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2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 7TH / 8TH 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 9/12

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7.00am Liturgy of the Word with
Communion, Rosebery

Tuesday 10/12

5.00pm Mass, Waterloo followed by
Adoration

Wednesday 11/12

7.00am Mass, Rosebery

Thursday 12/12

7.00am Mass, Rosebery

RCIA 7.00pm
Rosebery Meeting Room

Friday 13/12

8.00am Mass, Redfern
9.00am Graduation Mass OLMC

Sat 14/12

3rd Sunday of Advent

Waterloo

Adoration: 4pm, Rosary: 4.30pm,
Confession: from 4.30pm,
Benediction: 4.45pm
5.00pm Vigil* *Baptism of Rory & Matilda O'Keeffe*
Parish Christmas Party

Sunday 15/12

Rosebery

7.30am & 9.30am *Baptism of Cassia Kerr*

Redfern

11.00am *Baptism of Maria Nguyen*

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,

This Sunday we light the second Advent candle. It symbolises peace. As we journey towards Christmas may our hearts be at peace with whatever is happening in our lives. For many different reasons sometimes we experience the absence of peace even though we've tried our best at reconciliation and forgiveness. Sometimes we have to be at peace with not having the closure or peace we desire.

Ever-Faithful God

Grant us the courage to be people who cultivate peace

Peace in our hearts

Peace in our homes

Peace in our community

Peace in our country and our world

Peace for all those who long for an end to turmoil, violence and injustice in their lives.

A peace built on truth, justice, love and freedom.

May we accept our mission to bring the light of Your peace to all people on Earth.

Paul



Advent Wreath Response

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

Fr Paul: May we keep our eye on the Star of Bethlehem that leads us to the Truth, faith and illumination.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Fr Paul: May the wonder and awe that fills the eyes of children be awakened in us. Let it lead us to renewed awareness and appreciation of all that we take for granted. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Fr Paul: May we daily open the gift of our lives and be grateful for the hidden treasure it contains .

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

God, your stars shine brightly above me, like the Star of Bethlehem. May your brilliant star, Jesus, be my star too. May it guide me toward you in this Advent season.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CITY SOUTH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Death Anniversaries: Desmond Coates; Ester Lopez, Elizabeth Joy Bornor, Sebastian Lentini (10 Dec).

Those who are sick: 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: John Agnel D’Souza; Raymond & Dorothy Blackman; 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 Rosenstraus. All Souls, especially those that have no one to pray for them; All Souls of the Unborn.

Birthdays: Christopher Nonis, Pili Harjanto (7 Dec); Blake Snashel (8 Dec); Ashley, Haru Chow (11 Dec); Tim Downs (13 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:

O people of Sion, behold,
the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard
in the joy of your heart.

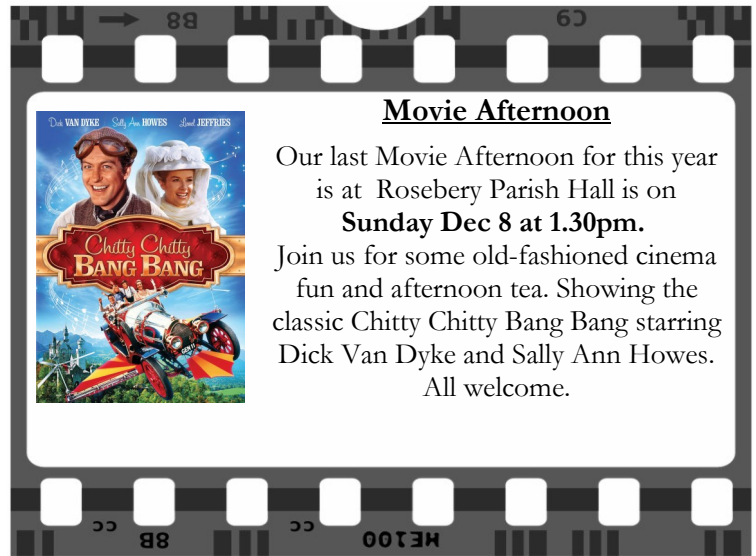
COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights,
and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

