



# St Raymond's Parish

*One Family in Love and Joy*



Issue 430

**SUNDAY OF THE PRIESTS**

29 January 2023

## THE GOSPEL

Jesus said, "Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, 'My master is delayed in coming,' and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But the one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from the one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

**Lk 12:42-48**



Next Sunday:

**Sunday of the Righteous & the Just:**

Wis 5:1, 3-6, 8, 15-16

Heb 12:18-24 / Mt 25:31-46

## ADORATION



**Spend one hour with Jesus.**  
**Every Thursday at 7:00pm after**  
**our 6:00pm Mass.**

## THE EPISTLE

If you put these instructions before the brothers and sisters, you will be a good servant of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching that you have followed. Have nothing to do with profane myths and old wives' tales. Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Saviour of all people, especially of those who believe. These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I arrive, give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands by the council of elders. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

**1Tim 4: 6-16**

## "THE HOLY ORDERS" - Fr Sam Wehbe

**1. Sub-deacon:** He could be a religious or a lay person. This step is part of Holy Orders. He assists the priest in the liturgy, the sacraments and other rites.

**2. Deacon:** The deacon is permitted to read the gospel during Mass, deliver the homily and give Holy Communion with the priest. He has to choose celibacy or marriage before his ordination to the diaconate. He is not permitted to marry after his ordination.

**3. Priest:** He is ordained during Mass. His responsibility is: teaching, sanctifying and governing his parish.

**4. Bishop:** The highest level of priesthood is the bishop. He is the head of the priests entrusting them the priestly service

**5. Patriarch:** He is the highest leader in the Patriarchate. The Patriarch and all the other bishops make up the Patriarchate, the highest authority of the Maronite Church.

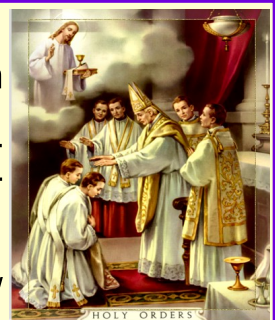
The mission of the priesthood consists of three things:

**Teaching:** The study, explanation and teaching of the Word of God (preaching and homilies).

**Sanctifying:** The performing of the sacraments, especially the celebration of the liturgy.

**Governance:** The shepherd organises, prepares and governs the people of his parish.

**Lord, on Sunday of the Priests, we pray for those who have served at Your altar and have left this world, & for the holiness of our priests, grant us priestly vocations in order to serve You & Your people. Amen.**



**Let us pray for our sick:** Linda, Roger, Joe, Michael, John, Eva, Ray, Tony, Arthur, Rochelle, Simon, Hanna, Milad, Antoinette & all the sick.

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## ST RAYMOND'S PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**SATURDAY 29 APRIL 2023**

**Enrolment & Classes  
February 2023**

**For Registrations contact  
the office on 9643 0345**

*Saint Raymond's Parish First Holy Communion*

*Parent Information Night 2023*

*Friday 3rd February @ 7pm*

*Join us at Saint Raymond's Parish to enrol your  
children as they enter into a fruitful journey of  
learning about the Blessed Sacrament.*



**A JOURNEY  
OF HOLINESS  
& OPENNESS**

## From The Maronite Eparchy

Our Eparchy begins its Golden Jubilee celebrations on Thursday 9 February, on the Feast of St Maroun, at St Maroun's Cathedral in Redfern:

- At 6.30pm - we welcome the arrival of the relics of St Maroun, St Charbel, St Rafqa, St Nehmetallah, and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop in a specially designed reliquary
- At 7pm - solemn mass will be celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

▪ Everyone is also invited to take part in Feast Week celebrations at the Cathedral

The relics will remain at St Maroun's Cathedral overnight, after which they will make their way to St Maroun's in Brisbane for their celebrations.

## Our Maronite Liturgical Calendar - Sunday of the Priests

Brothers and Sisters,

This Sunday is the first of the Three Sundays of Commemoration in our Maronite Church during which we remember our departed, starting with the Priests, followed by the Righteous and the Just and finally the Faithful Departed.

