



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.

3rd & 4th December 2023 | First Sunday of Advent Year B

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Dear Friends,

In BETHLEHEM – Graffiti painted along the Separation wall, charged with political and social messages, have always been a form of protest against Israel's unjust measures. Near the Emmanuel Monastery in Bethlehem, an icon of the Mother of God emerges on the 8-meter high concrete wall, revealing with its beauty the failure of communities to love one another.

Made at the request of the local faithful and some internationals, the icon of Our Lady who brings down walls was written on the Separation wall between Bethlehem and Jerusalem in 2010. The purpose of their request was clear; an icon that could bring along hope that the wall would come down some day. Icon by Ian Knowles taken by me in May.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

May the sprinkling of this water remind all of us gathered here of our first sharing in the grace of baptism. During this time of Advent may we prepare for the Lord's coming with open hearts and minds. May this wreath be a symbol to us of this time of prayerful watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord now and for all time.

Don't forget to pick up your Advent resources:

- ◆ Daily Advent reflection cards
- ◆ Archdiocesan Advent reflections
- ◆ Christmas cards produced by the parish

This Advent form a desire to:

- ◆ go to confession before Christmas
- ◆ Spend some time in quiet prayer
- ◆ Visit the Cathedral to see the Christmas light show

Paul



PRAYER INTENTIONS

*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 St Joseph's Rosebery (followed by
Christmas Carols with St J School)

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

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Recently Deceased: Joe Joyce, Josie Shanahan, Tony Bannister, Patricia Jamieson, Meghan Mallee, Roger Lennon, Elizabeth Tenggara, Jeanette Butler,

Anniversary: Freida Purcell (30/11), John D'Souza (4/12)

Deceased: Christine McCarthy, Michael & Julia Mangan, Joe Egerton, Frank Delamere, Frank Finnegan, Clement & Rose Daly, Lena & Peter Daly, Henry Misfud, Lillian Pirschel, John & Noelene McAuiliffe, Robert Webb, Frances Casaletto, John Casaletto, 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. Patricia Wilkinson, Anna, Stanley & Jim Atkins, Jay Rosenstraus. All Souls, especially those that have no one to pray for them, All Souls of the Unborn, All souls in Purgatory. **Thanksgiving:** Josefa Antonio

Those who are sick: Jimmie Mallee, Bambo Zervos, Virginia Peloe, Edmund Gonzales, Paul Morgan, Mariany Hidajat, Silvana Bevilacqua, Ned Dalton, Livia Mio, John Calleja, Anne Hudson, Maria Tsiailis, 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.

READING ROSTER

Mass		Readers
5:00pm	This	Julia Nekich
	Next	Lenette Carter
7:30am	This	Stephanie Chow
	Next	Josette merchant
9:00am	This	Terri Lumibao
	Next	Jenny Jago
11:00am	This	Sandra Truong
	Next	TBC

Dates for your Diary

- ◆ **SAVE THE DATE!**
Friday, 31st May 2023 6:30pm
Annual Parish Dinner
Tea Room, QVB



Baptisms

We congratulate **Emilio and Luka** on their baptisms at Rosebery and Redfern this weekend.

Financial Update

Week Ending 26 November

First Collection	Supports the Clergy Remuneration Fund	\$ 760
Second Collection (includes Parish Giving Program/ does not incl tap& go)	Supports the Parish	\$ 742



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.

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

Illuminating Christmas

Last week 30 parishioners met across three groups for our first week of Illuminating Christmas, our Advent small groups. We learned some fascinating things about Christmas, and heard insightful observations in our discussions.

If you missed out on the first week of the series and you'd like to join now, please let me know on mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au or 0491 939 577.
Pax, Elizabeth

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.



Safeguarding Update

Did you know that every Parish in our Archdiocese is required to have a **Parish Safeguarding Support Officer**? The role of the **PSSO** is to support Fr Paul with proactive measures to safeguard children, young people and vulnerable adults within the Parish. We facilitate and assist our volunteers to comply with Safeguarding requirements, complete mandatory reporting and compliance measures and promote an environment of safeguarding throughout our community.


Your current PSSOs are:

Michelle Davies and **Ruth Rawlinson**.

Over November Fr Paul and the PSSO's have been working on the ACSL (Australian Catholic Safeguarding Ltd) audit for our Parish. This audit looks at how our Parish implements and meets the requirements of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards (NCSS). The first part of this audit requires completion of a self assessment that covers all ten standards which will be followed by a field audit where the ACSL visit our parish in person. Over coming weeks & months we will share more details about the NCSS and the audit.

