



# PARISH MATTERS

The Parish of Sydney City South acknowledge the Gadigal People, the traditional custodians, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation of this land.

25th & 26th November 2023 | Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A

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Dear Friends,

It was so wonderful to see many parishioners avail themselves of the retreat day last Sunday. The Way of the Heart was a wonderful meditation that I hope inspire those who came to live more deeply the life of Christ.

Welcome to Tai Pham who begins his pastoral work with us this weekend. Please make him welcome.

On Thursday I celebrate a special day, my anniversary of ordination to the Sacred Priesthood (21 years). I will be saying Mass at 5.30pm at Our Lady of Mt Carmel and you are most welcome to join me.

Next week we begin our journey to Christmas. There are a number of resources that will be available:

- ◆ Advent sharing group
- ◆ Reflection cards

This year the parish has produced its own Christmas cards which will be available next week. There are two created by kindy kids at St Joseph's and one from icon painter Michael Galovic, which features a new icon painted for St Joseph school and will be gifted by the parish to the school. This Icon will also feature in our street advertising the week before Christmas. Our Lady of Mt Carmel students have also created images celebrating Christmas.



*Paul*



*Parish of Sydney City South  
under the patronage of Our Lady,  
St Joseph &  
St Vincent de Paul*



**Weekday Mass times:**

**Monday**

7.30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion,  
St Joseph's Rosebery

**Tuesday**

5pm Mass & Adoration, Our Lady of Mt  
Carmel Waterloo

**Wednesday**

7.30am St Joseph's Rosebery

**Thursday**

5.30pm Our Lady of Mt Carmel (Fr Paul's Ann.  
Of Priesthood)

**Friday**

8.00am Our Lady of Mt Carmel Waterloo

**Normal Sunday Mass Times:**

**Waterloo:** 5pm Sat Vigil

**Rosebery:** Sunday 7.30am (Rosary at 7am) &  
9.00am. Reconciliation @ Rosebery 8.30am.

**Redfern:** 11.00am

**Schools in Our Parish:**

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## PRAYER INTENTIONS

**Recently Deceased:** Elizabeth Tenggara, Jeanette Butler, Mons.  
Bill Mullins,

**Anniversary:** Angus Robertson (20/11), Maria Bidmead (27/11),  
Freida Purcell (30/11)

**Deceased:** Robert Webb, Frances Casaletto, John Casaletto, Kue  
Hock Chiu, Delfin Basilio III, Joseph Mizzi, Ernesto Ford, Thelma,  
Arthur & Janice Gray, Ethel & George Gray, Bill & Pat Clarke,  
John & Eileen Dennett, Arthur & Edna Dennett, Sydney & Violet  
Green, Hazel Holly, Arthur & Rose Dennett, John and Rosemary  
Cooley, Bill, Muriel, Marc & Jamie Wickert, Shirley Turner, Sr. Pa-  
tricia Wilkinson, Anna, Stanley & Jim Atkins, Jay Rosenstrauss.

All Souls, especially those that have no one to pray for them, All  
Souls of the Unborn, All souls in Purgatory.

**Those who are sick:** Bambo Zervos, Virginia Peloe, Edmund  
Gonzales, Paul Morgan, Mariany Hidajat, Silvana Bevilacqua, Ned  
Dalton, Livia Mio, John Calleja, Anne Hudson, Maria Tsiallis,  
Cherry Ermita Dela Cruz, Lourdes Lubrin, Emmi Moeljowati, June  
Elliot, Lyndall Storey, William Gonzales, Nhia Nguyen, Marina  
Fox, Jo-Anne Davies, Maureen Maher, Lidia Freitas, Sr Dominic  
Furlong OSU, Ana Lucia Solorzano, Jack, Ruby, John Gavan,  
Geraldine Carrington, Therese Mullaney, Manolito Agnilar

**If you wish to be included in bulletin lists, please email the  
Parish Office. For Mass Intentions please email before  
10am Friday secretary@citysouthcatholic.org.au.**

**Friendly reminder:** In accordance with the Sydney Archdiocese  
privacy policies and State and Federal laws, if you are wanting a  
living person's name to be published in the bulletin, we require  
their written permission.

