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3rd Sunday of Advent - B - 13 December 2020

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

Sunday: 8am, 10am
6pm, 12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday - 8.00am

Wednesday - 8.00am

Thursday - 8.00am

Friday - 8.00am

Saturday - 8.00am

Nursing Home Masses

Tuesday - 10.30am Bupa Yagoona

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

Polish Mass

6 pm - 1st Friday of every month
plus every Friday during Lent, May,
June, October and November.

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction:

Tuesday 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Saturday 7.00am - 8.00am

Vietnamese Divine Mercy Prayer:

6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Or by appointment.

Marriages: By arrangement with
at least 6 months notice.

Care for the Sick: Any time. Please
call the Presbytery.

Baptisms: Ring for an appointment



Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday 24 December - 6.00pm; 8.00pm & 12 midnight Mass.

(Please note extra Mass at 8.00pm)

Friday 25 December - 8.00am & 10.00am Mass.

Friday 1 January - 9.00am Mass.

Weekend Mass times will remain the same.



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TO STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS.**

First Reading - Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I exult for joy in the Lord.

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me,
for the Lord has anointed me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor,
to bind up hearts that are broken;

to proclaim liberty to captives,
freedom to those in prison;

to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord.

'I exult for joy in the Lord,

my soul rejoices in my God,
for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation,
he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity,
like a bridegroom wearing his wreath,
like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow,
as a garden makes seeds spring up,
so will the Lord make both integrity and praise
spring up in the sight of the nations.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm**R. My soul rejoices in my God.**

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R.**

The Almighty works marvels for me.

Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him. **R.**

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy. **R.**

Second Reading - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

A reading from first letter of St Paul to the
Thessalonians

*May you all be kept blameless, spirit, soul and body,
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all
things give thanks to God, because this is what God
expects you to do in Christ Jesus.

Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of
prophecy with contempt; think before you do
anything - hold on to what is good and avoid every
form of evil.

May the God of peace make you perfect and holy;
and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit,
soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus
Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel - John 1:6-8, 19-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*There stands among you, unknown to you, the one
who is coming after me.*

A man came, sent by God.

His name was John.

He came as a witness,
as a witness to speak for the light,
so that everyone might believe through him.

He was not the light,
only a witness to speak for the light.

This is how John appeared as a witness. When the
Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to
ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but
he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well
then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said.
'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they
said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an
answer to those who sent us. What have you to say
about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah
prophesied:

a voice that cries in the wilderness:

Make a straight way for the Lord.'

Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees,
and they put this further question to him, 'Why are
you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not
Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise
with water; but there stands among you unknown to
you the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit
to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at
Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John
was baptising.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of
heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I
believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten
Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God
from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten not made,
consubstantial with the Father through him all things
were made.

For us men and for our salvation. He came down
from heaven and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of
the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day in accordance with
the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is

seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

New COVID-19 update

From 1st December 2020 restrictions on church attendance are eased further. The following points are to be observed.

- Churches can follow a two square metre rule. **Our Church will now be permitted to have a maximum of 220 people.**
- A degree of physical distancing between persons not from the same household should still be encouraged.
- Those who come early please sit in the middle of the pews to make room for others.
- Parishioners are still encouraged to wear face masks when attending Mass.
- Singing by congregations is now permitted.
- Weddings and Funerals should follow the same rules.
- Churches are required to keep records of all attending Masses for contact tracing purposes.
- Those sitting outside must ensure they also register their attendance.
- Use QR code to sign in for faster entry.
- Strict hygiene rules are still required.
- Do not leave any printed materials or loose items lying around - please take all your belongings with you.

Dispensation is now lifted.

In light of the significant easing of the restrictions upon church attendance, the Archbishop has now rescinded the decree of 20 March 2020 dispensing the faithful of Sydney from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and the Holy Days of Christmas and the Assumption.

Under canon 1247 attendance at Mass on those days is now obligatory once again. Of course, we want people to come to Mass out of love more than obedience, but love itself brings responsibilities. Those who are of great age, have health conditions or are otherwise anxious about the risks of COVID-19 are free to remain at home and find another way of keeping holy the Sunday Sabbath. If people find they cannot get in to a particular Mass, they should regard their attempt as satisfying the obligation.

Tap & Go changed to \$5

As requested by some parishioners we have now set the value on Tap & Go to \$5 per tap. We will trial this for a short while to see if it is more convenient to use. Thank you for your contributions.

