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2nd Sunday of Advent - B - 6 December 2020

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

Sunday: 8am, 10am
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.

Polish Mass

6 pm - 1st Friday of every month
plus every Friday during Lent, May,
June, October and November.

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction:

Tuesday 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Saturday 7.00am - 8.00am

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: Ring for an appointment



Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you,
my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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PLEASE TAKE IT HOME
TO STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS.**

First Reading - Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Prepare the way for the Lord.

'Console my people, console them' says your God.
'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem
and call to her

that her time of service is ended,
that her sin is atoned for,
that she has received from the hand of the Lord
double punishment for all her crimes.'

A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness
a way for the Lord.

Make a straight highway for our God
across the desert.

Let every valley be filled in,
every mountain and hill be laid low,
let every cliff become a plain,
and the ridges a valley;
then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed
and all mankind shall see it;
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Go up on a high mountain,
joyful messenger to Zion.

Shout with a loud voice,
joyful messenger to Jerusalem.

Shout without fear,
say to the towns of Judah,

'Here is your God.'

Here is the Lord coming with power,
his arm subduing all things to him.

The prize of his victory is with him,
his trophies all go before him.

He is like a shepherd feeding his flock,
gathering lambs in his arms,
holding them against his breast
and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us
your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.

Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

Second Reading - 2 Peter 3:8-14

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

We wait for new heavens and a new earth.

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never
forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a
thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day.
The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises,
as anybody else might be called slow; but he is
being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost
and everybody to be brought to change his ways.
The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then
with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will
catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it
contains will be burnt up.

Since everything is coming to an end like this, you
should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait
and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky
will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the
heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised:
the new heavens and new earth, the place where
righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends,
while you are waiting, do your best to live lives
without spot or stain so that he will find you at
peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his
paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God..

Alleluia!

Gospel - Mark 1:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Make straight the paths of the Lord.

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus
Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of
the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way.

A voice cries in the wilderness:

Prepare a way for the Lord,

make his paths straight,

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the
wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for
the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the
people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as
they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they
confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel
-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the
course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is
following me, someone who is more powerful than I
am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the
strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water,
but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation. He came down from heaven and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Launch of 2020 Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral

St Mary's Cathedral is again hosting the magnificent lights of Christmas with the event officially being launched on 10 December with the lights display commencing at 8:30pm. The lights will be displayed each night until 11pm, concluding on Christmas Day. Please help us spread the word about this beautiful event in the lead up to Christmas

COVID-19 update

Restrictions on church attendance are eased further to allow for up to 300 attendees at Masses, as long as churches follow a four square metre rule. **Our Church is permitted to have a maximum of 110 people** according to this rule. Weddings allow 110 people although Funerals are still limited to 100 people. Churches are required to keep records of all attending Masses for contact tracing purposes and the NSW Government recommends that church-goers continue to wear face masks when attending Mass. Social distancing and strict hygiene are still required.

PLEASE NOTE:

- Those sitting outside must ensure they also register their attendance.
- Do not leave any printed materials or loose items lying around - please take all your belongings with you.

Use QR Code to register

During this time of COVID all parishioners need to sign in at the door before entering the Church. It would be a great help if you have a mobile to **scan the QR code and enter your details** as required. Thank you.

Tap & Go changed to \$5

As requested by some parishioners we have now set the value on Tap & Go to \$5 per tap. We will trial this for a short while to see if it is more convenient to use. Thank you for your contributions.

SVDP Piety Shop

Now selling 2021 Columban Calendars at \$9.00 each and Christmas Card Sets at \$7.00 come and visit us at the Piety shop after Mass.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Thursday 24 December - **6.00pm; 8.00pm; & 12 midnight Mass.**

Friday 25 December - **8.00am & 10.00am Mass.**

Friday 1 January - **8.00am & 10.00am Mass.**

Weekend Mass times will remain the same.

Baptism:

This week, we welcome into the Catholic faith:

Joseph Luke Phan

Hazel Teresa Pham

May they always know the love of God and feel His guiding hand throughout their life.

Mass Intentions:

Recently Deceased: Noel Matar; Joseph Chien Nguyen

Anniversary: Madalena Vu Thi Dieu; Bernard Danh; Eugenie Thien Tai Tran; Phaolo Minh Truc Le.

Deceased: Mary Mun; JB Nghi; Mary Ngo; Therese Nga; Rose Nguyet.

Sick: Marie Abi-Saab, Tom Quilty, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Marian Periera; 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; Nivea Wani; Diana Emilie Perez; Billy; Ginette Sharok; Eugene Maulguet; Cassandra O'Keefe.

Reflection

Renew Our Lives

The season of Advent invites us to renew our lives in preparation for the coming of Jesus. The people who heard the message of John the Baptist repented for their sins and were baptized as a sign of God's forgiveness. In Baptism, our sins are forgiven, and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, who helps us in our life of discipleship. Led by the Holy Spirit, we use this Advent season to renew our lives so that we, like John the Baptist, might prepare the way for Jesus.

As you gather together as a family, talk about ways in which the example of others has called you to be a follower of Jesus. Name the people who have been examples to you of Christian discipleship and describe their characteristics that you have tried to emulate. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 1:1-8.

As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, Baptism commissions us to prepare the way of the Lord. The gift of the Holy Spirit leads us to continually renew our lives so that we might lead others to Jesus. As a family, identify at least one action that you will take this week to try to be more faithful followers of Jesus. Conclude in prayer together that God will receive this action and use it to lead others to Jesus.

Pray the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.

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The NSW Government has recommended parishioners wear face masks when attending religious services as an additional safeguard to help combat the spread of COVID-19.



ROSTERS

	Sat 6pm	29 NOVEMBER	8am	10am	6pm
Reader 1	Emmanuel Icard	Maxwell Asuzu	Anthony Rowe	Anthony Tran	
Reader 2	Gloria Booby	Kiara Asuzu	Mary O'Hea	" "	
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	Jess	
6 DECEMBER					
Reader 1	Jessica Vujevic	Mary Buckley	Emanuela Viner	Nhung Bui	
Reader 2	Gloria Booby	Imelda Dela Cruz	Henrietta Owusu	Harriet Owusu	
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	Elias	
	29 November	6 December	Notes: <u>SSOG</u> : Singing Servants of God <u>SDMG</u> : Samoan Divine Mercy Group <u>SMMC</u> : St Mary Mackillop's Choir <u>Group 1</u> : Gloria Walker, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Dorie Encarnacion, Hien & Vu Bui (<i>Florist</i>)		
Altar Society	Group 5	Group 1 (<i>see notes</i>)			
Church Cleaners	Youth Group	Polish Group			
SVDP	Andrew Nguyen	Thom Pham			

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;
Youth: Aurora Doueihy 0428 755 022; **Pastoral Council:** Patrick Abou-rizk 0416 035 993;
St Vincent de Paul: Diago Rodrigues 9791 5209; **Bankstown Josephite Companions:** Robyn Molloy 9707 1292;
Children's Liturgy: Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; **Cemetery Committee:** Maureen Vincent 9790 4217;
Sacramental co-ordinator: Gloria Booby 0413 294 224; **Safeguarding Officer:** Anthony Chadrawy 9790 1933;
Polish Priests: 8783 0533; **De La Salle Brothers:** 9708 2692;
St. Felix Primary School: 9796 7875 Frances Bonanno - Principal;
LaSalle Catholic College: 9793 5600 Mr Michael Egan - Principal;
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