



Parish Matters

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1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 30TH NOVEMBER / 1ST DECEMBER 2019

The Catholic Community of 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.

PARISH DIARY

Monday 2/12

7.00am Liturgy of the Word with
Communion, Rosebery

Tuesday 3/12

St Francis Xavier

5.00pm Mass, Waterloo followed by
Adoration

Wednesday 4/12

OFFICE UNATTENDED

7.00am Mass, Rosebery

Thursday 5/12

7.00am Mass, Rosebery

RCIA 7.00pm

Rosebery Meeting Room

Friday 6/12

8.00am Mass, Redfern

Sat 7/12

2nd Sunday of Advent

Waterloo

Adoration: 4pm, Rosary: 4.30pm,
Confession: from 4.30pm,
Benediction: 4.45pm
5.00pm Vigil*

Sunday 8/12

Rosebery

7.30am & 9.30am

Redfern

11.00am

*The Sacrament of Baptism is held
within Mass, highlighting the
importance of being baptised into the
community of God.*

**A reminder: Attendance at the Vigil
Mass fulfils one's Sunday obligation
(Code of Canon law 1248§1)*

Dear friends,

As we begin this season of Advent, the Church calls us to wait for the birth of the Lord Jesus. Waiting is not easy! May this season teach the spirituality of waiting...

*Gracious God,
there's so much waiting in my life.
I wait in lines,
I wait for a better job,
I wait for others,
I wait for financial security,
I wait for a doctor's report,
I wait for love,
I wait for pain to abate,
and I even wait for death.*

*Sometimes the waiting erodes my joy and fills me with dread.
Help me find waiting to be the friend that invites me
into the spaciousness of stillness.
Give me the grace to refrain from rushing ahead
in order to bring waiting to an end.
Instead, let me find joy in the waiting itself.
I ask this for the sake of your love.*

Amen.

Advent Wreath Response

Fr Paul: Let us pray that this Advent, we will strive to make a lasting place in our lives for Jesus the Christ Child. The response is **Come, Lord Jesus.**

All: May there be harmony in all our relationships. May sharp words, envious thoughts, and hostile feelings be gently dissolved.

Come, Lord Jesus.

All: May we give and receive love generously. May this love echo in our hearts like the sound of joyful bells. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

All: May the hope of this sacred season settle in our souls. Let it be a foundation of courage when times of distress threaten us.

Come, Lord Jesus.

For security reasons CCTV has been installed in the foyer of OLMC church and at the front of the presbytery. Lighting to the carpark and a new fence will also be installed in the next few weeks.

Fr Paul Smithers | Parish Priest |
Follow on *Instagram & Twitter*: @frpaulsydney
Sr Rosemary Mitchell RSJ Pastoral Associate

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Pick up your copy of "The Way" a beautiful booklet with Daily Reflections to prepare for Advent and Christmas. If you would like to make a donation, please put in Catholic Weekly slot (Rosebery), Catholic Weekly plate (Waterloo) and give to Fr Paul at Redfern.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CITY SOUTH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Fr. Barry Nobbs; Fr William Hannon.

Death Anniversaries: Freida Purcell (30 Nov); Sebastian Lentini (5 Dec).

Those who are sick: Patricia Frost; Marlic Erland; Ana Lucia Solorzano; Dalila Quinatoa; Luis Chin; Mary Cunney; Joan Kenny; Abrelita Aguillar; Rosemary Cooley; Pat Frost; Helen Abbey; Joan Buist; and all the housebound.

Remembered in the Masses and names recorded at the Archdiocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel: June E. Lupton OAM; Joseph Mizzi, Charlie & Carmen Vassallo; Arthur & Janice Gray; Ethel & George Gray; Bill & Pat Clarke; Sydney & Violet Green; Arthur & Edna Dennett; John & Eileen Dennett; Hazel Holly; Arthur and Rose Dennett; Carmen Bonello; Bonello Family; Bill, Muriel and Marc Wickert; Shirley Turner; Sr Patricia Wilkinson; Anna, Stanley & Jim Atkins; Therese & Alfred Scerri; Margaret & Joseph Fenech; Isabel Fenech; Joseph & Rose Lia; Robert Clarke; Jay Rosenstrauss. All Souls, especially those that have no one to pray for them; All Souls of the Unborn.

Anniversary of Ordination: Fr Paul Smithers (30 Nov 2002).

Birthdays: Isla Foster (2 Dec); Elisa Papagianopoulos (3 Dec); Joseph Jerry Arriescado (4 Dec); Mitchell Borg, Linda Amerillo (5 Dec).

If you would like your name included in this section please email the parish office.

For Mass offerings, please use the envelopes available on the notice tables.

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

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



Morning Tea at Rosebery after 9.30am Mass Sunday 1 December.

ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Appeal will be conducted after all Masses on the weekend **14/15 December**. Cash donations towards this appeal will be gratefully received by the Society and are tax deductible. If you wish to bring toys and other gifts, please do so on the appeal weekend so as to carry out effective early distribution to those in need. *Thank you in advance.*

Reaching Out to Others this Christmas

Do you have unused soap and other toiletries left over from last year's Christmas or Mother's Day? Why not "regift" them to someone who would really appreciate it. An "Inner City Women and Girls 18 + Service" would appreciate new-looking gifts of scented soap/body wash/moisturiser etc. to give to their clients who experience disadvantage at Christmas. Please bring to the church and leave in the basket at the back. We are collecting up to next Sunday 1st December. *Thank you.*

Movie Afternoon

Our last Movie Afternoon for this year is at Rosebery Parish Hall is on **Sunday Dec 8 at 1.30pm**. Join us for some old-fashioned cinema fun and afternoon tea. Showing the classic Chitty Chitty Bang Bang starring Dick Van Dyke and Sally Ann Howes. All welcome.