SVDP Piety Shop

Now selling 2021 Columban Calendars at \$9.00 each and Christmas Card Sets at \$7.00 come and visit us at the Piety shop after Mass.

Baptism

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Gabriel Long Nguyen

Therese Kaylyn Tran

May they always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout their life.

Launch of 2020 Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral

St Mary's Cathedral is again hosting the magnificent lights of Christmas with the event officially being launched on 10 December with the lights display commencing at 8:30pm. The lights will be displayed each night until 11pm, concluding on Christmas Day. Please help us spread the word about this beautiful event in the lead up to Christmas

Christmas Luncheon

The Parish of St Peter Chanel & St Joseph, Berala would like to invite you and your family to a Christmas Luncheon on Friday 25 December from 11.30am - 2.00pm at Jubilee Hall, 62 Kingsland Rd Berala.

Mass Intentions:

Recently Deceased: Maria Suy Thi Dang

Anniversary: Debbie Randall; Joseph Nguyen Van Thu; Dominico Nguyen Van An.

Deceased: Kahme Abdul Ahad

Sick: Marie Abi-Saab, Tom Quilty, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Marian Periera; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Teresita Martinez; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Madelyn Nicole; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet; Maria Bui Thi Don; Josette Ackad; Nivea Wani; Diana Emilie Perez; Billy; Ginette Sharok; Eugene Maulguet; Cassandra O'Keefe.

Reflection

The Signs of Jesus' Presence

In family life, we learn to trust other people for protection and care. This experience of trust within the family enables children to believe us when we testify about our faith in Jesus. John the Baptist was believed by those who heard him because he helped them to recognize Jesus in their midst. In our family life, we hope and pray that we lead one another to recognize Jesus' presence in our world.

As you gather as a family, recall that during the Advent season we are invited to pay particular attention to the signs of Jesus' presence in our world. Consider some of the signs of Jesus' presence that you have experienced. During Advent, we remember how John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus. Read together today's Gospel, John 1:6-8, 19-28. Discuss the signs of Jesus' presence in our world that you named and explain what these signs tell us about God and God's love for us. Pray together that your family will be led to recognize that Jesus is present among us. Read and pray together the psalm for today's Mass, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55).

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The NSW Government has recommended parishioners wear face masks when attending religious services as an additional safeguard to help combat the spread of COVID-19.



ROSTERS

Sat 6pm		13 DECEMBER	8am	10am	6pm
Reader 1	Gabrielle Nguyen	Ligaya Castillo	Anthony Rowe	Anthony Tran	
Reader 2	Emmanuel Icard	Philip Castillo	Thu Ha Kim	“ “	
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	Amelia & Kathleen	Elias	
20 DECEMBER					
Reader 1	Patrick Abourizk	Maxwell Asuzu	Helen Vujevic	Anthony Eltarraf	
Reader 2	Kalisiana Mar	Kiara Asuzu	Mary O’Hea	“ “	
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	St Felix	Elias	
	13 December	20 December	Notes: <u>SSOG:</u> Singing Servants of God <u>SDMG:</u> Samoan Divine Mercy Group <u>SMMC:</u> St Mary Mackillop’s Choir <u>Group 3:</u> Youth Group, Tram Vu (<i>Florist</i>)		
Altar Society	Group 2	Group 3 (<i>see notes</i>)			
Church Cleaners	Charbel Karam	Vinh Nguyen			
SVDP	J Obeid	A Nguyen			

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 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 a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Catechist & Friendship Group: Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; **Choir:** Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187;
Youth: Aurora Doueihy 0428 755 022; **Pastoral Council:** Patrick Abou-rizk 0416 035 993;
St Vincent de Paul: Diago Rodrigues 9791 5209; **Bankstown Josephite Companions:** Robyn Molloy 9707 1292;
Children's Liturgy: Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; **Cemetery Committee:** Maureen Vincent 9790 4217;
Sacramental co-ordinator: Gloria Booby 0413 294 224; **Safeguarding Officer:** Anthony Chadrawy 9790 1933;
Polish Priests: 8783 0533; **De La Salle Brothers:** 9708 2692;
St. Felix Primary School: 9796 7875 Frances Bonanno - Principal;
LaSalle Catholic College: 9793 5600 Mr Michael Egan - Principal;
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