These Sundays are particular to our Maronite Church and directly precede the Season of Lent. The theme for these three weeks is that we shall all die at a time we do not know. We therefore must be ready, living each day as if it could be our last.

These Sundays also conclude our Season of the Epiphany. Father Anthony J. Salim writes that "these commemorations of the Departed are to be seen in the context of the Epiphany emphasis on the charismatical mission of all Christians, and on the destiny of those faithful to their baptismal calling. Those who have died to this life are on the next stage of their journey to the Kingdom." (Captivated by Your Teachings, 2001)

We read on the Sunday of the Priests the parable of the faithful and wise servant (Luke 12:42-48). This parable speaks to the importance of being prepared and ready for the return of the master. The servant in the parable is entrusted with the responsibility of managing the household, and is expected to carry out his duties in a faithful and wise manner. However, he becomes complacent in his role, thinking that the master will not return soon. He forgets that he is accountable for his actions and will be judged accordingly.

This parable serves as a reminder to all of us, and especially to all priests, that we are all servants of God, entrusted with responsibilities in His household. We must be faithful and wise in the way we carry out these responsibilities. Like the servant in the parable, we must not become complacent or arrogant, thinking that the Lord's return is far off.

This week, I ask you to pray for me and for all your priests that they may strive to be faithful and wise servants of God, using the gifts and talents He has given us for His glory and for the service of you, His people. And when we inevitably fall short, pray for us that we may recognise our mistakes and have the courage to make amends. I also ask you to pray for vocations and for good and faithful servants for our Church.

Jubilee Year Update and Feast of St Maroun

As you are aware by now, our Eparchy is celebrating in 2023 its 50-year Golden Jubilee since its inception under the theme - The Maronites in Australia: A Journey of Openness and Holiness.

The Golden Jubilee Year of the Maronite Eparchy of Australia commences on Thursday 9 February 2023 at 7pm on the Feast of St Maroun, our Spiritual Father. I invite you and your families to the Solemn Mass for this most joyful event. Let us teach our children about our Maronite heritage and encourage them to celebrate the feast of our spiritual father as our ancestors have done for centuries.

**+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay**



## PARISH NOTICE BOARD

### Services of the week

From Monday 30 January to Friday 3 February:  
5:30pm Rosary, 6:00pm Mass

**Thursday 2 February - Entrance of Our Lord into the Temple-  
Blessing of the Candles:** 5:30pm Rosary, 6:00pm Mass  
followed by adoration

**Saturday 4 February:** 5:30pm Rosary, 6:00pm Mass

**Sunday 5 February - Sunday of the Righteous and the Just:**  
8:00am Arabic Mass  
10:00am Eng / Arb Mass

**Confessions:** will be held Half an hour before and during Masses..

### خدمات الأسبوع

من الإثنين ٣٠ كانون الثاني إلى الجمعة ٣ شباط:  
٥:٣٠ مساءً المسبحة و ٦:٠٠ مساءً قدّاس

الخميس ٢ شباط - عيد دخول المسيح إلى الهيكل ورتبة تزيك الشموع:  
٥:٣٠ مساءً المسبحة ٦:٠٠ قدّاس يليها ساعة سجود  
السبت ٤ شباط: ٥:٣٠ مساءً المسبحة و ٦:٠٠ قدّاس

الأحد ٥ شباط - أحد الأبرار والصادقين:  
٨:٠٠ صباحاً: قدّاس باللغة العربية  
١٠:٠٠ صباحاً: قدّاس باللغة الإنجليزية والعربية

