

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-24

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

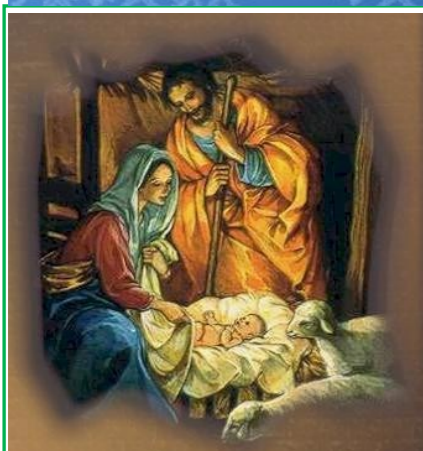
This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Christmas Schedule

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 Vigil Mass*

Wednesday 25 December - Christmas Day

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

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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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

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

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

See also Christmas Schedule

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.

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 .



*"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name
Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." Mt 1:21*

Responsorial Psalm

R. Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

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

Next Weekend: Holy Family - Year A.

Readings: Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21;
Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23.

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Yr A - 22 December 2019

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!

SVDP Thank you

We have had an overwhelming response to food donations for our local families in need. A huge thank you to all those who donated and supported St Vincent de Paul society this year.

From everybody at St Vinnie's we wish you all a blessed and Holy Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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.

Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased: George Matar

Anniversary: Eda Gaudet; Emile & Therese Hope; Rene & Agnes Bourquin; Paulette & Maurice Prosper; Saide El-Sissi; Giuse Lam Quang Tuan; Baby Laura; Eddie Helmawan

Deceased: Sione Pousini; John Field; George & Andreana Sultana; Fr Crawford; Fahme Abdul Ahad

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, Billy.

Weekly Rosters

	Sat 6pm	22 DECEMBER 8am	10am	6pm
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

29 DECEMBER

Comm	Emmanuel Icard	Mary Buckley	Anthony Rowe	
Reader	Kalisiana Mar	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Mary O'Hea	Nhung Bui
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
Minister		Robyn Molloy	Tu Nguyen	Paul Ngoc
Minister	Gloria Booby	Chris Kreltszheim	Ala Pesamino	Phu Nguyen
Choir	St Anne's	SSOG	St Felix	SMMC

	22 December	29 December	Notes:
Altar Society	Group 4	Group 5 (<i>see notes</i>)	SSOG: Singing Servants of God
Church Cleaners	Mai Hai	SDMG	SDMG: Samoan Divine Mercy Group
SVDP	J Obeid	A Nguyen	SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir
Children's Liturgy	School Holidays	School Holidays	Group 5: Samoan Divine Mercy Group.
Morning Tea	E & B Valencia		

Reflection

Trust

Joseph and Mary are our models for family life and for service of God. Even when the circumstances seemed unclear, Joseph trusted God. Healthy family life is built upon trust, trust in God and trust of one another.

Spend some time talking as a family about the importance of trust in your family life, including the ways in which the children trust the adults in the family as well as the ways in which the adults trust the children. Then read today's Gospel. Talk about Joseph's trust of God and reflect together on how your family trusts in God.

Pray together that your family life will be built on trust, as was the family life of Joseph and Mary. Pray and sing together an Advent song, such as "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

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Baptism

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Vietbaotuan Vu

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

Dawn Masses at St Joachim, Lidcombe from 16 – 24 December @5.15am and everyone is welcome.

Youth Leaders Evangelisation School 2020

From 25 January - 1 February, a week long live-in experience for youth leaders and young adults between 18 and 35 years old. The school will allow leaders to explore their call to discipleship through community life, daily prayer and building a culture of responsibility for themselves and others in their daily lives. The program encourages leaders to exercise their call to evangelisation within the many contexts of their lives, including ministry. For more information, contact Elizabeth Pasion on (02) 9307 8152 or elizabeth.pasion@sydneycatholicyouth.org

The Epiphany Pilgrimage

The Epiphany Pilgrimage, through the Blue Mountains, is a not-for-profit event of the Diocese of Parramatta and outreach of the Blue Mountains Deanery. Beginning at Emu Plains on 2 January and finishing 7 days later at Bell, pilgrims walk 110km through the beautiful Blue Mountains bushland, celebrating the Christmas season with each parish along the way. Registration and details at epiphanypilgrimage.org and facebook.com/epiphanypilgrimage

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

Love, joy and peace at Christmas

The CatholicCare family wish you a happy, holy and peace-filled Christmas. May the birth of our Lord renew you with love, joy and peace this Christmas time. For help finding help, call CCareline 13 18 19 connect@catholiccare.org open 8am – 8pm Monday – Friday

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