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.*

Sydney Volleyball in the Park If you would like to play some volleyball in the park, there are no fixed teams, just mix and match, aim for fairly balanced teams. Anyone who wants to run around madly chasing a ball in the park. This event is open to all experience levels: 1st timers, beginners, intermediate and advanced. Age group is 18 and above. Where: Sydney Park in Alexandria / Saint Peters. We play in the large flat open area known as The Green. This is near the Kiosk/Cafe and children's playground. Every Sunday afternoon, from 2pm. Cost (payable on the day): \$1 per person if you are on the "Going" list; \$5 per person if you are not on the "Going" list. For more information, please go to the following link and click on Going for any of our events if you are attending: <https://www.meetup.com/Sydney-Volleyball-in-the-Park/> See you there, Ronell and Tim.



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	Steven	Yvonne Smith, Mark Blackman
	Next	David Mc	
Overhead Projector		Melissa, Wendy	
Cleaners	2		

Redfern Rosters	Readers	Extraordinary Minister of Communion	Commentators	Music
December 8	Jack	Sheila / Ralph	Esme y	Chris / Christine
December 15	The Tongan Community	The Tongan Community	The Tongan Community	The Tongan Community
December 22	Maria / Ralph	Christine / Chris	Sheila	Helen
December 29	Clayton / David	Kate / John, Deborah	To Be Confirmed	To Be Confirmed

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

(electronic transfers only):

Thank you for your contributions towards our Parishes.

Rosebery (2nd Collection Nov \$2,980.55)

Account Name: Rosebery Parish Church Account

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

Redfern (2nd Collection Nov \$929.80)

Account name: Redfern Parish Church Account

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

Waterloo (2nd Collection Nov \$1,673.05)

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.

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

FIND US ON FACEBOOK

Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral

Extended Cathedral Opening Hours, Bell-ringing from 6:30pm
Cathedral and Cathedral Store open until 10pm (unless advised otherwise) Lights of Christmas Choir performance - CASPA Choir - 7:30pm **Lights from 8:30pm**

The Story of the Jesse Tree

The Jesse Tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot will spring forth from the stump of Jesse, and a branch out of his roots." It is a vehicle to tell the Story of God in the Old Testament, and to connect the Advent Season with the faithfulness of God across 4,000 years of history. The Branch is a biblical sign of newness out of discouragement, which became a way to talk about the expected messiah (e.g., Jer 23:5). It is therefore an appropriate symbol of Jesus the Christ, who is the revelation of the grace and faithfulness of God. Many thanks to Sr Rosemary who has created a Jesse Tree for each of our churches.

Gospel Reflection

Back to the garden Among the cards arriving daily are the usual crèche scenes, angels, wise men, shepherds, and Bethlehem stars like searchlights against the night. Truth be told, there are plenty of Santas and reindeer, snowfolk, and cute animals too. But somewhere is the odd pairing of a lion and a lamb snuggling together - which never happens in Isaiah's prophecy, by the way. The lamb hosts the wolf, and the calf dines with the lion, but no matter. The idea is that the world's original harmony is achievable, if we all retract our claws and keep our teeth to ourselves. Be a peacemaker!

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12 (4). "The calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to lead them."

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Catholic Community of City South

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

Rosebery Rosters

Readers

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

7:30am	This	Michael B. & John S.	Kath A.
	Next	Charlotte B. & Ronell P.	John S.
9:30am	This	Jennifer M. & Maria M.	Pilar P. & Nancy P.
	Next	Nancy P. & Pilar P.	Pilar P. & Lisa S.
Counters	This	N & P & A Paredes	
	Next	M. Cunney, C. O'Brien	

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Is 11:1-10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless, his sentences bring death to the wicked. Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips. The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea. That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17.

R. cf. v.7 (R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. **(R.)**
2. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to the earth's bounds. **(R.)**
3. For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. **(R.)**
4. May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. **(R.)**

Second Reading Rom 15:4-9

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing your name.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

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>

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.