الإعترافات: نصف ساعة قبل وخلال القداسات

### PARISH FINANCIALS

**Amount Owing to the Bank \$11,300.56**

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### Parish contacts

**Parish office on 96430345**

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2. Mobile Phone Bill - *Thank you & God bless you Raymond & Georgette Daher*
3. Caltex Fuel Card - *Thank you & God bless you Joe & Dianne Bechara & Family*
4. E-Tag
5. Church Weekly Flowers - \$50 per week
6. Second Parish Office Rent for Pastoral Work - (\$480 per week)
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8. Utilities (Gas, Electricity & Water) \$75 per week
9. Parish Priest Accommodation (\$125 per week) *Done - Thank you & God bless you*
10. Office Phone Bill+ Internet (\$100 per week)
11. Technical Network Maintenance *Done - Thank you & God bless you*
12. Photocopier (\$100 per week)
13. Electricity Bills (\$600 per month)
14. Diocesan Levy (\$750 per week)
15. Cutting Grass *Done - Thank you & God bless you*

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**May God Bless you  
always.**

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# رعيّة مار رومانوس

## عائلة واحدة بمحبة وفرح



٢٩ كانون الثاني ٢٠٢٣

أحد الكهنة

عدد ٣٠

### الرسالة

إِذَا عَرَضْتَ ذَلِكَ لِلْإِخْوَةِ، تَكُونُ خَادِمًا صَالِحًا لِلْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، مُتَغَذِّيًا بِكَلَامِ الْإِيمَانِ وَالتَّعْلِيمِ الْحَسَنِ الَّذِي تَبِعْتَهُ. أَمَّا الْخُرَافَاتُ التَّافِهَةُ، حِكَايَاتُ الْعَجَائِزِ، فَأَعْرِضْ عَنْهَا. وَرَوِّضْ نَفْسَكَ عَلَى التَّقْوَى. فَإِنَّ الرِّيَاضَةَ الْجَسَدِيَّةَ نَافِعَةٌ بَعْضُ السَّيِّئِ، أَمَّا التَّقْوَى فَهِيَ نَافِعَةٌ لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ، لِأَنَّ لَهَا وَعْدَ الْحَيَاةِ الْحَاضِرَةِ وَالْآتِيَةِ. صَادِقَةٌ هِيَ الْكَلِمَةُ وَجَدِيرَةٌ بِكُلِّ قَبُولٍ: إِنْ كُنَّا نَتَعَبُ وَنُجَاهِدُ، فَذَلِكَ لِأَنَّنا جَعَلْنَا رَجَاءَنا فِي اللَّهِ الْحَيِّ، الَّذِي هُوَ مُخْلِصُ النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَلَا سِيمًا الْمُؤْمِنِينَ. فَأَوْصِ بِذَلِكَ وَعَلِّمَهُ. وَلَا تَدْعُ أَحَدًا يَسْتَهَيِّنُ بِحِدَاثَةِ سِنِّكَ، بَلْ كُنْ مِثَالًا لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ، بِالْكَلَامِ، وَالسَّيِّرَةِ، وَالْمَحَبَّةِ، وَالْإِيمَانِ، وَالْعَفَافِ. وَاطْلُبْ عَلَى إِعْلَانِ الْكَلِمَةِ وَالْوَعْدِ وَالتَّعْلِيمِ، إِلَى أَنْ أَجِيءَ. لَا تُهْمِلِ الْمَوْهَبَةَ الَّتِي فِيكَ، وَقَدْ وَهَبْتَ لَكَ بِالنُّبُوَّةِ مَعَ وَضْعِ أَيْدِي الشُّيُوخِ عَلَيْكَ. إِهْتَمِّ بِتِلْكَ الْأُمُورِ، وَكُنْ مُوَظِّلًا عَلِيمًا، لِيَكُونَ تَقْدُّمُكَ وَاضِحًا لِلْجَمِيعِ. إِنْتَبِهْ لِنَفْسِكَ وَلِتَّعْلِيمِكَ، وَاثْبُتْ فِي ذَلِكَ. فَإِذَا فَعَلْتَ خَلَصْتَ نَفْسَكَ وَالَّذِينَ يَسْمَعُونَكَ.



