



Parish Matters

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THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD | 1ST / 2ND FEBRUARY 2020

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 3/2

7.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion, Rosebery

Tuesday 4/2

10am Funeral of Francis Borg - Waterloo

5.00pm Mass, Waterloo followed by Adoration

Wednesday 5/2

St Agatha

7.00am Mass, Rosebery

Thursday 6/2

7.00am Mass, Rosebery

RCIA 7.00pm
Rosebery Meeting Room

Friday 7/2

8.00am Mass, Redfern

11am Funeral of Joe Zammit - Waterloo

Sat 8/2

Waterloo

Adoration: 4pm, Rosary: 4.30pm,

Confession: from 4.30pm,

Benediction: 4.45pm

5.00pm Vigil*

Sunday 9/2

Rosebery

7.30am & 9.30am followed by Information Session @ Rosebery Hall

Redfern

11.00am

Dear friends,

Today the Church celebrates the feast of the Presentation of the Lord which occurs forty days after the birth of Jesus and is also known as Candlemas day, since the blessing and procession of candles is included in today's liturgy.

This Sunday we also celebrate Catechist Sunday. The Catechists form part of the Ministry of Education in the name of the parish to two State primary schools in our Community. Please remember them in your prayers as they carry out this most important work of evangelisation.

An important community information session will be held at **Rosebery** after 9.30am Mass on **Sunday 9 February** to give you an update on the Rosebery projects. The information session will be held in the hall.

I have entered into a further three year agreement with the Sisters of St Joseph so that Sr Rosemary may continue in her role of Pastoral Associate. I take this opportunity to thank the Sisters for their generosity and Sr Rosemary who has enriched our Community so much through her ministry.

Welcome back to the staff and students of Our Lady of Mt Carmel School. On Tuesday I celebrated Mass with the staff asking God's blessing on their ministry of education. This year we welcome Mrs Margaret Holles - Principal, Jacinta Attard - Religious Education Coordinator and Sinead Kent - Family Educator.



February 3 is also the anniversary of the first Christian Service held in Australia. There is an Obelisk to mark this sacred occasion on the corner of Castlereagh and Hunter Streets in the City. The first homily preached "What shall I render unto / THE LORD / for all his benefits / toward ME". Psalm-CXVI 12 . May we continue to be inspired by faith to build a Church that is daring and full of love.

We have changed our office email address. Please address further correspondence to this address - secretary@citysouthcatholic.org.au

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Sr Rosemary Mitchell RSJ Pastoral Associate

O Heavenly Father, who raised Agatha to the dignity of Sainthood, we implore Your Divine Majesty by her intercession to give us health of mind, body and soul. Free us from all those things which hold us bound to this earth, and let our spirit, like hers, rise to your heavenly courts. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You, forever. Amen.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CITY SOUTH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Joe Zammitt, Francis Borg; Helen O'Connor (daughter of Christina O'Connor).

Anniversary: Luis Castro (5 Feb).

Remembered in the Masses and names recorded at the Archdiocesan Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel: Gino Mio; Margaret & Norm Fordward; 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, Marc and Jamie 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; Elliot Bennett. All Souls, especially those that have no one to pray for them; All Souls of the Unborn.

Those who are sick: Allan Walker; Fr Emmanuel Seo; Carolyn White; Marlic Erland; Ana Lucia Solorzano; Mary Cunney; Joan Kenny; Abrelita Aguillar; Rosemary Cooley; Pat Frost; Helen Abbey; Joan Buist; and all the housebound.

Birthdays: Renato Gabriel (2 Feb); Harry O'Brien, Anita Borg (4 Feb); Gary Frietas, Susy Frietas Leal (5 Feb); Yolanda Schembri (7 Feb).

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:

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

My eyes have seen your salvation,
which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.



Morning Tea Rosebery

Sunday 2 February after 9.30am Mass.

First Holy Communion 2020

The Celebration of First Holy Communion will be held this year on:

Saturday 21 November 5.00pm Vigil - Waterloo

Sunday 22 November 9.30am - Rosebery

More information will be given later in the year.



Baptism

We congratulate **Vince Ricamara** being baptised at Rosebery this Sunday 2 February.
God bless you and your family.

Liturgical Life

We will be ordering Lenten Programs and would like an indication of how many to order.
If you are interested in participating, please write your names on sheets in Church foyers.

Mass on Ash Wednesday 26 February.

Rosebery 7.00am & 7.00pm

Waterloo 9.00am

Redfern 12pm

Easter Sunday 12 April - As we only have one priest, the Easter Ceremonies will be shared between the three churches this year. This is an opportunity to come together as one community of faith. More details to come.

