



Parish Matters

Parish Office Hours: Revised during Holiday Season - see back page.

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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH | 26TH / 27TH DECEMBER 2020

The Catholic Community of City South acknowledges 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.

Saturday 5.00pm  **LIVE** Sunday 9.30am

**No Weekday Mass from 4 January to 25 January.
Communion Service at Rosebery resumes
Monday 11 January 7.00am.**

Procedure for attending Mass
from 7 Dec:



1. A new COVID Safe plan has been completed and submitted to the NSW Government.
2. The new guidelines allow for 1 person per 4 sq/ metres, funerals and weddings are now also governed by this rule.
3. You must register by phone, or email or by QR code when entering the church.
4. On arrival at the church sanitize your hands, get your name marked off and sit in pews with a green 'sit here' sign. Physical distancing is still required unless you live in the same house.
5. At the end of Mass before you leave you will need to wipe down the pew you were sitting in with the special hospital grade wipes provided.
6. If you are sick, have even mild flu/cold symptoms DO NOT ATTEND MASS.
7. Printed bulletins are for single use only. Take the *Parish Matters* with you.
8. Holy water removed from stoups.
9. Receiving Holy Communion by "making a throne for the king with our hands" (St Cyril of Jerusalem) remains normative in Australia in the ordinary form of the Latin Rite and is recommended during this COVID emergency; great care should be taken when exercising the option of Communion on the tongue; while clergy should receive Holy Communion under both kinds from the sacrifice consecrated at that Mass, the faithful shall only receive the Body of Christ.
10. Please wear a mask during Mass in line with health advice from NSW Government.
11. Sign of peace means a bow, wave or nod. Do not move around the church. Maintain physical distance at all times.
12. Mt Carmel Church will be open for person prayer (via code). You must sign in via QR code or paper.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF CITY SOUTH PRAYER INTENTIONS

Recently Deceased: Sue Ann Chua Cezar; Ruth Murphy.

Anniversary: Raymond & Dorothy Blackman; John Agnel D'Souza (26 Dec); Alice Balbi (27 Dec); Betty Margan, Dalila Quinatoa (29 Dec); Ray Bidmead (31 Dec).

Deceased: Giovanni Catanea; Romeo Javelosa; Lino Coppola; Di Cristo & Aprea Families; Mio Family; Verardo Family; 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, 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; Elliot Bennett; Jay Rosenstraus. All Souls, especially those that have no one to pray for them; All Souls of the Unborn.

Those who are sick: Mary Borg; Vicenzio Lovatti; Anna Siciliano; Mariazinha Quintal; Lee Frost; John Gavan; Geraldine Marcellino; Milena Braganza; Sandra Truong; Geraldine Carrington; Rose Galea; Therese Mullaney; George & Juliet D'Souza; Fr Brian Egan; Allan Walker; Fr Emmanuel Seo; Carolyn White; Marlic Erland; Ana Lucia Solorzano; Joan Kenny; Abrelita Aguillar; Rosemary Cooley; Pat Frost; Helen Abbey; Joan Buist; and all the housebound.

Birthdays: Cornell Harjanto, Dulce Burgher (26 Dec); Wayne Lobo (27 Dec); Jake & Georgia Sciberras, Michelle James (28 Dec); Colm O'Brien (30 Dec); Bronia Kennedy (1 Jan).

Wedding Anniversary: Laura & Greg Foster (27 Dec); Mario & Daphne Silveira (29 Dec).

We cannot leave Mass Offering envelopes in the Church, therefore either place your intention in the collection plate or contact the Parish Office.

Fr Paul Smithers

Parish Priest

& Rector of the Shrine of Our Lady of Mt Carmel
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Sr Rosemary Mitchell RSJ Pastoral Associate

Liturgy of the Word

Entrance Antiphon

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

The Gloria in excelsis (Glory to God in the highest) is said.

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. see v.1

(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 Lk 2:22-40 (or Shorter form Lk 2:22. 39-40)

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 turtledoves 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.

Communion Antiphon

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

Office Hours December - January 2021

Tue 29 Dec 10am - 1pm

Thu 31 Dec 10am - 1pm

Closed Fri 1 Jan

January 2021 Open Tuesdays and Thursdays only 10am - 1pm,

Usual Hours resume Tue 2 Feb 2021

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- * *Direct deposit into Church Accounts. Please contact the Parish Office for details.*
- * *Visit the parish website and click the Support Us tab.*
- * *Credit Card donations - either a one off donation, or be set up to donate monthly. Please contact the Parish Office for more details.*
- * *Planned Giving Envelopes - please contact Parish Office for more details.*
- * *In person - leave in Office letterbox or visit Parish Office.*