

**WEEKEND MASSES:**

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

**WEEKDAY MASS TIME:**

Mon. 7am, Tues 6pm,  
 Wed.9am, Thurs 7am  
 Fri 9am Sat 9am.

**HOLY HOUR:** Tues.5pm–6pm  
 Saturday 8am – 9am Exposition

**First Friday:** 5.30pm Prayers  
 6.00pm Mass

**CONFESSION:** 10 mins prior Mass  
**Saturdays 8 – 8.55am**  
**Tuesday 5.15pm – 5:45pm**

**BAPTISMS:** 9.30am Sun. Mass

**BAPTISM Prep.:** Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 2020 7pm

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment.

**ANOINTING MASS:** 4<sup>th</sup>/ 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

**PRAYERS TO ST. JOSEPH:** Mon.  
 Tues. Thurs. 5 mins before Mass  
**Mildred Symons House Mass 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Wednesday of month at 11.00 am**

Child sexual abuse is a crime. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Or contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). The Archdiocese is obliged to report crimes to the police.

**Our sick:** Ian Duffy, Glennise Hall, Eliette Majdandzic; Patrick Lim Jnr., Barbara Eadie, Helen McGuirk, Amy Zuschmann, Dragica Furda, 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, Steven Marinilli, Emilia Huntley and all dear friends from Mildred Symons House.

We acknowledge and pay our respects to traditional custodians, past and present, of this land of the Gweagal people of the Dharawal Nation.

Country Spirit will rise from the bushfire's ashes

**Sat. 9am** Andrew Kelleti (sick) **Sat.5pm** +Helen Zobel & Les Ahkin; **Sun. 8am** +Jan Jendrzejczak; **9am** For the People; Mon. +Wilhelm & Teresa; **Tues.:** Olqa & John Nasser; **Wed.:**+Fr. Hannon & Stenhouse ; **Thur.:** For Relief & deliverance of Souls in Purgatory; **Fri.:** + Mariella Amaro

**Parish/School Christmas Party**  
**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec.10.30am**  
**BBQ, fun, games and prizes!**  
**BYO special dietary requirements & cakes to share, and even international food!**



God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**9<sup>th</sup> Dec. Mass times: 7am and 7pm.**

Compendium of the Catechism

- 64- Mary as the witness of obedience
- 85- Conceived by the Power of the Holy Spirit
- 88- Christ born of Mary
- 94- Mary conceived the eternal Son
- 95- Mary Mother of God
- 96-100 - Immaculate Conception
- 104- obedience of Jesus to Mary and Joseph
- 142- Work of the Holy Spirit in Mary
- 196- 199- Mary Mother of Christ and the Church
- 234-Heavenly Liturgy Celebrants
- 240-Purpose of images
- 429-Mary example of holiness
- 546-547- Mary and prayer life
- 562-563- Marian prayer

Advent Journey towards Christmas "The Way" Reflections Copy \$4.00

2<sup>nd</sup> Rite of Reconciliation on 19<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm. Visiting priests will kindly assist us to be in touch with Divine Grace of Spiritual Healing. Please come even for a blessing and a sense for fellowship of prayer for one another.

**Jennifer**, our musician and singer is getting ready for the Family Mass 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 6pm. Children are most welcome to take part in preparation and participate on the day. Please ring Parish Office to enrol.

**Advent Wreath:** The **first candle** symbolizes **Hope** and is called the "Prophet's Candle." The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival. The **second candle** represents **Faith** and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David. The **third candle** symbolizes **Joy** and is called the "Shepherd's Candle." To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the color rose signifies joy. The **fourth candle** represents **Peace** and is called the "Angel's Candle." The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace--He came to bring people close to God and to each other again. The **fifth candle** represents **Light and Purity** and is called "Christ's candle." It is placed in the middle and is lit on Christmas Day.

Mass in Mildred Symons House will be celebrated on third Wednesday of each month at 11am. (In the future Mass will be weekly). We are grateful to the Administration of the Home for their support in this matter.



**Pope Francis Awards:** 17 Students from St. Joseph's School joined other students (nearly 700) from 63 Sydney Catholic Schools award presentation at All Saints Church Liverpool to celebrate their achievements. Part of their voluntary activities were 71 hours each as Altar Servers, gardening around the Church, covering books in the Library and ..., as well as raising \$1700.00 for disadvantaged students. Congratulations to all!

Dear Friends, if you wish to take part in preparation of the church for Christmas in the ways of cleaning, please contact the office to get more information.

The word "Advent" is derived from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming," which is a translation of the Greek word *Parousia*. Most know Advent today as a time of anticipation and expectation of the birth of Christ. However, Advent began as early as the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> centuries as a time of fasting and prayer for new Christians. The first mention of Advent occurred in the 300's A.D at a meeting of church leaders called the Council of Saragossa. It gradually developed into a season that stretched across the month of December. Advent lasts for four Sundays leading up to Christmas. The Advent season not only symbolizes the waiting for Christ's birth but also for his final return.

"Treasures of Italy" 12<sup>th</sup> May – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2020 with Fr Jerzy as a chaplain. See Notice board.

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