Holy Communion at home. Please contact the parish office and you will be informed of the best way this Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar can be brought to you (by either acolyte, lay minister or even by a member of your family).

Many thanks for all the pyxes received by the parish in the recent weeks

