



St Josephs
Catholic Church,
Rosebery



Our Lady of
Mount Carmel,
Waterloo



St Vincent de Paul
Church, Redfern

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CITY SOUTH

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 23RD/24TH DECEMBER



SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 5.00pm
Sunday: 8.00am & 10.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tuesday 5.00pm
Wednesday 8.30am
Thursday 8.30am
Friday 9.00am

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Will be prayed 15 minutes
before the weekday Masses.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4.30pm - 4.45pm

BAPTISMS: by appointment

MARRIAGES: with 6 months
notice and by appointment

READINGS

2 Samuel 7: 1 - 5, 8 - 12, 14 - 16 Romans 16: 25 - 27
Luke 1: 26 - 38



Our Lady of Mount Carmel School and the Parishes of
the City South acknowledges and honours the Gadigal
People as the traditional custodians of this land.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

	Vigil 24th Dec	Christmas Day
Rosebery	5.00pm 7.00pm Midnight	9.30am
Redfern	6.00pm	10.00am
Waterloo	Midnight	10.00am

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INTENTIONS

We pray for:

- World and personal peace.
- Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious life.
- Asylum seekers especially in Australian detention centres.
- For all sick and injured members of ADF and their families.

Those who are sick: Jim Dubber, Renae Aslanis, Julius Soedarma, Jennie Brooks, Patricia McBride, Elena Crooks, Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Bernard Gee, Bishop Geoffrey Robinson, Ian Heads, Eduardo S. Sevilla, Maria Sevilla, Fr Keith Teefey CSsR, Malia Manu, John Middlemass, Peter Aplin, Khoa Nam Tran, Louisa Cregan, Mary Wiseman, Mary Carroll, Corrine Faunce, Tony Geraslakis, Ellie Irwin, Joe Milson, Sandra Truong, Elizabeth Anderson, Pat Traynor, Peter Bedford, Janice Leis, Dawn Harkins, Carla Carestia, Brenda Evans, Frances Savage, Oscar Mancuso, Jennifer Judd, Tom O'Shea, Bill Farral, Judy Shepperd, Irene Brander, Danielle Milller, Jennifer Phan, Sean Hickey, Elizabeth Single, Charlie Hayden, Francis & Maria Pham, Patricia Riordan, Lyn Mulryan, Helen Henricks, Gerald O'Shea, Neville Cameron, Howard Hastings, Delfin Lucia Jose Julio Sabina Maria, and all the housebound.

We pray for the souls of: Pat O'Brien, Sophie and Matthew Schuman, Marlene Isabel Newton, Phil Newberry, Mary Hickson, Shirley Hastings, Dorothy Blackman, Veronica McNamara, Elisabeth Carey, Bill Harkins, Anna Nguyen, Laura Skelton, Josephine Merriman, Susan Bryson, Jay Rosenstraus, Marie O'Donnell, Jan Lloyd, Maria Medrano-David, Joyce Bagnal, Gloria Lewis, Eliza Myrapich, Dunstan Wade, Richard Vincent, Marciano Gaddi, David Bendler, Daudsyah Sadeli, Anthony and Henrique Assuncao, Aluim Temporza, Ronald Thew, John Mears, Zelig Bergan, Menotti & Rosina Cavallaro, Carmela, Lucia, Stella and Maria Agazio, Joseph Cusack, the Cusack and McAuffe families, Fr Terrence Purcell, Fr Leslie Bogot, Joyce Reilly, Cath and Allan Farrelly, Raymond & Dorothy Blackman, William & Mary Ann Blackman, Leonard & Rita Taylor, Mirtis Buosi Manzano, Richard Vincent, and all the Holy Souls.



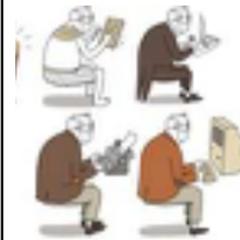
Most of us do not welcome change. But change is all around us and intrudes into all our lives. We are coming to terms with changes in our parish structure; some of us are facing changes in where we live; all of us see new technologies that are supposed to make our lives easier/

better/more efficient and convenient. Some of these are forced upon us; others we choose. Through it all (and perhaps despite it all), we remember that it is the time during which we celebrate the timeless story of the birth of a child – the Messiah and all the wondrous things that occurred around that! May this be our guiding principle around all that we do and celebrate over the next few days.

May the Father carry you gently and peacefully over the next week.

Monsignor Greg

Robots aren't stealing jobs: truth behind claim scaring pants off our graduates



For me, one of the most significant economic developments of this year was realising how pessimistic many of our youth have become about their prospects of ever landing a decent full-time job.

To be sure, some degree of frustration on their part is understandable. Although it's true we avoided a severe recession following the global financial crisis of 2008, it's equally true that, until recently, employment growth has been weaker than usual in the years since then.

