

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

St Felix Christmas Carols

Friday 20th December

7.00PM in the Church

All welcome



Christmas Masses

Tuesday 24 December

Christmas Vigil Mass - 6.00pm, Polish Mass - 10.00pm,
Christmas Carols 11.30pm & Midnight Mass

*All children are invited to dress as
Shepherds and Angels for the 6 PM Vigil Mass*

Wednesday 25 December - Christmas Day

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



Catechist & Friendship Group: Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; **Choir:** Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187;
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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

Tuesday - 10.30am Bupa Yagoona

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

DEVOTIONS

Benediction: Saturday 7.00am.

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



*'I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'* Mt 11:10

Responsorial Psalm

R. Lord, come and save us.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do
not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

This weeks readings - Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; James 5:7-10;
Matthew 11:2-11.

Next Weekend: Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year A.

Readings: Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7;
Matthew 1:18-24.

Third Sunday of Advent - Yr A - 15 December 2019

Parish Diary

- Tues 17/12/19 - 7.30pm Choirs' Christmas Carol Rehearsal
- Thurs 19/12/19 - 7pm RCIA meeting (for those who want to become a Catholic)
- Fri 20/12/19 - 7pm **St Felix Christmas Carol evening**

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.

Home Mass

Fr Van will say Mass at the home of Robyn Molloy at 7.00 PM on Wednesday 18th December. Everybody Welcome. If you would like to attend, please call Robyn on (02) 9707 1292 so that she knows to expect you.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: Denise Franklins, Mary Azzopardi

Anniversary:

Deceased: John Field, Maria Bui, Paul Tran, Malis Mayanos

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; 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, Billy.

Weekly Rosters

	Sat 6pm	15 DECEMBER 8am	10am	6pm
Comm	Gabrielle Nguyen	Kiara Asuzu	Mary O'Hea	
Reader	Patrick Abourizk	Maxwell Asuzu	Thu Ha Kim	Anthony Eltarraf
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Minister	Gloria Booby	Mesake Mar	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc
Minister	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Helen Vujevic	Phu Nguyen
Choir	St Anne's	SSOG	SDMG	Youth Choir
22 DECEMBER				
Comm	Jessica Vujevic	Imelda Dela Cruz		Anthony Tran
Reader	Gloria Booby	Joseph Dang	Emanuela Viner	Nhung Bui
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Minister	Cindy Hoang	Thao Nguyen	Bev Lamaro	Jacinta Eltarraf
Minister	Emmanuel Icard	Melanie Campisi	Ala Pesamino	Loreto Eduardo
Choir	SDMG	SSOG	St Felix	SMMC
	15 December	22 December	Notes: SSOG: Singing Servants of God SDMG: Samoan Divine Mercy Group SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 4: Denice Severi, Phyllis Vujkovic, Margaret Eastburn, Giovanna LaBarbera, Denise Ashe, Chris Kreltszheim, Eric Valencia, Bach Lam (<i>Florist</i>)	
Altar Society	Group 3	Group 4 (<i>see notes</i>)		
Church Cleaners	Charbel Karam	Mai Hai		
SVDP	Thom Pham	J Obeid		
Children's Liturgy	Ligaya	School Holidays		
Morning Tea	A & L Rowe	E & B Valencia		

Reflection

Hope

It is easy to look at our world and become discouraged by the apparent absence of God and signs of God's salvation. Advent, however, is a season of hope, in which we acknowledge that salvation is both mysteriously present, even in our world, and yet to be fulfilled.

Read together today's Gospel. Think about John's question to Jesus: Are you the One? Jesus does not answer directly, but points to the signs of the kingdom present in his midst.

Together as a family, look through the newspaper for signs of hope that God is at work in our world. Pray that the world will know God's salvation by praying together the Lord's Prayer.

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Christmas Volunteers Roster

A blank roster is available in the Sacristy for Christmas Masses. We need readers, Ministers, Acolytes & Altar Servers. If you would like to help please place your name according to the Mass you will be attending.

Dawn Masses at St Joachim Lidcombe

From 16 – 24 December @5.15am. Everyone is welcome.

Fight poverty with your used stamps!

We are once again helping Mary MacKillop International collect used postage stamps to help with poverty overseas. If you have some mail with used stamps on them please cut off the stamp, leaving a generous margin of the envelope all around the stamp and bring them in to the Parish Office. We will be collecting until the end of January.

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

Baptism

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Hudson Jack Ky Borley

May he always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout his life.

Campion College Summer Program 5-9 Jan 2020

Young people aged 16-20 interested in history, literature, philosophy and theology are invited to register for Campion College's five-day Summer Program and get a taste of a Catholic tertiary education in the liberal arts. Free to attend thanks to Campion's generous donors (including meals, activities and accommodation on campus in Toongabbie) but spaces are limited! Find out more and register at: www.campion.edu.au/summer-program

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.