Waterloo Rosters		Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
5pm	This		Melissa	Yvonne Smith, Mark Blackman
	Next		Steven	
<i>Overhead Projector</i>			<i>Melissa, Wendy</i>	
Cleaners	1			

Redfern Rosters	Readers	Extraordinary Minister of Communion	Commentators	Music
December 1	Natasha / Kathleen	Clare / Frank	To Be Confirmed	Helen
December 8	Jack	Sheila / Ralph	To Be Confirmed	Chris Christine

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

(electronic transfers only):

Thank you for your contributions towards our Parishes.

Rosebery

Account Name: Rosebery Parish Church Account

BSB: 062 784 | **Account No.:** 053 750 02

Redfern

Account name: Redfern Parish Church Account

BSB: 062 784 | **Account No.:** 208 450 00

Waterloo

Account name: Waterloo Parish Church Account

BSB: 062 784 | **Account No.:** 062 750 01

The Tap N Go facility is an alternate way of giving to the 2nd Collection. It is not a payment to enter the Church. We thank those who use this facility and remind you that the funds go to 2nd Collection which is for the upkeep of the Church and administration expenses. Please continue to give to the 1st Collection plate which supports the Priests.

JOIN YOUR LOCAL TWILIGHT RETREAT

WHERE: St Patrick's Crypt, 20 Grosvenor St, Church Hill

WHEN: Friday, 5 December 2019

TIME: 5.30pm – 7.00 pm

Enter the Crypt via the courtyard gate

Lights of Christmas

Celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the **Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral** with a special Opening Night Concert featuring Friar Alessandro, the Voice from Assisi and internationally acclaimed Australian pianist Vivian Choi. A wonderful free community event starting **Thursday, 5 December with the Opening Night Concert from 7.30pm.** The Lights of Christmas runs every night until Christmas.

The Advent Wreath

The Advent wreath is rich in Christian symbolism. It is made of evergreen boughs formed in a circle. The Advent wreath holds four candles: three purple and one pink; some wreaths also have a white candle in the centre.



The Circle: No Beginning or End

The wreath is formed in a circle, which has no beginning or end. This reminds us of our God, who is eternal - without beginning or end. The shape of the Advent wreath also represents the gift of eternal life won for us by Jesus' dying and rising to new life.

Purple: Royalty and preparation

There are three purple candles: one for the first, the second and fourth weeks of Advent. Purple is the symbol of royalty and preparation. Purple reminds us of Jesus' coming as Prince of Peace, and King. Our Advent prayer, acts of kindness and self-denial help make our hearts ready to welcome Jesus our Lord, as he comes to us on Christmas Day.

Rose: Joy

Rose is the colour of joy. The Rose candle is used in third Sunday of Advent, called Joyful Sunday (Gaudete Sunday in Latin).

White: Jesus

The white candle at the centre of the Advent wreath is lit on Christmas day. The white candle represents Jesus, the pure and spotless Lamb of God, born of Mary to lead us to the house of the Father. He is the fullness of our Christmas joy!

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CITY SOUTH
ROSEBERY REDFERN WATERLOO

Christmas MASS TIMES

St. Joseph's Church
74 Rosebery Ave, Rosebery

Thursday 19th December
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)
6-8pm with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesday 24th December
5.00pm (Children's Focus)

Wednesday 25th December
Midnight, 9.00am

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Church
2 Kellick St, Waterloo

Tuesday 17th December
Mass 5.00pm
followed by Reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7pm.

Wednesday 25th December
10.30am

St. Vincent de Paul Church
117 Redfern St, Redfern

Tuesday 24th December
7:30pm

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Rosebery Rosters

Readers

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

7:30am

This

Kath A. & Josette M.

Charlotte B.

Next

Michael B. & John S.

Kath A.

9:30am

This

Nancy P. & Pilar P.

Lisa S. & Nancy P.

Next

Jennifer M. & Maria M.

Pilar P. & Nancy P.

Counters

This

T. McDonald, G.Elliott & T. Lumibao

Next

N & P & A Paredes

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Is 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9.

R. see v.1. (R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**
2. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David. **(R.)**
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!' **(R.)**
4. For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!' For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone

grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

READERS ROSTERS

The rosters will be prepared in the coming weeks for commencement January 2020. If you have not already done so please contact the Parish Office if you wish to be included. Volunteers will be included on rosters, however if you do not complete a Working With Children Check (WWCC) and the Archdiocese Training (SALT) and submit to office for verification (together with your date of birth) by February, we will have to remove you from the roster.

The link for WWCC <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check> and for Archdiocese Training <https://bit.ly/2ZvKdfl>

Catholic Community of City South Christmas Party

The Catholic Parishes of City South will
be holding a Christmas Party on
Saturday, 14 December after 5pm Mass at
Waterloo.

Our Lady of Mt Carmel School, Waterloo

Graduation and Thanksgiving Mass - Friday 13 December 9.00am,
OLMC Church.

Life is Changed not Ended

The church calls us to pray for those who have died. We remember them specifically through the sacrifice of the Mass. In each church there will be a Book of the Names of the Dead. Those who are buried from our Community (records dating back 10 years), have their names written in the book and will be perpetually remembered at Masses. It will be updated by the Parish Office so please do not write in it.



Eileen O'Connor (1892-1921), Servant of God, attended Mass at Redfern and Waterloo and attended Our Lady of Mt Carmel School Waterloo. May she pray for us in our journey to unity and our desire to build a Church of welcome, respect and support.