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Sunday, 7th August 2022
Monday, 8th August 2022

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
St Mary of the Cross, Virgin
Special Mass at 9.15am

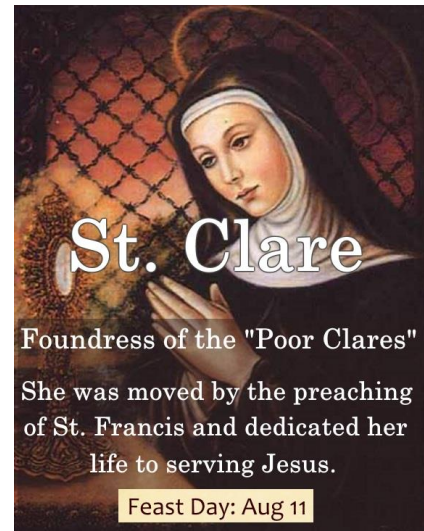
Wednesday, 10th August 2022
Thursday, 11th August 2022

St Lawrence, deacon, martyr
St Clare, virgin



St Mary of the Cross Mackillop

Never see a need without doing something about it.



St. Clare

Foundress of the "Poor Clares"

She was moved by the preaching of St. Francis and dedicated her life to serving Jesus.

Feast Day: Aug 11

SUNDAY MASSES:	Vigil Saturday	5:00 pm
	Sunday	8:00am, 10am
WEEKDAY MASSES:	Tuesday to Saturday	9.15am
ROSARY:	Tuesday to Saturday	8.30am
RECONCILIATION:	After daily mass and by appointment	
BAPTISMS:	By appointment, Sundays after 10am mass	
WEDDINGS:	By appointment (minimum of six months' notice required)	
ANOINTING MASS:	2 nd Saturday of the month March, June and September	
PARISH SECRETARY:	Tuesday & Friday	9am to 3pm
	(Mass Intentions & news items for the bulletin must be left at Presbytery by 12pm Wednesday)	

This Church is equipped with an induction loop for the hearing impaired

REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Recently Deceased: Maria Galafassi

Anniversaries: Anna Passarello, Josip Mil, Ruby Doumit, Noel Doumit, Lila Doumit and Joseph Doumit, Mr Gilbert, Terry Franks, Sidy Franks

We remember the faithful departed Geneive El-Zeinaty, Cyril Sattrukalsinghe, Mr S. Francis, Mrs Francis, Anton Francis

“May their souls through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”

Prayers for: Carmellina Mariani, Barbara Mucha, Hank Facer

“Mother of God, Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted. Pray for them”

ROSTER: 2nd Week

<u>Time</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
Saturday 5pm	Therese Di Paolo Jerome Vandenbosch	Tony Allan	
Sunday 8am	Mark Wang-Shi	Elia Saulekaleka	
Sunday 10am	Gilda Kazzi Sesilia Anasi	Christina Kazzi	Chuma brothers

SOLEMNITY OF ST MARY MACKILLOP OF THE CROSS A special mass will be celebrated on **Monday, 8th August 2022 at 9.15am**, along with St John’s Primary School. All welcome.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY A special mass will be celebrated on **Monday, 15th August 2022 at 9.15am**, and possibly one in the evening. Please refer to next weeks bulletin for confirmation as to times the mass will be celebrated.

THE CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) August Appeal is happening this weekend (6th & 7th) and we need your help. The CWF supports a whole range of charities and ministries, including the Good Shepherd Seminary, Catholic Care, the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine, the Ephpheta Centre for the deaf and hearing impaired, Aboriginal Catholic Ministries, and university, hospital and prison Chaplaincies. Appeal envelopes are provided for your use and are available at the front foyer of the church. You can also learn more and donate securely at www.ourfaithourworks.org/cwf. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible.

