



A Favourite Recipe



Take a cup of kindness mix it well with love,
add a lot of patience and faith in God above,
sprinkle very generously, with joy and thanks and cheer
and you will have lots of 'Angel food', to feast on all year.

Anonymous



Christmas Schedule

Monday 24 December - Christmas Vigil & Midnight Mass

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.

Wednesday 26 December - St Stephen

Mass - 8.00am. Polish Mass - 12.00pm



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.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

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

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday - 8am & 10am

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. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and
bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

This weeks readings - Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-10;
Gospel Luke 1:39-44

Next Weekend: Holy Family - Year C. **Readings:** 1Samuel
1:20-22, 24-28; 1John 3:1-2, 21-24; Gospel Luke 2:41-52

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Yr C - 23 December 2018



**Wishing you a holy
and happy Christmas.
May the Lord bless
you with a healthy
and peaceful
New Year.**

Christmas Volunteers Roster

A blank roster is available in the Sacristy for Christmas Masses. If you would like to help please place your name according to the Mass you will be attending.

Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased: Jerry Andre; Debbie Randall (nee Goodwin); Matthew Chu Van Tuynh
Anniversary: Bradley Fenech; Mary Nuner; Charles Nuner; Carmen Gorrel; Jess Nuner; Phanxico Dang Cong Luan; Anna Amodeo
Deceased: Montagna & Joseph Condello; Giuseppe Condello; Maria Rosa Fazzalare; GB Maria; Fahme Abdul Ahad; Baiba, Janis & Juris; Peter & Maria; Daminh, Maria & Frank.
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; Teresita Tenorio; Madelyn Nicole; Andrew Nguyen; Jun Ibarra; Adelle Tulay; Emlyn Beale.

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society: 30/12/18 Group 5: Samoan Divine Mercy Group.

St Vincent de Paul: 30/12/18 A Nguyen 6/1/19 D Rodrigues

Church Cleaners: 28/12/18: Mai Hai **Children's Liturgy:** SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Weekend Choirs: 30/12 Saturday 6pm - St Anne's Choir.
Sunday 8am - Singing Servants of God **10am** - St Felix Choir. **6pm** - St Mary Mackillop Choir.

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	23 DECEMBER	8am	10am	6pm
C	Gabrielle Nguyen	Imelda Dela Cruz	Jennifer Nguyen	Anthony Eltarraf	
R	Gloria Booby	Joseph Dang	Emmanuela Viner	Kenneth Gan	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Cindy Hoang	Thao Nguyen	Bev Lamaro	Jacinta Eltarraf	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Melanie Campisi	Ala Pesamino	Loreto Eduardo	
30 DECEMBER					
C	Emmanuel Icard	Mary Buckley	Anthony Rowe	Charbel Eltarraf	
R	Patrick Abourizk	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Mary O'Hea	Elias Eltarraf	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Judy Jones	Robyn Molloy	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc	
M	Gloria Booby	Chris Kreltszheim	Ala Pesamino	Phu Nguyen	

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

Rejoice

In the encounter between Mary and Elizabeth described in today's Gospel, we learn that other people can help us recognize God's presence and action in our lives. Mary travelled to see Elizabeth because Elizabeth's pregnancy was a sign that everything the angel told Mary would truly happen. Elizabeth recognized Mary as the mother of her Lord because her unborn child, John the Baptist, leapt at the sound of Mary's greeting. Elizabeth and Mary rejoiced together at the wonderful things God was doing in their lives. We too are blessed when we have people who help us recognize God's action in our lives. We pray that our family can be this for one another. As you gather as a family, work together on a word search or hidden-picture puzzle. Help one another until everyone has found each of the words or pictures in the puzzle. Talk about this experience, noticing how some people found words or pictures more easily than others and how easy it was to see the word or picture once someone else pointed it out. Observe that sometimes we need the help of others to recognize God's presence and action in our lives. Read together today's Gospel, Luke 1:39-45. Ask: What did Elizabeth recognize about Mary? (that she was to be the mother of Jesus, the Lord) How did Elizabeth know this? (Her baby, John the Baptist, leapt with joy at Mary's greeting) Pray together that as we share our faith together as a family, we may help one another recognize God's presence and action in our lives. Pray together the Hail Mary.

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Feasts of the Week

26 December – St Stephen, the first martyr. Feast.

Died in Jerusalem about 35. The feast of Stephen has been celebrated on this day since the fourth century. A Greek-speaking Jew, one of seven appointed by the apostles for special service (*diakonia*). Died confessing Christ and seeking divine mercy for those who were stoning him. Named in the Roman Canon (Eucharistic Prayer I). Remembered for preaching with wisdom and the Spirit (*Acts 6:10*), as one "full of grace and power" who "did great wonders and signs among the people" (*Acts 6:8*).

27 December - St John, apostle, evangelist. Feast.

First-century Galilean fisherman, son of Zebedee, who, with his brother James, left their nets to follow Jesus. With Peter, these "sons of thunder" form an inner group among the twelve. Probably the "disciple whom Jesus loved" of the Fourth Gospel and, according to ancient tradition, the author of this Gospel and also of three letters and the book of Revelation. Remembered for his contemplative reflection on the life and death of Jesus and for his emphasis on Christian love.

28 December - The Holy Innocents, martyrs. Feast.

In an attempt to kill the child Jesus, Herod ordered the massacre of all male children, two years old and under, in and around Bethlehem. The Holy Innocents have been honoured as martyrs for Christ since the fourth century and their feast has been celebrated on this day since the sixth century. In remembering them, the Church laments the suffering and death of children everywhere and honours all who die in innocence.