Donations can be made via website or given to Fr Paul directly.

### READING ROSTER

Mass		Readers
<b>5:00pm</b>	This	Therese Poulton
	Next	Julia Nekich
<b>7:30am</b>	This	John Sciberras
	Next	Stephanie Chow
<b>9:00am</b>	This	Amelia K
	Next	Terri Lumibao
<b>11:00am</b>	This	Sr Esmev
	Next	Sandra Truong



# Dates for your Diary

- ◆ **Tuesday, 28 November**—the final Playgroup for 2023, Parish Office, Rosebery
- ◆ **Saturday, 2 December 6pm** – **Parish Christmas Party**, Eileen O'Connor Community Centre, OLMC Waterloo

## Financial Update

Week Ending 19 November

First Collection	Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund	\$ 803
Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program/ does not incl tap& go)	Supports the Parish	\$ 819

*Thank you to all who are supporting the parish financially.*

*Please use the QR code, Tap N Go, Support Us Tab from Website or contact the Parish Office to make a donation OR be set up for a monthly donation using your credit card.*



## ILLUMINATING Christmas

An Advent small group experience



**We all think we know the story of Christmas. But do you know the real story?**

This year, you are invited to join one of our three-session Advent small groups. We will undertake a fascinating historical study of this great feast of the birth of Jesus the Christ. You'll never look at Christmas the same way again!

<p><b>Tuesdays</b> 28 November, 5 and 12 December  <b>Group 1</b> - in person          6.30-7.30pm, St Joseph's Church Meeting Room</p>	<p><b>Wednesdays</b> 29 November, 6 and 13 December  <b>Group 2</b> - in person          10.30-11.30am, St Joseph's Church Meeting Room</p>
<p><b>Cost</b> Free</p>	<p><b>Group 3</b> - online          7-8pm, Zoom link provided on registration</p>

**To Register or Enquire**  
 Contact Elizabeth on 0491 939 577 or [mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au](mailto:mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au)

Gari Melchers, The Nativity, circa 1891, oil on canvas. Gari Melchers Home and Studio, University of Mary Washington.

# CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**St Joseph's Church**  
74 Rosebery Ave, Rosebery

**Wednesday 20th December**  
Reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.30pm-8.00pm

**Sunday 24th December**  
7.00pm Mass (Children's Focus)

**Monday 25th December**  
8.30am Mass

**Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel**  
2 Kellick St, Waterloo

**Tuesday 19th December**  
Reconciliation: 12pm-2pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
5.00pm Mass followed by Sacrament of Reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 8.00pm

**Sunday 24th December**  
5.00pm Mass  
9.00pm Mass (Solemn Mass with choir)

**Monday 25th December**  
10.30am Mass

**St Vincent de Paul Church**  
117 Redfern St, Redfern

**Thursday 21st December**  
Reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.30pm-7.30pm

**Sunday 24th December**  
6.00pm Mass  
(Bishop Danny Meagher DD)



 Sydney City South Parish

### November Mass Offerings

During the month of November, the Church prays particularly for the Holy Souls.

If you would like your loved ones remembered during November, please complete the special November Mass Offering envelope (suggested donation \$20) (write names on envelope and include donation)

Names will be placed in the Book of Remembrance and remembered at each Mass during November.



## Thanks to God for Our Retreat

About 50 parishioners gathered for our retreat last Sunday, The Way of the Heart. Here are reflections from some who attended.

### **Anushka Castelino:**

"The retreat and the theme was beautiful. It touched Sherman and I. We connected and with our busy life we often tend to forget God's love and presence in our love. We appreciated the opportunity to get to reflect and reconnect with God. The drawing and the group discussion was the best part for us as we got to connect and hear from everyone on all the different ways God works in each of our lives. Sharing and hearing from other believers strengthens our faith and builds love and a bond. God bless you for this beautiful retreat and thank you."

