

# St Patricks Parish Church Hill

Under the Pastoral Care of the Marist Fathers since 1868



9th June 2024

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

## **“In” and “through” rather than “from” and “out of”**

In today's Gospel – Mark 3:20-35 – we find Jesus in a swirl of competing influences, each making strong claims on him. We can see at least three significant influences at play here – influences that are at play in everyone's life: the influence of the group – including family; the influence of institutions – including religious institutions and authorities; and the influence of evil – including the universal human propensity to evade what is real and lie to ourselves and the world. How well we respond to these influences will determine the kind of person we become.

The influence of the group – including his family – forces Jesus to reflect on who he is and why he is here and how that affects his belonging to this group. Jesus – like the rest of us – must negotiate one of life's most important challenges here: We are all misfits but we do belong.

The influence of the institutions – including the religious institutions and authorities – forces Jesus to reflect on his childhood learnings and allegiances. Jesus – like the rest of us – must negotiate a critical transition that is a necessary gateway to becoming an adult: Personal integrity takes precedence over conformity.

The influence of evil – including our own propensity to lie to ourselves and others rather than seek out and face the truth that will set us free – forces Jesus to refuse the unrealistic expectations and demands of the crowds and his family, and resist particular attitudes and teachings of the religious authorities.

Recall the opening words of Mark's Gospel: “The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God” (1:1). Jesus is God *enfleshed in the world!* He is with us, not to take us “from” or “out of” the world but to save us “in” and “through” it. This truth lies at the very core of our Christian faith and our becoming human.

When we are in tight, difficult, painful experiences, experiences we would in fact like to avoid, we might pray: “Lord save me not from this but *in* this, take me not *out of* this but *through* this more deeply into your love”.

See [www.aquinas-academy.org.au](http://www.aquinas-academy.org.au) for background material on the Gospel text.

Michael Whelan SM, Parish Priest

## OUR SYNODAL JOURNEY

Fr Timothy Radcliffe OP spoke to the Synod participants: "the vast majority of people who have taken part in the synodal process have been surprised by joy." He continued: "For many, it is the first time that the church has invited them to speak of their faith and hope."

Blase J. Cupich, America, April 24, 2024

**St Pats Synodal Gatherings** - St Patricks Parish is on a Synodal Journey. As part of that journey there are Synodal Gatherings in small groups both in the Crypt and on Zoom. The spirit of synodal gatherings is praying, sharing, listening and entering into dialogue. You are welcome at the next gathering in the Crypt - Register your interest with Paul Bullen using the QR code.



**The Call to Be** - Courses in June - Gerard Manley Hopkins: The Poetry of Being, Lecturer: Dr Robert Tilley, to be held on ZOOM only. 4th, 11th & 18th June 6-8PM Cost \$60; to register <https://www.trybooking.com/CPYCT> or email [thecalltobe@gmail.com](mailto:thecalltobe@gmail.com); Film Lectio: "The Quiet Girl", Presenter: Sr Marie Biddle - Wednesdays 5th, 12th & 19th June 2024 10am-noon total cost \$60 to register <https://www.trybooking.com/CPXQT> or email [thecalltobe@gmail.com](mailto:thecalltobe@gmail.com)

**City Silence** - City Silence is held every 4th Tuesday of the month, 6.30pm - 7.30pm in St Patricks Church

**Choir Singers Needed** - We would like to start building the choir in preparation for the Marists leaving in December 2025. But why wait till then! We actually really need you now. Our Alto section is strong, but we could have many more singers for all the other parts - Sopranos, Tenors and Basses. Our rehearsals are on Sundays at 11am in the Choir Room in preparation for the midday Mass. We have a lovely group of people on the choir practising music for our liturgies. Why not give it a go?  
Call/SMS Godelieve 0404 837 363

## WISDOM FROM TRADITION

**Those who suppose mystical experience to be a pleasing consciousness of the Divine in the world, a sense of the 'otherness' of things, a basking in the beams of the Uncreated Light, are only playing with Reality.**

**Evelyn Underhill, *Mysticism: A Study in the Nature and Development of Man's Spiritual Consciousness*, New American Library, 1955, 83-84.**

## PARISH DIARY THIS WEEK

10 June Public Holiday Timetable  
11 June Saint Barnabas  
Meditation Group, 12.noon Crypt

12 June Our Lady of Perpetual Help  
Novena 12.30pm  
13 June Saint Anthony of Padua  
Rosary Group 12.30 pm, Crypt

The parish of St Patrick's acknowledges the Gadigal people of the Eora nation as the traditional custodians of this place we now call Sydney.

