

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

All people shall see the salvation of God.

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

New rules for the place of celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation with children

In responding to the recommendations of the Royal Commission, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has instructed that new rules should be observed in the Archdiocese in order to protect children from abuse while receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Major points are;

\* The confessions of children should preferably be held in an open place where a child or young person and the priest are visible to others. In this case, however the privacy of children must still be respected; that means we must ensure that no one else can hear their confession and that they remain anonymous to the priest.

\* When children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the confessional, the door must have a glass window or, if not, then it must be kept open so that children are visible to others outside.

\* Either in an open space or in a confessional, a screen must be fixed between the penitent child and the priest so that physical contact is not possible.

We are in the process of modifying our confessional and applying these new rules as instructed. Copies of the entire letter from the Archbishop are available for you to take home in the Church foyer.

Christmas Schedule

Monday 24 December - Christmas Vigil

Christmas Vigil Mass - 6.00pm, Polish Mass - 10.00pm, Christmas Carols & Mass - 11.30pm.  
All children are invited to dress as Shepherds and Angels for the Vigil Mass



Tuesday 25 December - Christmas Day

Masses 8.00am & 10.00am, Polish Mass - 12.00pm.

Monday 26 December - St Stephen

Mass - 8.00am. Polish Mass - 12.00pm



Season's Greetings

If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney we invite you to contact us. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support and discuss the options you have available to you. Please contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on phone 9390 5812.

Catechist & Friendship Group: Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; Choir: Line Collet 0410 568 103;  
Youth : Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187; Pastoral Council: John Sarkis 0400 606 297;  
St Vincent de Paul: John Ashe 9796 1055; Bankstown Josephite Associates: Robyn Molloy 9707 1292;  
Children's Liturgy: Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; Cemetery Committee: Maureen Vincent 9790 4217;  
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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

Sunday: 8am,

10am (Children's Liturgy),  
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

NIL

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

DEVOTIONS

Benediction: Saturday 7.00am.

Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.

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: Preparation classes are  
held in the Presbytery on the  
1st Sunday of each month  
after 10AM Mass .



Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

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 - Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11;  
Gospel Luke 3:1-6

Next Weekend: 3rd Sun of Advent - Year C. Readings:  
Zechariah 3:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7; Gospel Luke 3:10-18

Second Sunday of Advent - Yr C - 9 December 2018

Saturday **8 December** - 9am to 12.30pm - Altar Servers Training.  
 Sunday **9 December** - After 8am & 10am Masses - Youth fundraising BBQ.  
 Sunday **9 December** - 7pm Parish Carols Rehearsals.  
 Tuesday **18 December** - 7pm - Parish Christmas Carols night.

This Sunday the youth & Friendship Group will be raising funds to support the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary. The Youth will run a BBQ after morning Masses and the Friendship group will be selling items from their craft stall.

A small number of the New Break Open Word books for year C are available in the Sacristy. Any reader who requires a copy please write your name on the list provided when you take one.

**Wed 12/12** - Catechesis with Br Sheldon CRS: Ready the Way, followed by Christmas Party.  
All welcome. Keep in touch through facebook - [facebook.com/StFelix100](https://facebook.com/StFelix100)

**Recently Deceased:** Jerry Andre; Anna Tran Thi Khiem (Kham); Matthew Chu Van Tuynh; Joseph Tran Trong Phuc; Alphonsus Tran Van Quoi.

**Anniversary:** Francesco Folinazzo; Rosa Folinazzo.

**Deceased:** Dominico; Phaolo Le Minh Truc, Louise Rhea Descombes.

**Sick:** Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Rukmani Krishnan; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Dinh Thi An; Teresita Martinez; Georgina Omeros; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Debbie Randall (nee Goodwin); Teresita Tenorio; Madelyn Nicole; Andrew Nguyen; Jun Ibarra; Adelle Tulay; Emlyn Beale.

