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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

Friday - 11am Bupa Greenacre

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.

Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.

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



*"Prepare a way for the Lord
make his paths straight. "*

Mark 1:3

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your
salvation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon:

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

This weeks readings: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Peter 3:8-14;
Mark 1:1-8.

Next Sunday: 3rd Sunday of Advent - Yr B

Readings: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24;
John 1:6-8, 19-28.

2nd Sunday of Advent - Yr B - 10 December 2023

Craft Stall - Thank you

Our stall raised a whopping \$710 last Sunday. The funds will be donated to the Parish. Our very grateful thanks go to those who contributed, made or donated to the goods sold. Also, those who prepared, arranged and sold all our goods and those gents, who moved and set up the tables and took them down again. And lastly and most of all, those people, who so generously and cheerfully bought whatever we could offer and the many who made donations. It would not have happened without all of you. Many thanks Robyn Molloy.

Morning Tea

Morning Tea is on after the 10am Masses on the 2nd & 4th Sunday's of the month. Join us for a cuppa & chat after 10am Mass today.

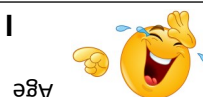
Children's Liturgy

Children's liturgy is run during the 10am Mass on Sunday's during school terms. All young primary aged students are welcome.

Home Mass

Fr William will say Mass at the home of Robyn Molloy at 7.00PM on Wednesday 13th December. We will have some light refreshments afterwards. Everybody welcome. If you would like to come, please phone Robyn Molloy on 97071292.

I am something people celebrate or resist. I change people's thoughts and lives. I am obvious to some people but, to others, I am a mystery. What am I?



Saint of the Day for December 13 - St Lucy, virgin, martyr.

Memorial

Today the Church celebrates the **Memorial of St. Lucy (283-304)**. St. Lucy (or Lucia) was born in Syracuse, Sicily, where she also died. She was of a noble Greek family, and was brought up as a Christian by her mother, who was miraculously cured at the shrine of St. Agatha in Catania. Lucy made a vow of virginity and distributed her wealth to the poor. This generosity stirred the wrath of the unworthy youth to whom she had been unwillingly betrothed and who denounced her to Paschasius, the governor of Sicily. Tradition has passed on details of her martyrdom. When it was decided to violate her virginity in a place of shame, Lucy, with the help of the Holy Spirit, stood immovable. After torture which included taking out her eyes, a fire was then built around her, but again God protected her. She was finally put to death by the sword. Her name appears in the second list in the Roman Eucharist Canon.



Saint of the Day for December 14 - St John of the Cross, priest, doctor.

Memorial

Today the Church celebrates the **Memorial of St. John of the Cross (1542-1591)**. He was born and died in Spain. His parents were poor and could not give him training in any trade, hence he became the servant of the sick in the hospital of Medina. In 1563 he offered himself as a lay brother to the Carmelite friars, who, however, perceiving his unusual talents, had him ordained a priest. When he was about to join the more severe Order of the Carthusians, St. Teresa of Avila persuaded him to remain and help her in the reform of the Carmelite Order. This reform of his order caused him such sufferings and brought him many trials. But his sufferings served only to detach him from creatures. He had a great devotion to Our Lord's Passion and voluntarily sought out humiliations. When Our Lord asked him what reward he would ask for his labours, John answered: "To suffer and to be despised for Thee." He died of a very painful disease, erysipelas, while embracing the crucifix. Because of his profound treatises on mystical theology Pope Pius XI proclaimed him Doctor of the Church in 1926.

Reflection

Renew

The season of Advent invites us to renew our lives in preparation for the coming of Jesus. The people who heard the message of John the Baptist repented for their sins and were baptized as a sign of God's forgiveness. In Baptism, our sins are forgiven, and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, who helps us in our life of discipleship. Led by the Holy Spirit, we use this Advent season to renew our lives so that we, like John the Baptist, might prepare the way for Jesus.

As you gather together as a family, talk about ways in which the example of others has called you to be a follower of Jesus. Name the people who have been examples to you of Christian discipleship and describe their characteristics that you have tried to emulate. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 1:1-8.

As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, Baptism commissions us to prepare the way of the Lord. The gift of the Holy Spirit leads us to continually renew our lives so that we might lead others to Jesus. As a family, identify at least one action that you will take this week to try to be more faithful followers of Jesus. Conclude in prayer together that God will receive this action and use it to lead others to Jesus. Pray the *Prayer to the Holy Spirit*.

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SDP Piety Stall

The Columban and Josephite Calendars for 2024 have arrived and will be on sale from Sunday. They are \$10 each. Also there are Christmas Card packs for \$10 at the Vinnies Piety Stall. Please support them.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Aleykuty Varghese

Anniversary: Debra Randall (nee Goodwin).

Deceased: Louise Rhea Descombes; Micae Lai Dinh Trung; Loris Hanna; Maria Bui Thi Hoa; Maria & Giuse; Fahme Abdul Ahad; Philippe Nguyen Cong Nhan.

Sick: Annick Duval; Fatima Fernandes; Marian Periera; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Maria Carta; Teresita Martinez; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Josette Ackad; Rosa House; Nivea Wanigesekera; Henriette Tam Tinh Lam; Laura Malss; Rolly Porto; Michael Connor; Mariano Bernabe; Maria Nguyen Thi Huyen, Claude Marie; Robert Crouche; Maureen Vincent; Karl Roussety; Chantal Roussety; Peter Cranny; Baby Joseph Akkary; Robert Waring.

Weekly Rosters

	6.00pm	10 DECEMBER	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Reader 1	Viviane Chayna	Ligaya Castillo	Helen Vujevic	Nhung Bui	
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	SMMC	-	
	17 DECEMBER				
Reader 1	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Andrew Nguyen	Youth	
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	St Felix	-	
	10 December	17 December	Notes: SSOG: Singing Servants of God SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 3: Tram Vu (Florist)		
Altar Society	Group 2	Group 3 (see notes)			
Church Cleaners	El Shaddai Group	Vinh Nguyen			
SVDP	J Obeid	A Nguyen			
Childrens Liturgy	Cindy & Belinda	School Holidays			

GOSPEL: Mark 1:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Christmas Mass times

Saturday 23rd December - 4th Sun Advent Vigil - 6.00pm Mass
Sunday 24th December - 4th Sun Advent - 8.00am & 10.00am Masses.
Christmas Vigils - 6.00pm & 8.00pm Masses,
Christmas Carols commencing at 11.30pm, Midnight Mass (12.00am)
Monday 25th December - 8.00am & 10.00am Masses.
(please note there will be no 6.00pm Mass Christmas Day)

**MARY MACKILLOP TEENS
GROUP NIGHT IS ON THIS FRIDAY
15th DECEMBER, 6-8PM.
COME AND JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
FAITH, FRIENDSHIP AND FUN.**



Baptism

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Meliza Shirly Rosemonde Broudou

May she always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout her life.



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

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 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: Anthony Eltarraf 0403 111 641; **Pastoral Council:** Patrick Abou-rizk 0416 035 993;

St Vincent de Paul: Diago Rodrigues 9791 5209 ; **Bankstown Josephite Companions:** Robyn Molloy 9707 1292;

Cemetery Committee: Maureen Vincent 9790 4217; **Sacramental co-ordinator:** Gloria Booby 0413 294 224;

PSSO: 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 Michael Egan - Principal;

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