THE BISHOP’S BLEND BREAKFAST Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Monday 8th August at 7am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop’s Blend Breakfast for Young Professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets <https://sydneycatholic.eventsair.com/the-bishops-lend/tbbx> OR bishopsblend@sydneycatholic.org

MEN’S BREAKFAST WITH BISHOP DANIEL MEAGHER “Men- Who are you and what is your purpose?” Saturday 13 August St Thomas More Catholic Church, 298 Bay St, Brighton Le-Sands Cost: \$20 8am-12pm (includes Adoration/Reconciliation/ Mass and Discussion on the talk) Register here: <https://www.trybooking.com/CAZAV>

PARISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE: Registrations Close 14 August You are warmly invited to the inaugural Archdiocesan Parish Renewal Conference where Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, Dr Scott Hahn (live online), and a stellar array of speakers will address Sydney’s faithful, 19-20 August, St Mary’ Cathedral. Join us to pray together, receive formation and share ideas to strengthen our parishes. Registration essential via www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22. \$25 per person for parishioners in the Archdiocese of Sydney. Register soon as spaces are filling. Parishes are invited to share [this social tile](#) to help promote the conference.

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR RCIA CERTIFICATION COURSE Now more than ever, people are coming to realise the desire for God in their hearts, and we in our parish are all called by our baptism to Go Make Disciples. The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney will hold its second official RCIA Certification Course and invites you to learn, live, and share your faith with others! Please register for this free online course of six sessions beginning on the 30th of August at <https://forms.gle/q1ceKNW3UnZGNwGv9>.

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading Wisdom 18:6-9 **Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you** That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 32:1,12,18-20,22 **R:** Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19 **We will look for the city designed and built by God.**

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42 44 **Alleluia, alleluia!** Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. **Alleluia!**

Gospel Luke 12:32-48 **See that you are prepared**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

For those who believe in God, life is a journey of searching in the valley of shadows and darkness, full of fear and doubts. Every man remains to himself a mystery and an unsolved problem. We are dissatisfied with our present life – in terms of this world it does not add up or reach fulfilment. We see ourselves as strangers and exiles on this earth, pilgrims in search of a homeland and a better country beyond our present situation. The only beacon of light we have on our passageway is faith.

It is our attempt at solving the dark mystery of where we came from, why we are here, and where we are going. We believe that there is a purpose to life and a divine providence at work within us. Somehow the hand of God is in action weaving a pattern in and out of our lives, shaping our destiny. This is our belief – it is our faith. It is not something we can really describe. Faith is a type of window we look through which helps us to see life from a viewpoint beyond this world, enabling us to take God at his word when he makes promises about the future and calls us to be his people, in a special way.

The call from God to go forward into the unknown, moving step by step as light or darkness allows, is made to all of us. We, no less than Abraham, are called to leave behind the old ways of sin and selfishness and to put our trust in God, who calls us to walk the way he has planned for us. We cannot settle down in this world. Each day we have countless opportunities of showing our faithfulness as Christians. To have faith in Christ, we must live life and do the works appointed by him, willing to expose ourselves to the wear and tear of caring for others.

Every day we are presented with opportunities of demonstrating our faithfulness as followers of Christ. If we avail of them we will be prepared and ready for the arrival of the master of the house at whatever hour he chooses to come.

A MESSAGE REGARDING SAFEGUARDING ISSUES

A copy of the Safeguarding Policy has been uploaded to the website of St John of God and a copy will also be attached to our notice board. If anyone would like a copy of the Safeguarding Policy, one can be provided to you upon request. As part of the Safeguarding procedures, the Parish is now making available a suggestion box especially for children and young people in order that we take into consideration their thoughts, feelings, and suggestions in a more proactive way. The Suggestion Box is placed in the church foyer.

Also, as part of the Safeguarding procedures, it is available for parents, guardians and the general community a protocol 'Managing Safeguarding Complaints'. We value the process in moving forward positively in relation to all Safeguarding measures. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Priest. **Child sexual abuse is a crime.** The appropriate people to deal with crimes 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 (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

We acknowledge the Watergora people of the Darug Nation, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which St John of God church stands. We pay our respects to the past, present and emerging Watergora generations