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## Sundays of Lent

The liturgical season of Lent which begins with Ash Wednesday, ends with the celebration of the Paschal Mystery (Easter Triduum). Lent is the primary penitential season in the Church's liturgical year, reflecting the forty days Jesus spent in the desert in fasting and prayer. It appears that Lent includes a total of 46 days, but the six Sundays within the season are not considered by the Church days of the "Lenten Fast." This is on account of Sundays being recognized as a day that commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus. However, the Sundays of Lent are still a part of the Lenten liturgical season, and the worship services tend to be more simple and austere than normal. They lack the *Gloria*, and the joyous "alleluia" of the Easter season.

## Day of the Unborn Child

Sunday, 26 March. Annual Pro-Life march through Sydney CBD in support of the unborn. 10.30am Mass, St Mary's Cathedral, 12 Noon Angelus, followed by a prayerful procession through the streets of Sydney led by His Grace Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, 1.30pm Benediction inside the Cathedral. More information: [www.fli.org.au](http://www.fli.org.au)

## Afternoon for couples hoping to conceive

Married couples (Catholic or otherwise) who are hoping for children, struggling to conceive, or who wish to better understand what the Church offers and promotes in regard to fertility awareness and assistance are invited to an afternoon of information and discussion. WHERE: Dooleys Waterview Club, Silverwater Rd, Silverwater. WHEN: Saturday 18 March 2017, 2:00pm-4:30pm. Please direct RSVPs and inquiries to [lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:lifemarriagefamily@sydneycatholic.org) or phone 9307 8403.

## Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

*Nathaniel Vento*

*Jessica Le*

*Joseph Nguyen*

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



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Mass times: Saturday 6pm (Vigil), Sunday 8am, 10am (Children's Liturgy), 6pm, 12noon (Polish).

Vietnamese Mass: 7 pm 1st Thurs of each month. **Saturday Morning Benediction - 7.00am.**

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm. Or by appointment Rosary: Saturday 8.25am

**This week - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday - 8.00am.**

**Tuesday 10.30am - Bupa Yagoona.**

**Wednesday - 7.00pm Young Adults Bible Study in Meeting Room, 8.00pm Benediction.**

**BAPTISMS:** Baptism preparations are held on the 1st Sunday of each month after 10am mass in the presbytery. Baptisms by appointment.

**MARRIAGES:** Please contact priest at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

**SICK CALLS:** Anytime. If you know of anyone who needs anointing please ring the presbytery.



## Martina

For Martina, a mother of eight in Timor -Leste, escaping domestic violence was the first step in her journey to a new life. But at first, her future seemed very uncertain.

Timor-Leste is one of the least developed countries in the world, with extremely low levels of basic health, literacy and income. Most East Timorese live in rural areas, with very limited access to basic services or livelihood training, and many households don't have enough food year round.

The shelter where Martina sought refuge, Uma PAS, offered her many ways to transcend these challenges. Uma PAS is a partner in Caritas Australia's Protection Program, a holistic community-wide program in Timor-Leste that offers women like Martina economic empowerment and a life of safety in a supportive community.

Through the program, she was linked with a network of support services, and this enabled her to undertake livelihood training and start a small business to support her children. The program also linked her with a supportive community.

"Martina is a person who did not want to give up, but wanted to be able to support her family," her counsellor at the shelter says. Through the Protection Program, Martina says, "I have learnt how to change my life to support myself, and my children."

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# 2nd Sunday of Lent - A - 12 March 2017





## God's glorious presence

On a mountain climbing expedition, an Australian guide warned the tourists, "Be especially careful not to fall, this is a dangerous place. But if you do fall," he added nonchalantly, "remember to look to the right, the view is absolutely beautiful."

St Matthew tells us in today's Gospel that 'Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain. He was transfigured before them.' They were overcome with joy. This was to be a beautiful memory that would sustain them in the more difficult times ahead. Peter wanted to build 'three dwellings' to freeze the moment of presence. The poet William Blake said, "He who binds himself to a joy, does the winged life destroy, but he who kisses the joy as it flies, lives in eternity's sunrise."

On the mountain Jesus gave the three disciples a glimpse of his inner glory. He was the new Moses - the new law-giver. He was the new Isaiah the one who spoke the word of God. He was the word made flesh, the God who had come among us, in whom the Father was well pleased. On this event the true nature of Jesus is shown in order to strengthen and sustain his disciples' faith in him.

Lent invites us to experience God's glorious presence through prayers and conversion. Maybe we do not always fully recognise our mountaintop experiences, we write them off as insignificant and trivial compared with all the important and urgent things we have to do. Still, Jesus wants us to see his glory, so that we can cling to that experience in moments of doubt, despair or anguish.

Let us pray that we will be attentive to Jesus' presence within us and around us and may this experience transform our moments of suffering, fear, sickness and even death into moments of hope, joy and Christ's resurrection.