### **Andrew Kosasih:**

"During the Way of The Heart retreat, I learnt that the union of our intellect and heart is integral in our faith. I learnt that while seeking to understand God intellectually is valuable, it is equally crucial to experience His love within our hearts. Throughout the retreat, engaging in the initial steps of encountering God's love through gratitude, identifying the obstacles to His unconditional love in our lives, and recognizing the brokenness of the world prompted me to reflect on these teachings in my own journey. God's presence is profoundly personal, transcending mere theory; He manifests in our experiences, whether painful or joyful. The opportunity to contemplate this truth was a refreshing and enriching experience in my spiritual life. Amidst the constant distractions of daily activities, this retreat refueled my spiritual tank, serving as a reminder that God desires a personal connection with me. He seeks to dwell not only in my thoughts but also within the depths of my heart."

### **Bob Kaningan:**

We had a nice & blessed The Way of the Heart retreat at St Joseph's Rosebery over the weekend. The content was very fitting for anyone seeking a deeper experience with God. Many thanks to John & Anne for presenting the retreat, and to the parish for organising this retreat. God bless."

### **Bianca Rodrigo:**

I thoroughly enjoyed the retreat. It was conducted very meaningfully, which allowed me to take many insights away. The group discussions were a highlight. The facilitators were able to create a safe space, where we felt comfortable to openly share our experiences as a group.

### **Lisa Snashel:**

I had a really lovely time at the retreat on the weekend. The speakers were lovely and I especially loved the walk with Jesus. The lunch was delicious, and I enjoyed meeting fellow Christians and hearing about their experiences with God. The meditations were lovely and gave us a beautiful reflection on spending time with Jesus and how we can better serve him in our lives.

Thank you to those who gave generously of their time to help organise and host the retreat: Catharine Thamrin, Linda and Paul Clinch, Bianca Rodrigo, Dylan White and Cindy Kosasih, Bob Kaningan, Dennis Timmins, Martin Kelly, Cristina Leontini, Robert Balbi, and the WhatsApp Prayer Group.



Join us for our  
Parish of Sydney City South  
**CHRISTMAS**  
*Party*

SATURDAY  
**2**  
DECEMBER  
at 6:00pm

Eileen O'Connor Community Centre  
Waterloo

RSVP to 9353 6300 or  
[mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au](mailto:mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au)

A small circular logo with a red and blue design, located at the bottom center of the poster.



## Gathering of hospitality volunteers

This year over 30 people in the parish signed on to help organise the wonderful gatherings we have throughout the year. After their many hours of generous service throughout the year, this week we gathered to eat together and enjoy each other's company. We were also happy to welcome in the RCIA class into our gathering.

Catholics are called to be hospitable because God is hospitable. Through the Incarnation, God came to make His home in us. Through this, He opened a door for us to share in His divine life. During his public ministry, Jesus spent a significant time eating, drinking, talking and listening to others, for hospitality is the ground and condition of communion.

Our cups of tea, food, and the presence of welcoming volunteers are really saying: 'You are welcome. Come and find a home with us. I am here to listen and share life with you.'

We always need more volunteers. If you could commit to providing finger-food (cooked or bought) a couple of times a year, please join our roster. Many hands really do make light work. Call or email me to sign up or find out more. Pax, Elizabeth (0491 939 577 or [mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au](mailto:mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au))



**St Joseph's**  
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL  
ROSEBERY

24 November 2023

Dear Families

The construction of our new school site at Rosebery is proceeding rapidly and the builders are currently on track to achieve a completion date ready for the 2024 school year.

We continue to meet fortnightly with the builders, consultants and certifiers and we are monitoring the progress of construction. Below is an update on the construction of our main school building.

- Roof sheeting installation & roof plumbing complete
- Internal wall framing complete
- Windows and Frames complete
- Waterproofing and screeding complete, internal floor tiles complete, wall tiling ongoing
- Joinery being installed
- Handrail balustrades being installed
- External structural steel installation ongoing
- Lift installation ongoing
- Wall finishes commenced

As previously communicated, if there are delays in the timeline for completion of the new school building, we have developed a contingency plan for the temporary continuation of education at the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart College, Kensington site.