Do you have questions about Safeguarding?

Email us at: safeguarding@citysouthcatholic.org.au



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.

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.

ILLUMINATING Christmas

An Advent small group experience



John Melchers

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!

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

Cost Free

To Register or Enquire
Contact Elizabeth on 0491 939 577 or mission@citysouthcatholic.org.au

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

Children's Atrium - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Some months ago, I made a request to parishioners who had sewing or woodworking skills to help us make some items for our new Children's Atrium of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Over the next few weeks, I want to show you some of the beautiful items parishioners have made for our Children's Atrium.

When Maria Montessori created Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, a unique characteristic of the method she developed is the use of beautiful materials to help the child to encounter God and the Church through experiential activities undertaken with these materials.

In the photo you will see the beautiful model vestments made by parishioner Gay Carey. You can see how small they are because my phone is next to them. Children in the atrium watch a presentation about these vestments, and then they can 'work' with those vestments themselves. They feel the material, learn what the vestments are for, and become familiar with what colours feasts and seasons the different colours are for.

When the children come to Mass, they see the priest's vestments and connect with what they have seen in the Atrium. It helps them enter into the Mass.

Thank you Gay for the love and care you put into making these items. Our parish wants to support our young families as they pass on the gift of their faith to their children. This Atrium is an important part of that and we really appreciate all the skill and time you put into this.

Pax, Elizabeth Arblaster



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS

COMMITMENT STATEMENT

The Archdiocese is wholly committed to ensuring the safety, well-being and dignity of all Children and Adults, and it acknowledges its important legal, moral and spiritual responsibility to create a safe and nurturing environment for Children and Adults.

The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for the abuse, mistreatment, discrimination or bullying of Children and Adults.

The Archdiocese strives to maintain an organisational culture of respect for Children and Adult's opinions, rights, safety and well-being.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP invites you to

CHRISTMAS at the Cathedral

a festival evening at St Mary's

14-25 DECEMBER

Experience the wonder and beauty of this Advent Season as we wait in joyful anticipation for the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ at Christmas

All Welcome!



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.



Today we begin the season of Advent, which marks the start of a new liturgical year for the Church. The readings for Sunday Mass are arranged on a three-year cycle. Each year features a different Gospel—Matthew, Mark, or Luke. Readings from the Gospel of John are interspersed throughout all three years. With this year's first Sunday of Advent, we begin Cycle B of the Lectionary, which focuses our attention on the Gospel of Mark. This week and next week, our readings from Mark's Gospel present two important Advent themes: the Lord's return at the end of time and John the Baptist's preparation for Jesus.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of Mark's Gospel, the chapter that immediately precedes Mark's account of Jesus' Passion. Having been questioned repeatedly by the scribes and the Pharisees, Jesus is now questioned by his disciples—Peter, James, John, and Andrew—who want details about his prediction of the destruction of the Temple. Jesus answers with many warnings about the difficulties that the disciples will face.

Today's passage comes at the conclusion of Jesus' warnings to his disciples. Jesus emphasizes the need for watchfulness. The Son of Man will come without warning; only the Father knows the exact hour. The disciples must not be caught unprepared when this time comes.

Scholars believe that Mark's Gospel was written around the time of the destruction of Jerusalem by the Romans in A.D. 70. Mark's audience consisted of Christians who were living in difficult social and political times, times of conflict. They were likely beginning to face persecution as followers of Jesus. In this difficult time, it helped to recall that Jesus had foretold of such difficulties. Early Christian communities took courage from Jesus' warning to remain alert and watchful, and they found in his words a way to persevere through suffering.

Today's Gospel reminds us that Advent is about more than our preparation for the Church's celebration of Christ's birth at Christmas. Advent is also about preparing ourselves for Christ's return in glory at the end of time. Like the disciples and the faithful in Mark's community, we must also stay alert and watchful. Our faithfulness to God, through the good times as well as the difficult times, shows us to be ready for the coming of the Son of Man. © Loyola Press

Parts of the Mass

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

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.

Agnus Dei,

quitollis peccata mundi: miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei,

quitollis peccata mundi: dona nobis pacem.

Communion Antiphon

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

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 Isaiah

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come
down
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm

R Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face
and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **R**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name **R**

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

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you
grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have
received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have
been enriched in so many ways, especially in your
teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed
been strong among you so that you will not be without
any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our
Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you
steady and without blame until the last day, the day of
our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has
joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake,
because you never know when the time will come. It is
like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and
left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he
has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake,
because you do not know when the master of the house
is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he
comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And
what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