Ross Gittins, The Age December 13, 2017



The Lights of Christmas

St Mary's Cathedral

6-25 December 2017 | 8.30pm - Midnight

Celebrate the season at Sydney's most popular Christmas lights show. Join us at the annual Lights of Christmas at St Mary's Cathedral Square, in the heart of Sydney's CBD, for a spectacular free sound and light show every night from Wednesday 6 December until Christmas Night 2017. Choirs will sing Christmas carols from 7.30pm, and the new sound and light show celebrating the season of peace, joy and goodwill will illuminate the huge 75m façade of St Mary's Cathedral at 8.30pm and continue through until midnight. This event continues to capture the imagination of adults and children alike and is now firmly Sydney's most popular Christmas lights show. For more details: <http://lightsofchristmas.com.au/>

CatholicCare's wishes everyone a safe, peaceful and joyous Christmas.

Our CCareline service helps Sydney families find the resources they need in a crisis. We are open 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday excluding Public Holidays and can be reached on 13 18 19. Our Parent Line service for parents of children aged 0-18 years is open 9am to 9pm Monday to Friday and 4pm to 9pm on weekends excluding Public Holidays. Call 1300 1300 52 to speak directly to a counsellor.

COUNTERS ROSTER

7th January	
14th January	Pitt Street Push
28th January	Lachlan Street Push

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION

NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil: Yvonne Smith, Mark Blackman
 8.00am:
 10.00am Tony Murillo

READERS ROSTER - NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil
 Reader Melissa
 Commentator Wendy
8.00am
 Reader David Hayden
 Commentator Julie Keyes
10.00am
 Reader Brad Campbell
 Commentator Damien Manuel

CHURCH CLEANERS next week: 1

PAINTING OF THE CHURCH APPEAL:

Thank you for all your donations. The total amount so far is \$37, 880.69

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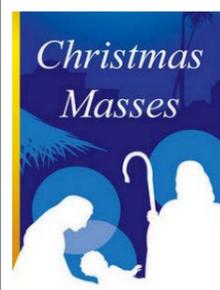
NEW YEAR'S DAY: Solemnity of Mary,
 the Mother of God.
(Monday)
 Mass at **9am**.

May all of you have a most happy and holy Christmas. May the peace of this holy season be shared with your family and friends and may the joy of the shepherds and the angels be yours throughout the coming year. Travel safely and peacefully.

Thank you for the many greetings and gifts.
 You are most generous and we are most grateful. Priests of the Parishes of City South.

Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation.

We are obliged to attend Mass both Sunday and Monday. Going to Mass once over Christmas Eve and Monday once does not fulfill your obligation. You are obliged to attend a Sunday Mass and a Christmas Mass (including the Vigil or Midnight Masses).



GOSPEL REFLECTION Luke I: 26 - 38

- Do you ever wonder why God has chosen you and set you on this journey of the Catechumenate?
- Where do you think this journey will ultimately lead you?



DID YOU KNOW?

- This scene from the Gospel of Luke, where such a momentous exchange takes place, is known as the Annunciation, meaning the announcement of the conception of Jesus.
- From the time of the Exile in Babylon, Israel had longed for the Messiah to come. He was to be the anointed one of God and the prophets foretold that he would come from the House of David and be born in David's home town of Bethlehem.
- According to Luke's Gospel, Mary and Joseph live in Nazareth in the north and travel to Bethlehem to be counted in the census because Joseph is of David's line and must return to his 'home' country.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- 'The power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow.' Do you feel this presence?
- Mary's perfect 'yes' to God's will establishes her as a model of discipleship. What are you called to say 'yes' to, to enable God to live within you?
- How are we called to practice discipleship in our world today?
- Recall an experience of receiving a surprise (or perhaps a shock!) that was totally unexpected. Was it a welcome or unwelcome experience? How did you respond?

'One of the intentions of corporate-controlled media is to instill in people a sense of disempowerment, of immobilization and paralysis. Its outcome is to turn you into good consumers. It is to keep people isolated, to feel that there is no possibility for social change.'

David Barsamian, journalist and publisher

'The media serve the interests of state and corporate power, which are closely interlinked, framing their reporting and analysis in a manner supportive of established privilege and limiting debate and discussion accordingly.'

Noam Chomsky, American linguist and US media and foreign policy critic.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint of the Week - Stephen (First Century) - December 26

Christianity's first martyr was probably a Greek Jew. Stephen's story is recounted in the Acts of the Apostles. He was among the first seven deacons chosen to serve the Hellenist Christian community in Jerusalem. But the wonders he worked rattled local Jewish leaders. Witnesses at his trial before the Sanhedrin gave false testimony, and Stephen defended himself with a stirring speech recalling the long history of Israel's relationship with God and calling the Jews "stiff-necked people" who "always oppose the Holy Spirit." As he was stoned to death outside the city, he cried out, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." He is the patron of bricklayers, stonemasons and numerous individual Christian churches.

<http://www.catholicnews.com/saint-of-the-week-feast.cfm>