### Catechism of the Catholic Church

556... the Transfiguration 'is the sacrament of the second regeneration': our own resurrection. From now on we share in the Lord's resurrection through the Spirit who acts in the sacraments of the Body of Christ. The transfiguration gives us a foretaste of Christ's glorious coming, when he 'will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body.' But it also recalls that 'it is through many persecutions that we must enter the kingdom of God'.

This week's Readings - Genesis 12:1-4; 2Timothy 1:8-10; Gospel - Matthew 17:1-9

### Stations of the Cross

The Stations of the Cross are celebrated in the Church every Tuesday during Lent at 7.00pm.

### Ashes to Easter

A Concert-Reflection with Peter Kearney. A prayerful sequence of songs and stories on Lenten and Easter themes. Sunday 2nd April in St Felix Hall straight after 10 Mass. All welcome.



### Offertory

We would like to have more families involved with our liturgy by taking up the offertory during the 10 am Mass on Sundays. If you would like to be involved please write your name on the list at the back of the Church. This week we thank the **Bui family** for their assistance.

### Parish 2020

'Parish 2020' is a response to the call for a New Evangelisation; a call to mission. 'Parish 2020' aims to renew and strengthen parishes for our future, and provide the best possible support to clergy and parish communities in living out our missionary call in ever more vibrant and creative ways. We are now asking you to provide us with your thoughts about ways to strengthen our Parish and community by way of a quick 10 minute survey, this provides an important opportunity for your views to be heard, and for us all to share together in prayerfully discerning future directions. You may complete the survey online by visiting [www.surveymonkey.com/r/2V7XL9X](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2V7XL9X) otherwise please pick up a survey form at the back of the Church and return it to the Parish Office by 24<sup>th</sup> March. We appreciate you taking the time to complete the survey.

**Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased:** Philliphe Nguy Van Sang; Joseph Condello; Huynh Ba Minh



**Anniversary:** Florise Bruneau; Claudine Rousseby; Barnabe Rousseby; Cicie Adolphe; Norman Adolphe; Maximiliano Zambrano Jimenez; Maria Son Tran; Maria Lan Tran; Phaolo Phuc Tran.

**Deceased:** Zwain & Salam Chadrawy; Gergis, Marie & Fannie Chadrawy; Pauline Chadrawy & husband; Daniel & Rashide Chadrawy; Hanna Chadrawy; Merchad & Emila Maklouf; Anthony, John & Joseph Maklouf; Antoinette & Eva Maklouf; Joseph Mowad & Charles Paul; Mary Chadrawy; John Field; Giuse Pham Duy Huong; Tannous & Sabena Maroun

**Sick:** Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Kim Do; Henriette Tam Tinh Lam; Gerard Go; Theresa Tinh Thi Doan; Christine Formosa; Maria Tuu Nguyen; Fatima; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; Tim Logue; Jeanette Chong; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Vaoliko Pesamino

### Next Weekend - 3rd Sunday of Lent - Year A

Readings: Exodus 17:3-7; Romans %:1-2, 5-8; Gospel - John 4:5-42.

### Feasts of the Week

**17 March - St Patrick, bishop. Solemnity.**

Born in Roman Britain around the end of the fourth century. Died in Ireland about the middle of the fifth century. Faced hardship as a missionary bishop in Ireland, and opposition even from his friends and fellow Christians. Yet worked to conciliate, to evangelise, and to educate local chieftains and their families. Remembered for his simplicity and pastoral care, for his humble trust in God, and for his fearless preaching of the gospel to those who had enslaved him in his youth.

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## OPEN DAY

*Wednesday 15 March*  
**3.00pm – 5.30pm**

- Hear about the exciting changes that are coming
- Take a tour of our school, and checkout our new facilities
- Chat with the Principal
- Take part in interactive activities

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**Altar Society: 19/3/17 Group 3:** Youth Group, Samoan Divine Mercy Group, Tram Vu (*Florist*)

**St Vincent de Paul: 19/3/17** Andrew Nguyen **26/3/17** D Rodrigues

**Church Cleaners: 17/3/17:** Vinh Nguyen **Children's Liturgy:** 19th March - Maricel

**Weekend Choir: Saturday 6pm** - St Anne's Choir  
**Sunday 8am** - Singing Servants of God **10am** - Samoan Divine Mercy Group

#### Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	12 MARCH	8am	10am	6pm
C	Stephen Hoang	Philip Castillo	Jennifer Nguyen	Elias Eltarraf	
R	Patrick Abourizk	Ligaya Castillo	Thu Ha Kim	Anthony Eltarraf	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Mesake Mar	Tu Nguyen	Amelia Mezentsef	
M	Tuyen Tran	Madelyn Nicole	Bev Lamaro	Jacinta Eltarraf	
<b>19 MARCH</b>					
C	Gloria Booby	Kiara Asuzu	Jessica Vujevic	Kathleen Mezentsef	
R	Stephen Hoang	Maxwell Asuzu	Emmanuela Viner	Lucia Mezentsef	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Gloria Booby	Maria Huong	Jessie Kovacevic	Paul Ngoc	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Helen Vujevic	Phu Nguyen	