

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:37-44

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Annual Lourdes Day Mass 7 December 2019

The Annual Lourdes Day Mass of the Order of Malta will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Fisher and the Chaplains of the Order on Saturday 7 December at 10am in St Mary's Cathedral. This is a very special event in our calendar, to offer Charism to the sick, the elderly and frail. There will be a Blessing from the Archbishop and Chaplains, and vials of Lourdes water will be distributed. A reserved area for those in wheelchairs or needing assistance is set aside and access to the Cathedral for wheelchairs is from St. Mary's Rd. Family and friends are welcome. Parking for the general congregation is in the Enacon Car Park, at the end of Cathedral St. For any enquiries or should you need assistance please contact the Order at: info@smom.org.au; macolmi@bigpond.net.au or phone 9331 8477.

Footsteps of St Paul

Journey with St. Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles and the famous letters of the New Testament. Explore Greece and Greek islands in this 10N pilgrimage led by Catholic Priests that features Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Kusadasi, Crete, Santorini, Hosios Loukas, Delphi, Thessaloniki, Philippi and Kavala for an all-inclusive Land Package price of \$4490 + Tips. The fare includes Entrances & Sites as per itinerary + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + 3N Cruise with Lunch + All Breakfast & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. 2020 Departures Available: 12th May 2020 and 20th Oct 2020. For inquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300721561 or email us info@magiholidays.com.au

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;
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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 .



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Responsorial Psalm

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

This weeks readings - Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44

Next Weekend: *Second Sunday of Advent - Year A.*
Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12.

First Sunday of Advent - Yr A - 1 December 2019

RCIA – (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

The first meeting for RCIA is on Wednesday 11/12/19 with a follow-up meeting on Thursday 19/12/19. Other sessions will take place early in the new year. After successful completion of the program, the Sacraments will be received in front of the congregation during the Easter Vigil Mass next year. Anyone interested in becoming a Catholic or if you know someone who may be interested in becoming Catholic please contact the Parish Office or see Fr Van or Fr Ronnie.

St Vincent de Paul News

- Christmas cards are available at the piety stall. \$7.00 per pack of 10 cards.
- 2020 Columban Calendars are also now available at \$9.00 each. Great Christmas gifts!
- Donations of non-perishable foods are needed for local families in need. A small list with suggested items are available in the Church. Please leave all items in the baskets provided.

Thank you to all of you who have kindly donated food and/or have supported Vinnies in some way.

Break Open Word

There are a few Break Open Word - Year A books available in the Sacristy for those readers who require one. Kindly print and sign your name on the list provided if you take one.

Mass Intentions Recently Deceased: Fr Barry Nobbs

Anniversary: Francesco Folinazzo; Bernard Danh; Eugenie Thien Tai Tran; Phaolo Minh Truc Le; Phero

Deceased: Anna Do Thi Bich; Luca & Anne; Jouseef Hawa; Giuse Pham Quoc Trong; Anna & Maria; Petrovic Goiko; Desanka

Sick: Christopher Amodeo, Marie Abi-Saab, Tom Quilty, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Marian Periera; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Dinh Thi An; Teresita Martinez; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Madelyn Nicole; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet; Maria Bui Thi Don; Josette Ackad; Linda Yusnanda; Nivea Wani; Diana Emilie Perez (*daughter of Rosa House*); Lillian Jaja.

Weekly Rosters

	Sat 6pm	1 DECEMBER	8am	10am	6pm
Comm	Gloria Booby		Thuy Linh Nguyen	Thu Ha Kim	
Reader	Patrick Abourizk		Imelda Dela Cruz	Anthony Rowe	Anthony Eltarraf
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)		An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Minister	Emmanuel Icard		Mesake Mar	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc
Minister	Judy Jones		Robyn Molloy	Bev Lamaro	Phu Nguyen
Choir	St Anne's		SSOG	St Felix	Youth Choir
8 DECEMBER					
Comm	Kalisiana Mar		Philip Castillo	Helen Vujevic	
Reader	Emmanuel Icard		Ligaya Castillo	Emanuela Viner	Nhung Bui
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)		An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Minister	Cindy Hoang		Thao Nguyen	Jeannette Chong	Amelia Mezentsef
Minister	Gloria Booby		Melanie Campisi	Ala Pesamino	Jacinta Eltarraf
Choir	St Anne's		SSOG	SMMC	Sacred Heart