We remain committed to providing updates via email and compass to ensure Parents and Guardians are informed of our building progress. We will provide our next progress updates on 12 December 2023 and 23 January 2024. Additionally, a zoom will be scheduled for our parent community on 23 January to confirm arrangements and inform parents and guardians prior to the commencement of the 2024 school year. Details of the zoom meeting will be emailed to all families.

Thank you for your understanding. If you have any questions, please contact St Joseph's Catholic Primary School on 9184 6630. If you need to contact the school during January please email me directly at [bernard.ryan@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:bernard.ryan@syd.catholic.edu.au).

Yours sincerely

Bernard Ryan



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### A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney:

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes 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](mailto: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.



We are off to a great start with our Good Samaritan Christmas Collection, and Vinnies is excited to partner with us on this collection again.

Also, thank you to all those who approached me about gifts for this Collection last weekend. As mentioned, Vinnies are looking for small gifts that can be used as gifts for teenagers. Some suggestions include:

- A movie ticket
- A gift card or voucher, for example, Myer, Coles Group, Woolworths Group
- A small pamper pack
- Some make-up
- Sporting item
- Chocolate-filled Christmas Stockings



Along with the items above, other options for the Christmas Collection include:

- Toys
- Christmas paper plates and napkins
- Santa sacks



Also, please remember that any donation placed in the hamper at the back of your Church will be collected regularly and delivered to Vinnies. Last date for Christmas donations will be the weekend of 16/17 December.



**Baptisms**

We congratulate **Madeleine** on her baptisms at Rosebery this weekend.  
God bless Madeleine and her family.



Today's Gospel passage is the conclusion of Jesus' discourse with his disciples. It is about the end of time, the coming of the Son of Man, and the final judgment. We hear this description of the final judgment at the conclusion of our liturgical year, the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. In the context of Matthew's Gospel, this passage might also be read as a conclusion of Matthew's report on Jesus' life and ministry; the remaining chapters report the events of Jesus' Passion and Resurrection.

In today's Gospel, Jesus describes to his disciples the scene of the judgment of the Son of Man. All the nations will be assembled before him, and he will separate them as a shepherd separates sheep and goats upon their return from the pasture. The judgments made by the Son of Man will be based upon the acts of mercy shown to the least ones—the hungry, the thirsty, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. Indeed, Jesus, who suffered on the Cross, identifies himself with the least ones.

Recall that last week's parable of the talents taught us that the gifts that we have been given are intended to be used for the service of others, especially the least among us. Our judgment before God will be based not only on how we have used these gifts and talents, but also on how we have extended ourselves in service to these least ones. Indeed, Jesus tells us that whenever we have served these least ones, we have served Christ himself.

When we read today's Gospel in the context of the chapters that follow in Matthew's Gospel, we learn the extent to which Jesus identifies with the least ones. In accepting death on the cross, Jesus shows himself to be one of the hungry, the naked, the ill, and the imprisoned. To accept Jesus is to accept him who suffered and died on the Cross as one of the least ones.

**DO YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEED PRAYERS?**

Our WhatsApp prayer group would like to pray for you.

**Text your intentions to 0491 939 577.**





## Parts of the Mass

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### Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and divinity,  
and wisdom and strength and honour.  
To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

### Penitential Rite

Lord Jesus, you became flesh. Lord have mercy.  
You offer us salvation. Christ have mercy.  
You lead us rejoicing to the Father. Lord have mercy.

**OR**

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,

*And, striking their breast, they say:*

through my fault, through my fault,  
through my most grievous fault;

Then they continue:

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.

### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

### Nicaean 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 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 I look forward to the resurrection of the dead

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### Holy Holy (Sanctus) Vigil Mass

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

### Lamb of God (Agnus Dei) Vigil Mass

Agnus Dei,

quitollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

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quitollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,

quitollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

### Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

## PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL, THE ARCHANGEL

(Promulgated by Pope Leo XIII)

St. Michael the Archangel defend us in battle; be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into Hell, Satan and all the other evil spirits who prowl through the world, seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

# Liturgy of the Word

## A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

## Responsorial Psalm

**R The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.

Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose **R**

Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.

In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R**

## A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king

until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

## Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

## A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'