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

Redfern Rosters	Readers	Extraordinary Minister of Communion	Commentators	Music
1 st Sunday of Month 2 Feb	Natasha Kathleen	Clare Maguire / Frank Vavasour	Deborah	Helen
2 nd Sunday of Month 9 Feb	Jack	Sheila Quonoey / Ralph Townsend	Peter G.	Christine & Chris
3 rd Sunday of Month 16 Feb	The Tongan Community			
4 th Sunday of Month 23 Feb	Maria / Ralph	Christine & Chris Walters	David	Helen

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.

From the Archives:

Archbishop Polding - Pastoral Letters



For the historian, the value of the Polding Letters is enhanced by the acuteness of their observations and comment. Their author's sensitivity to the nuances of colonial life - as well as to its obvious aspects - grew out of his belief that religion was a vitally involved with human activity, that each moment of time had an eschatological significance.

Polding did not observe facts alone, but their implications for people in Australia. Each time he wrote he tried to draw his audience closer to God, to encourage upright human conduct and to counter evil, sin and the false ideologies which challenged God's presence in Australia. His letters present a consistently based view of the state of religion and of private and public morals in Australia throughout the crucial years of the nineteenth century.

As historical documents, these letters present aspects of colonial life which are not often encountered in the writings of politicians, administrators and newspaper correspondents. They have an underlying unity which derives from the known and consistent attitude of the author and which, in turn, is of assistance to those who are seeking a basis of comparison between one time and another during the forty years which they span.

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

St Mary's Cathedral

Thursday 20 February 5.30pm.



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.

Safeguarding and Ministerial Requirements

All volunteers in the Archdiocese of Sydney require a Working With Children Check (WWCC) and the Archdiocese Training (SALT). We also require a Volunteer Registration Form and a signed Code of Conduct form. In reviewing our records we have come to the realisation we do not have all volunteer details. Please provide details on form attached with Volunteer Registration form and return to parish office. If you have not received this via email, please collect an envelope from Church foyer, complete and return to the Parish Office or place on collection place (in envelope). If anybody requires assistance with online training, please contact the Parish Office.

The link for WWCC

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/apply-working-children-check>

and for Archdiocese Training

<https://bit.ly/2ZvKdf1>

At this stage approximately 85% of volunteers have completed the online training and submitted their WWC.

We will slowly work towards getting to 100% in the coming months.

- Current Working with Children Check (WWCC)
- Complete the online Salt Training
- Complete the Volunteer Registration form
- Complete the Code of Conduct form
- Volunteer details

We thank you for your co-operation and support in achieving this.

Rosebery Rosters

Readers

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion

7:30am	This	John S. & Ronell P.	Volunteer
	Next	Volunteer & Michael B.	John Scibberas
9:30am	This	Lisa S. & Maria M.	Lisa S. & Pilar P
	Next	Pilar P. & Nancy P.	Lisa S & Nancy P
Counters	This	T. McDonald, G. Elliott, T. Lumibao	
	Next	N & P & A Paredes	

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Mal 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fuller's alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 23:7-10.

(R.) Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

1. O gates, lift up your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! (R.)
2. Who is the king of glory? The Lord, the mighty, the valiant, the Lord, the valiant in war. (R.)
3. O gates, lift high your heads; grow higher, ancient doors. Let him enter, the king of glory! (R.)
4. Who is he, the king of glory? He, the Lord of armies, he is the king of glory. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Jesus too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 2:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people Israel.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward

to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God, and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

Red Mass

The Red Mass will be celebrated at 9am on Monday 3 February at St Mary's Cathedral by Bishop Richard Umbers. Judges and counsel may robe in the Crypt below from 8.30am. The Red Mass has been celebrated since the Middle Ages (in Sydney since 1931) and invokes the grace of the Holy Spirit on lawyers-parliamentarians, judges, barristers, solicitors, students, law lecturers-and all whose lives are touched by law.

Commemoration of Saint Josephine Bakhita

Patron Saint of South Sudan and
victims of modern slavery

Saturday 8 February 12 noon, St Mary's Cathedral

The National Pilgrimage of the Relics of Saints Therese, and her parents, Louis and Zelie, will be making their way around the Archdiocese of Sydney in February and March 2020. The relics will be at St Therese Mascot Tuesday 10 March 6.30am to 4pm.

Please keep in your prayers 6 young men who will enter the First Year at the Seminary of the Good Shepherd Homebush: Pablo Parajo, Julian Masielo, Jordan Vance, Andrew Haddad, Lukasz Golab, and Menard Gaspi.