	1 December	8 December	Notes:
Altar Society	Group 1	Group 2 (<i>see notes</i>)	SSOG: Singing Servants of God SDMG: Samoan Divine Mercy Group SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 2: Robyn Molloy, Rosa House, Jeannette Chong, Anna & Willy Gabut, Hien & Vu Bui (<i>Florist</i>)
Church Cleaners	SDMG	Polish Group	
SVDP	D Rodrigues	Andrew Nguyen	
Children's Liturgy	Denice	Nicola	
Morning Tea	E & B Valencia	J & S Fonseka	

Reflection

Be ready

Many of us feel the pressure early in the holiday season to be ready for Christmas. But today's Gospel challenges us to be ready for something other than the gift-giving of Christmas.

Read together today's Gospel reading. As a family, talk about what it means to be ready for the day of the Lord. One of the roles of the family, the domestic church, is to be a school of faith leading one another to salvation. Reflect together as a family on how your family helps one another to be better Christians. Commit to one thing that your family will do this Advent season to help one another be better Christians. You might choose to write this commitment down and post it in a prominent place in your home, perhaps near your family's Advent wreath.

Pray together that God will help you in this Advent commitment. Pray together the Lord's Prayer or today's Psalm.

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Feast Day Thank you

The celebration we had for St Felix Feast day was a great success and was enjoyed by everyone who attended. Thank you to all those who helped prepare for the day and also those who brought in food to share. Also thanks go to those who enlightened us with performances.

Thank you

Thank you to all those who donated wool for the Craft stall. It was favourably received.

Lights of Christmas

Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral with a special Opening Night Concert featuring Friar Alessandro, the Voice from Assisi, and internationally acclaimed Australian pianist Vivian Choi.

A wonderful free community event starting Thursday, 5 December with the Opening Night Concert from 7.30pm.

A Sydney tradition, the Lights of Christmas runs every night until Christmas featuring a range of choirs.

The Gregorian Schola of Sydney

You are cordially invited to an OPEN NIGHT commencing at 6.30pm on Thursday, February 13, 2020, at St Bede's Church, 43 Pyrmont Rd, Pyrmont, to celebrate the 30th anniversary of The Gregorian Schola of Sydney. This lay group was founded in 1989 with the encouragement of the then Dean of St Mary's Cathedral, Monsignor Lex Johnson (letter dated December 3). The idea was to offer the people of Sydney the opportunity to learn and to pray/sing the music which Vatican II, and many popes before that, declared as "specially suited to the liturgy and... should be given pride of place". We invite you to come, see, and hear the schola for our 30th anniversary. Manuscript sources will be shown and sometime used. There will be audience participation with Q & A. Bookings are essential. Email Stephens.harry@gmail.com. Enquiries 9419 5838. Entry by voluntary donation.

Walk the Camino!

Two Catholic Mission Pilgrimages 2020. Small group led by an experienced guide. Sr Veronica Rosier OP (0451 387 906) www.catholicmission.org.au/camino2020

Women's Advent Retreat Day - 2019

Notre Dame Chaplaincy warmly invites women of all ages to join us for our annual Women's Advent Retreat Day on Tuesday, 3rd December - 9.00am to 4:30pm, at The University of Notre Dame 104 Broadway, Corner Abercrombie St, Chippendale. Morning tea and lunch are provided. The retreat day is free of charge, but registration is essential. Please visit www.trybooking.com/563903 call 8204 4189 or e-mail sydney.chaplaincy@nd.edu.au