الأحد القادم:

### أحد الأبرار والصادقين

حكمة ٥: ١، ٣-٦، ٨، ١٥-١٦  
عب ١٢: ١٨-٢٤ / مت ٢٥: ٣١-٤٦

### ساعة سجود



تعالوا نسجد للقرابان  
ونتمتع بحضور يسوع  
معنا كل يوم خميس  
الساعة ٧:٠٠ مساءً بعد  
قدّاس الساعة ٦:٠٠

### الإنجيل

قَالَ الرَّبُّ يَسُوعُ: "مَنْ تَرَاهُ الْوَكِيلُ الْأَمِينُ الْحَكِيمُ الَّذِي يُقِيمُهُ سَيِّدُهُ عَلَى خَدَمِهِ لِيُعْطِيَهُمْ حِصَّتَهُمْ مِنَ الطَّعَامِ فِي جِينَتِهِ؟ طُوبَى لِذَلِكَ الْعَبْدِ الَّذِي، مَتَى جَاءَ سَيِّدُهُ، يَجِدُهُ فَاعِلًا هَكَذَا! حَقًّا أَقُولُ لَكُمْ: إِنَّهُ يُقِيمُهُ عَلَى جَمِيعِ مُقْتَنِيَاتِهِ. أَمَّا إِذَا قَالَ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدُ فِي قَلْبِهِ: سَيَتَأَخَّرُ سَيِّدِي فِي مَجِيئِهِ، وَبَدَأَ يَضْرِبُ الْعِلْمَانَ وَالْجَوَّارِي، يَأْكُلُ وَيَشْرَبُ وَيَسْكُرُ، يَجِيءُ سَيِّدُ ذَلِكَ الْعَبْدِ فِي يَوْمٍ لَا يَنْتَظِرُهُ، وَفِي سَاعَةٍ لَا يَعْرِفُهَا، فَيُفْصَلُهُ، وَيَجْعَلُ نَصِيبَهُ مَعَ الْكَافِرِينَ. فَذَلِكَ الْعَبْدُ الَّذِي عَرَفَ مَشِيئَةَ سَيِّدِهِ، وَمَا أَعَدَّ شَيْئًا، وَلَا عَمِلَ بِمَشِيئَةِ سَيِّدِهِ، يُضْرَبُ ضَرْبًا كَثِيرًا. أَمَّا الْعَبْدُ الَّذِي مَا عَرَفَ مَشِيئَةَ سَيِّدِهِ، وَعَمِلَ مَا يَسْتَوْجِبُ الضَّرْبَ، فَيُضْرَبُ ضَرْبًا قَلِيلًا. وَمَنْ أُعْطِيَ كَثِيرًا يُطْلَبُ مِنْهُ الْكَثِيرُ، وَمَنْ أُؤْتِمِنَ عَلَى الْكَثِيرِ يُطَالَبُ بِأَكْثَرِ".

لو ١٢: ٤٢ - ٤٨

### "الدرجات الكهنوتية الأساسية" - الخوري سام وهبه

١. ألقارئ والمرتل في الكنيسة أو الشّدياق: يمكن أن يكون راهبًا أو علمانيًا. هذه الدرجة هي مقدّمة الكهنوتية. هو يساعد الكهنة في الليتورجيا والأسرار وباقي الطقوس الكنسية.
٢. الشّماس الإنجيلي: يُدعى الشّماس إنجيليًا لأنه يحقّ له أن يقرأ الإنجيل في القدّاس ويعظ. كما يُعطي المناولة مع الكاهن. على الشّماس الإنجيلي أن يختار البتولية أو الزواج قبل الرسامة الشّماسية، إذ لا يحقّ له أن يتزوج بعد الرسامة.
٣. الكاهن: يرسم في القدّاس. تُوكّل إليه مهمّات التعليم والتقدّيس والتدبير لرعيته.
٤. المطران أو الأسقف: رئاسة الكهنوت هي قمة الدرجات الكهنوتية كلّها. هو رئيس الكهنة الذين يوكل إليهم معاونته في الخدمة.
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التدبير: هو الراعي ينظّم ويدير شؤون أبناء الرعيّة.

في أحد الكهنة، نُصلي يا ربّ لأجل الذين خدموا المذبح وانتقلوا إليك، ولأجل قداسة كهنتنا، ولأجل أن تنعم علينا بدعوات جديدة لخدمتك وخدمة شعبك. آمين