<b>Altar Society: 16/12/18 Group 3:</b> Robyn Molloy, Enid Sneddon, Teresa Neang, Jeannette Chong, Anna & Willy Gabut, Letoe Hansell, Hien & Vu Bui ( <i>Florist</i> )	
<b>St Vincent de Paul:</b> 16/12/18 J Obeid	23/12/18 John Ashe
<b>Church Cleaners:</b> 14/12/18: Charbel Karam	<b>Children's Liturgy:</b> 16th Dec - Maricel
<b>Weekend Choirs: 16/12 Saturday 6pm</b> - St Anne's Choir. <b>Sunday 8am</b> - Singing Servants of God <b>10am</b> - Samoan Divine Mercy Group. <b>6pm</b> - Youth Choir.	

Readers & Ministers					
Sat 6pm		9 DECEMBER	8am	10am	6pm
C	Kalisiana Mar	Philip Castillo	Jennifer Nguyen	Elias Eltarraf	
R	Emmanuel Icard	Ligaya Castillo	Emanuela Viner	Kenneth Gan	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Cindy Hoang	Thao Nguyen	Jeannette Chong	Amelia Mezentsef	
M	Gloria Booby	Melanie Campisi	Ala Pesamino	Jacinta Eltarraf	
16 DECEMBER					
C	Gabrielle Nguyen	Kiara Asuzu	Jessica Vujevic	Kathleen Mezentsef	
R	Patrick Abourizk	Maxwell Asuzu	Thu Ha Kim	Lucia Mezentsef	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Gloria Booby	Mesake Mar	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Helen Vujevic	Phu Nguyen	

*Prepare*

Read together today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Talk about how John the Baptist called upon the people to prepare the way of the Lord through repentance. Together as a family, prepare a simple reconciliation service in preparation for Christmas. Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around the family Advent wreath. Read again from today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive his or her sins. Pray together the *Act of Contrition*. Then celebrate God's forgiveness by sharing the sign of peace with one another.

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**13 December – St Lucy, virgin, martyr. Memorial.**  
Died at Syracuse in Sicily, probably in the persecution of the emperor Diocletian in 304. Widely venerated from the earliest times, her memorial has long been kept on this day. Probably because her name is suggestive of light, her intercession has been sought for eyesight problems. Named in Eucharistic Prayer I (The Roman Canon) and remembered as a youth, radiant with Christian faith and courage.

**14 December – St John of the Cross, priest, doctor. Memorial.**  
Born in 1542 at Fontiveros (Spain). Died on this day in Ubeda. A Carmelite priest who joined Saint Teresa of Jesus (15 October) in the work of Carmelite reform and, despite opposition and imprisonment, organised the discalced Carmelites. Remembered for his mystical writings, which combine theology and poetry to describe the spiritual journey through darkness to union with God.

Walk the journey to Advent on your mobile device. Each day delivers a new video, podcast or written feature to assist you prepare for Christmas and meet Jesus in the silence, despite the busyness of the Christmas season.

The Advent Calendar App is free and available on your iPhone, iPad and Android devices. Search for "Xt3 Advent" in the Google Play store or the App store, or visit [www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3advent](http://www.sydneycatholic.org/xt3advent)

On Friday 14 December, St Mary's Cathedral will celebrate with carols and Christmas joy for the annual, and much anticipated *A Choral Christmas Celebration* concert. There will be two performances at 11am & 7pm with tickets starting from \$15. Visit [www.cathedralchoir.sydney/accc](http://www.cathedralchoir.sydney/accc) for more information.

Catholic Cemeteries and Crematoria warmly invites you and your family to join them at the annual Twilight Carols. At Mary, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Rookwood Catholic Cemetery on Thursday 13th December 2018, Commencing at 6:30pm. Fireworks at 9pm.

The Parish is having their Carols night on Tuesday 18 December commencing at 7pm in the Church. Rehearsals for this Carols night will be held next Sunday 9 December at 7pm. All are welcome.