### **First Reading - Genesis 3:8-15**

A reading from the book of Genesis

After the woman and the man had eaten from the tree, they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." God said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel!"

The word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

### **Responsorial Psalm - Ps 129**

**R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.**

### **Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5,1**

A reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians. Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture "I believe, and so I spoke" we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake,

so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be

seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. Alleluia!

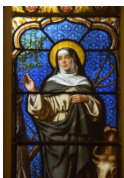
**Gospel - Mark 3:20-35** A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark.

Jesus went home and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." And Jesus called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. "Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"- for they had said, "He has an unclean spirit." Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." And Jesus replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## St Brigid's Church, 14-16 Kent Street, Millers Point

**Did you know** - St Brigid's, designed by colonial architect Ambrose Hallen, is the oldest surviving place of Catholic worship in Australia? Governor Richard Bourke approved the site and building plan in 1833.



**Join our community  
for Mass - Sundays at 9.00am**

Visit our **Piety Store and Book Store** in the William Davis Courtyard every Sunday from 10 am. Discover good finds pre-loved books, prayer cards and gift items

**Electronic Donations:** We have two tap machines for electronic donations near the entry to the church. For regular donations from your credit card, please contact the Parish Office.

### RECONCILIATION PROGRAM

**MONDAY - THURSDAY:**  
7.30 - 7.55 am; 10.00am - 11.00am;  
12.00 noon - 1.00pm; 5.00 - 6.00pm

**FRIDAY:** 7.30am - 7.55am; 10.00am - 11.00am; 12.0pm - 1.0pm; 5.00pm - 6.00pm

**SATURDAY:** 7.30am - 7.55am; 10.30am - 12.30pm; 5.30pm - 5.55pm

**SUNDAY:** 7.45am - 8.30am; 8.45 am -12.45 pm; 2.45 pm - 4.45 pm; 5.30 pm - 5.55 pm.

**PUBLIC HOLIDAYS:** 7.30am - 7.55am;  
11.30 am - 11.55am; 4.45pm - 5.20 pm

### PARISH OFFICE

**Address:** 141 Harrington Street, Sydney  
**Office hours:** Monday to Friday,  
10.00 am - 2.00 pm  
**Telephone:** 9254 9855 Fax: 9252 3431  
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**St Patrick's Church:** 20 Grosvenor Street,  
Sydney, NSW 2000

## A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

**Child sexual 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 (02) 9390 5810 or safeguarding-enquiries@sydneycatholic.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.

### ST. PATRICK'S COFFEE SHOP

**Open Tuesday - Friday 11.00 am - 2.00 pm  
Sunday 10.00 am - 2.00 pm**

**Sunday First Collection:** Support of the Marist Community at St Patrick's  
**Sunday Second Collection:** General Parish Expenses and Maintenance.

### MASS PROGRAM

**MONDAY - FRIDAY:** 8.00am, 10.30am, 12.00noon & 5.30pm.  
**\*Church open from 7.30am - 6pm**

**SATURDAY:** 8.00am, 12.00 noon  
**Vigil Mass at 6.00pm.**  
**\*Church open from 7.30am - 6.45pm**

**SUNDAY:** 8.00am, 9.00am, 10.00am, 11.00am, 12 noon, 3.00pm, 4.00pm, 6.00pm  
**\*Church open from 7.45am - 6.45pm**

**St. Brigid's, Millers Point: 9.00am Mass**

**PUBLIC HOLIDAY:** 8.00 am, 12 noon, 5.30 pm  
**\*Church open from 7.30am - 6.00pm**

## St Patrick's Parish

Fr. Michael Whelan, SM <i>Parish Priest</i>	Mona Redito, <i>Secretary</i>
Fr. Peter McMurrich, SM	Andrew Carter, <i>Maintenance Manager</i>
Fr. Paul Mahony, SM	Michael Borromeo <i>Coffee Shop</i>
Fr. Paul Hachey, SM	Karen Larkman, Teresa Seric - <i>Safeguarding</i>
Fr Michael Carroll SM	Helen Nejaim, <i>Sacristan</i>
Sr. Fidelis McTeigue, SM <i>Pastoral work</i>	
Br Terry Garrett, SM	

*The church is fitted with an audio loop for the hearing impaired*