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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5pm
 Sunday: 8am, 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIME:

Mon. 7.00am Tues 6.00pm
 Wed. 9.00am Thurs 7.00am
 Fri 9.00 am Sat 9.00am

HOLY HOUR: Saturday 8.00 – 9.00am

CONFESSION: 10 mins before Mass
 and **Saturdays 8.00 – 8.55am**

Tuesday 5.15pm – 5:45pm

BAPTISMS: at 9.30am Sunday Mass

BAPTISM Prep: Thurs. 7th Feb 2019 7pm

WEDDINGS: By appointment.

ANOINTING MASS: 6th / 7th April 2019

HOLY HOUR: Tues. 5.00pm – 6.00pm

Our sick: May Kenny, Carmen Camilleri, Jan Gurba, Mary Carmen Borg, Norma Cook, Josefa Dabu, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Lonza Busuttill, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Thea Van Gastel, Josephine Marinilli, Joan Hagley, Amy Zuschmann, Steven Marinilli and all dear friends from Mildred Symons House & house bound.

Please read Catholic Weekly, only \$2 per copy.

<http://catholicfaitheducation.blogspot.com.au/>

READING MINISTRY:

[HTTP://CATHOLICREADINGS.ORG](http://CATHOLICREADINGS.ORG)
<https://www.compellingtruth.org>
www.vocationcentre.org.au

<http://www.ibtministries.org>

EWTN-Kids (catechism for Kids)

Catholic News Service,

Catholica; Zenith News; Fish Eaters

<http://www.liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/>

www.catalystforrenewal.org.au

<https://www.cruxnow.com>

The Catholic Thing: First Things

Sat: 9am:For the Mulhally Family; **Vigil 5pm;** Andreas Van Gastel + **Sun: 8am:**+ Marie, Teresa, Mansour & Anie Hage; **9.30am:** + +William Davis; **Mon :+ Ronald;** **Tues:** +For Souls in Purgatory; **Wed:** For the Souls in Purgatory; **Thurs:** Olga & John Nasser & Departed from the Family; **Fri:** For Relief and Deliverance Souls in Purgatory

Feast Day of St Josephine Bakhita (Saint Bakhita) on Friday 8 February 2019. St Bakhita is the Patron Saint of victims of modern slavery and human trafficking and also Patron Saint of Sudan. Pope Francis has requested Catholic communities worldwide to join him in commemorating St Bakhita's Day on 8 Feb 2019, the Catholic Anti-Slavery Day. Friday 8th February 2019. 9am for a 9:30am start for Seminar and Expo.at Cathedral College Hall, St Mary's Cathedral, 2 St Mary's Rd. Sydney. Commence at 1:10pm at St Mary's Cathedral. Should you require assistance in commemorating this important Feast Day please direct any enquiries to Alison Rahill, Executive Officer, Anti-Slavery Taskforce on 9307 8464, mobile 0439 482 290 or email alison.rahill@sydneycatholic.org



St Josephine Bakhita, also known as 'Mother Moretta' (our Black Mother) bore 144 physical scars throughout her life which were received after she was kidnapped at the age of nine and sold into slavery. Such was the trauma experienced that she forgot her birth name and her kidnappers gave her the name Bakhita meaning 'fortunate'. She experienced the moral and physical humiliations associated with slavery. In 1882 her suffering was alleviated after she was bought for the Italian Consul. With Italian families Bakhita received kindness, respect, peace and joy. A change in the family's circumstances meant that she was entrusted to the Canossian Sisters of the Institute of the Catechumens in Venice. It was there that Bakhita came to know about God whom, 'she had experienced in her heart without knowing who He was' since she was a child. She was received into the Church in 1890, joining the sisters and making final profession in 1896. Surrounded by the sisters, she died on 8 Feb. 1947.

On this Catechists' Sunday we express our gratitude to all our Catechists for their dedicated presence in the Public Schools. No matter of inconveniences you are there to explain how God is good to us. In particular we wish to acknowledge and present to Albert Dodge a certificate for 10 years of service as a Parish Catechist to students of the Public School.



Special Religious Education is the time set aside in the Public Schools for Catholic SRE Teachers from the local Church to teach children about building a relationship with Jesus and understanding His message of Salvation. SRE is mandated by the Education Act (1990) and gives parents the choice to have children formed in the faith of their family. Catholic SRE Teachers are volunteers who are approved and trained by the Church. SRE Catechists then are authorized to teach in the classroom upholding firmly curriculum whose outlines are publicly available.

"Through the intercession of Saint Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father,...."

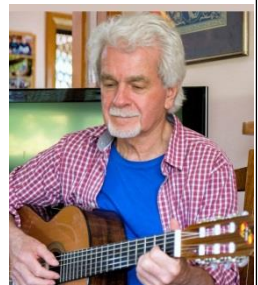
Speaking Awesome Words; Catholic University is offering on site formation program of introductory background to the ministry of Lector, exploring the historical, scriptural theological and liturgical aspects of this ministry, and then focuses on the technical skills required for effective proclamation of the Word of God in the liturgy. The program is designed to appeal to both aspiring Lectors and those who currently serve in this role. This ministry has a vital role in liturgies. It is a privilege to be a Lector. I steadfastly encourage you to follow this program for your personal and community benefits. List to provide / place you name and phone number can be found in the sacristy.

Modern Slavery Background

There are an estimated 40 million victims of modern slavery worldwide. Modern slavery now ranks as the second most profitable worldwide criminal enterprise. It is a serious crime which exploits people and can take many forms including: forced labour, sexual exploitation, domestic servitude, forced criminality and organ harvesting. It is believed that modern slavery affects every country in the world and here in Australia there are an estimated 15,000 victims in farms, restaurants, construction sites, factories, beauty salons and hand car washes and many seemingly ordinary places. The eradication of modern slavery and the pastoral care of victims is a priority for the Catholic Church. Pope Francis firmly believes that this battle will be won and slavery will be eradicated in this generation. The Holy Father continually draws the attention of the Church and the wider world to the moral and human crisis evident in this terrible and pervasive exploitation. "I have stated several times that these new forms of slavery – human trafficking, forced labour, prostitution, organ trade – are very serious crimes, a wound on the body of contemporary humanity. The whole of society is called to grow in this awareness, especially with regard to national and international legislation, in order to prosecute the traffickers and redirect their unjust gains to the rehabilitation of victims." *Pope Francis to Participants in the Plenary Session, Pontifical Academy of Social Sciences Saturday, 18 April 2015.*

We all are invited by Peter Kearney (songwriter, musician and composer) to begin the Lenten journey with his excellent recital:

ASHES TO EASTER
DATE: Saturday 9th March
CONCERT FORMAT: After Mass.
One session - 60 minutes
STARTING TIME: 6.15-7.15pm
VENUE NAME: Parish Hall
210 Oyster Bay Rd., Como.
 Admission by donation (\$10 pp).



Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bishop. His fame spread throughout the entire Church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.