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3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | 14TH / 15TH 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 16/12

7.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion, Rosebery

Tuesday 17/12

5.00pm Mass, Waterloo followed by Adoration and Sacrament of Reconciliation until 7.00pm

Wednesday 18/12

7.00am Mass, Rosebery

Thursday 19/12

7.00am Mass, Rosebery
6.00pm-8.00pm Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, Rosebery

RCIA on break will resume 23 January

Friday 20/12

8.00am Mass, Redfern

Sat 21/12

*4th Sunday of Advent
Waterloo*

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

Sunday 22/12

Rosebery

7.30am & 9.30am Baptism of Emily Caldwell & Ariana Cogbe

Redfern

11.00am

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



Mary is the Holy House who bore God in her womb and is forever to be honoured

See: www.radiantlight.org.uk

Advent Wreath Response: Come, Lord Jesus.

Fr Paul: Let us pray as we begin the third week of Advent, let us wait in joy for the coming of Emmanuel.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus.

Fr Paul: May we have the courage to spread the joy of the Gospel.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus.

Fr Paul: May the joy and light of Christ permeate our hearts and minds.

Response: Come, Lord Jesus.

Fr Paul: May we constantly seek to be a place of joyful hope and trust in the Lord.

Response: 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 KHS | 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

Recently Deceased: Gerald D'Mellow, Margaret Joan Bonner.

Death Anniversaries: Margaret Carroll, Joe Kerr (16 Dec); Geoff Shalala (17 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: Urbicia Machado; Leonard & Dorothy Taylor; 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: Aidan Downs (15 Dec); Teresita Aguirre (16 Dec); Jason Fong, Juana Crespi, Benjamin Walker (17 Dec); Richard Hannigan, John Cooley, Samantha del Castillo (18 Dec); Phillip Merchant, Gloria Silva, Stephen Middleton (20 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:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.



Baptism

We congratulate **Rory and Matilda** being baptised at Waterloo, **Cassia** being baptised at Rosebery and **Maria** being baptised at Redfern. God bless you and your family. Fr Paul

Thank you to Livia, Bernard and Kevin for volunteering and patrolling gates for the 4 days of the Golf Open. The money raised will be distributed to St Vincent de Paul, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Phetchabun (Thailand), Christians in the Holy Land through Order of the Holy Sepulchre and various pastoral needs of our Community. Fr Paul.

ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Appeal will be conducted **this weekend**. 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.*

New Rosters commencing January 2020 (Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Rosebery and Readers Waterloo) are available for collection. Thank you to those that have volunteered. If you would like to join the roster, please contact the parish office.

All current volunteers have been 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>

Waterloo Rosters	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
5pm	This	David Mc	Yvonne Smith, Mark Blackman
	Next	Redfern / Ika	
Overhead Projector		Melissa, Wendy	
Cleaners	2		

Redfern Rosters	Readers	Extraordinary Minister of Communion	Commentators	Music
December 15	Clayton / David	Kate / John, Deborah	David Allen	Heln
December 22	Maria / Ralph	Christine / Chris	Sheila	Helen
December 29	The Tongan Community	The Tongan Community	The Tongan Community	The Tongan Community

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.

A BIG Thank you to all those Parishioners who generously donated toiletries for the Women Emergency Services. These donations will greatly assist those in need.

SAVE THE DATE

Mass to celebrate the Cause for the Beatification and Canonisation of Eileen O'Connor

St Mary's Cathedral Thursday 20 February 5.30pm.

Prayer for the Beatification of Eileen O'Connor

Great and Merciful God,
through the maternal love of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
you inspired your servant Eileen O'Connor,
to care for the sick and dying poor
and to serve your Church through spiritual
and corporal works of mercy.

Listen graciously to our prayers, and grant that Eileen may be raised to the glory of your altar.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

We require volunteers to distribute the Christmas Mass time flyers to letterboxes in the Rosebery/Waterloo and Redfern areas.

If you are able to assist, pick them up from the foyer of each Church. They are bundled in street order, so you can take the ones that you believe you will be able to distribute.

Many thanks.

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

Christmas Choir Rehearsal
Monday 23 December
St Joseph's Church, Rosebery,
beginning at 7:00pm.
Join in singing for either 5:00pm Vigil
Mass or Midnight Mass or both.
All Welcome.

We require Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for Christmas Masses. You will find sign on sheets in the foyers of each Church. Please write your details together with contact details (so we can email you readings). *Thank you.*

Rosebery Rosters		Readers	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
7:30am	This	Charlotte B. & Ronell P.	John S.
	Next	Kath A. & John S.	Charlotte B.
9:30am	This	Nancy P. & Pilar P.	Pilar P. & Lisa S.
	Next	Abbey K. & Amelia K.	Lisa S. 7 Nancy P.
Counters	This	M. Cunney, C. O'Brien	
	Next	T. Ellery, E. DiCristo, P.DiCristo	

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Is 35:1-6, 10

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 145:6-10.

(R.) Lord, come and save us.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. **(R.)**
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

Second Reading Jas 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to

see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral

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**. A Sydney tradition, the Lights of Christmas runs every night until Christmas featuring a range of choirs.

National Pilgrimage of the Relics of Saints Therese, Louis and Zelig Martin

The National Pilgrimage of the Relics of Saints Therese, and her parents, Louis and Zelig, will be making their way around the Archdiocese of Sydney in February and March 2020. The full itinerary is on the noticeboard so you know where and when they will be to take this opportunity to venerate the relics.

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.



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.