

Parish Office Hours: Revised during Holiday Season

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH | 28TH / 29TH 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 30/12

7.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion, Rosebery

Tuesday 31/12

5.00pm Mass, Waterloo followed by Adoration

Wednesday 1/1/20

9.00am Mass, Rosebery

Thursday 2/1

No Mass

Friday 3/1

No Mass

Sat 4/1

No Morning Mass

The Epiphany of the Lord **Waterloo**

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

Sunday 5/1

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,

Joseph, in today's Gospel, clearly acts as the father of the family. To him is given the revelation that danger is at hand and they must flee to Egypt. To him is given the further revelation that it is safe to return to their homeland. Whether going or coming Joseph is attentive to both the needs of his family and the overtures of God's Presence and guidance. He is head of the Holy Family: one in which the members discern God's will, risk change for each other's growth and good, and are united in fidelity to God and each other. This feast calls us to be this same kind of holy family.



The picture shows Our Lady feeding Jesus in a quiet moment after their escape. The image is located in the Milk Grotto in the Holy Land.



For security reasons CCTV has been installed in the foyer of OLMC church and at the front of the presbytery.

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

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH, make our family one with you and help us to be instruments of peace. Grant that love, strengthened by grace, may prove mightier than all the weaknesses and trials through which our families sometimes pass. Amen.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CITY SOUTH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Margaret Buchan.

Death Anniversaries: Guido Verardo; Betty Margan (29 Dec); Ray Bidmead (31 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:** Joseph Mizzi; Chiu Kue Hock; Lourdes Chiu; Tessie Chiu; Delfin Basilio; Alexis Espino; 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: Michelle James, Jake Sciberras, Georgia Sciberras (28 Dec); Colin O'Brien (30 Dec); Bronia Kennedy (1 Jan); Nancy Kolet (2 Jan); Adam Krslovic, Gary Norton (3 January).

Wedding Anniversary: Mario & Daphne Silveira (29 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:

The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.



Morning Tea at Redfern
Sunday 29 December after 11am Mass.

Morning Tea at Rosebery
Sunday 2 February after 9.30am Mass.

The Parish Office hours during Holiday Season will be:

Tue 31 Dec 10am - 2pm,

Wed 1 Jan Closed, Thu 2 & Fri 3 Jan 10am - 1pm,

Tue 7 Jan to Fri 10 Jan 10am - 1pm.

Normal Office hours resume Tuesday 14 January 2020

Modified Weekday Mass Times

December 31 2019 - 11 January 2020

Tuesday 31 December 5pm Waterloo

Wednesday January 1, 2020

9.00am Rosebery

Thursday 2 January - No Mass

Friday 3 January - No Mass

Saturday 4 January - No Morning Mass

Tuesday 7 January - No Mass

Wednesday 8 January - 9.00am Rosebery

Thursday 9 January - 9.00am Rosebery

Friday 10 January - No Mass

Monday 13 January - Friday 17 January

No weekday Masses

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

Redfern Rosters	Readers	Extraordinary Minister of Communion	Commentators	Music
December 29				Volunteers please
January 5	Natasha Kathleen Hill	Mary Wiseman Esmey Herscovitch		Helen
January 12	Jack Callaghan	Joelle Battestini Jack Callaghan		Christine and Chris
January 19				The Tongan Community
January 26	Maria Ralph	Judy Janssen Peter Griffin		Helen

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.

Prayer for Rain

Eternal God, in wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life.

We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops.

Strengthen, sustain and give new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them.

In your loving providence, send abundant rain and restore our parched earth.

Amen.

*Thank you to **all** who prepared our Christmas Masses. To the welcomers, lectors, collectors/counters, acolytes, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, altar servers, musicians, children who participated in Christmas Eve liturgy, those that cleaned and prepared the Churches. Your time and efforts are greatly appreciated...Fr Paul*

Please support the retired priests of our Archdiocese by placing a donation in the offering envelopes.

SAVE THE DATE

Anniversary Mass - death of Eileen O'Connor

Friday 10 January 11am

**Chapel - Our Lady's Nurses for the Poor,
35 Dudley Street, Coogee.**

**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 though Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gospel Reflection

Herod is seeking to annihilate all the male children in Bethlehem. The child Jesus is in mortal danger. 'Arise, take the child and his mother, and flee into Egypt.' And Joseph did so. *That* night and *by* night, such was the urgency.

Have you ever thought: What if Egyptian border guards had turned back this refugee family? What if, instead of finding safe haven and sanctuary, this desperate family had been denied entry? The Divine plan to rescue Jesus from a murderous tyrant depended not only on Joseph but, also, on the Egyptian people.

And so we discover two Holy Families in this Gospel episode. One is the little Holy Family with Joseph, Mary and Jesus. The other is the larger Holy Family of humanity embodied in those Egyptians who provided sanctuary, who opened their land to allow Joseph, Mary and Jesus to settle out of danger.

We might pause for a moment to ask: Can we be as hospitable and open as the Egyptians of today's Gospel? Another baby in another family of refugees may depend on our answer!

© Fr Michael Tate

Rosebery Rosters

Readers

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

7:30am

This

Josette M. & Charlotte B.

Kath A.

Next

Josette M. & Charlotte B.

Charlotte B.

9:30am

This

Nancy P. & Lisa S.

Pilar P. & Nancy P.

Next

Nancy P. & Lisa S.

Pilar P. & Nancy P.

Counters

This

N & P Paredes

Next

T. McDonald, G. Elliott & T. Lumibao.

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Sir 3:2-6. 12-14

The Lord honours the father in his children, and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons. Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune. Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own, he shall be heard on the day when he prays. Long life comes to him who honours his father, he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord. My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life. Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy, do not despise him in your health and strength; for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten but will serve as reparation for your sins.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 127:1-5.

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R.)**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life. **(R.)**

Second Reading Col 3:12-21

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

Gospel Acclamation Col 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 2:13-15. 19-23

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet: I called my son out of Egypt. After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled: He will be called a Nazarene.

ROSTERS

The rosters for Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Communion have been prepared and are ready for collection at Rosebery and Waterloo. 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. PLEASE NOTE, THAT ALL VOLUNTEERS REQUIRE A WWCC AND SALT Certificate, this includes counters and money collectors.

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.