



St Josephs
Catholic Church,
Rosebery



Our Lady of
Mount Carmel,
Waterloo



St Vincent de Paul
Church, Redfern

THE CATHOLIC PARISHES OF CITY SOUTH

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, WATERLOO

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

ST JOSEPH'S, ROSEBERY

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm
Sunday: 7.30am &
9.30am (with Kid's Liturgy)

ST VINCENT DE PAUL, REDFERN

Saturday Vigil: 6.00pm
Sunday: 10.00am

WEEKDAY MASSES

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, WATERLOO

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

ST JOSEPH'S, ROSEBERY

Monday 7.00am *Communion Service*
Tuesday - Friday 7.00am

ST VINCENT DE PAUL, REDFERN

Tuesday	5.00pm
Wednesday - Friday	9.00am

RECONCILIATION

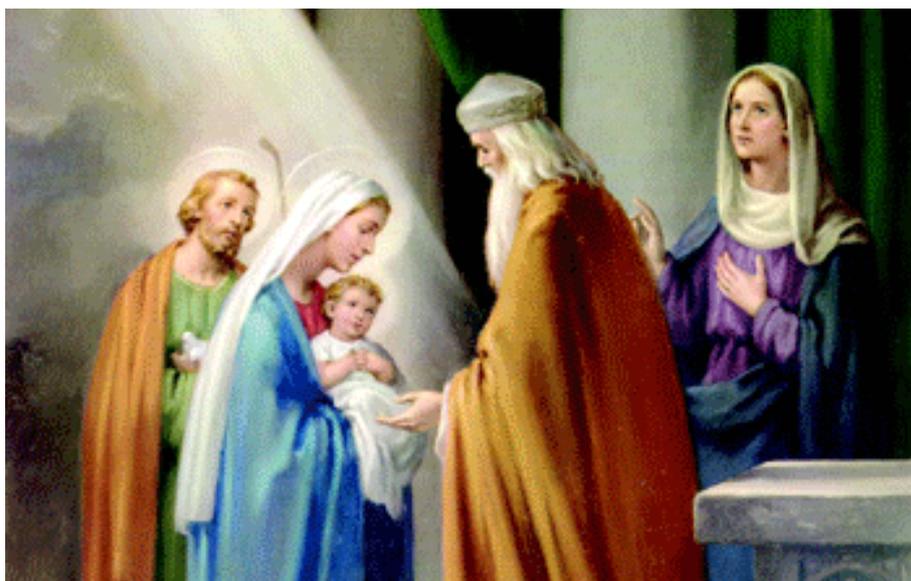
Saturday: 4.30pm - 4.45pm

BAPTISMS: by appointment

MARRIAGES: with 6 months notice
and by appointment.

Please contact the Parish Office.

THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY 30TH/31ST DECEMBER 2017



READINGS

Ecclesiasticus 3: 2 - 6, 12 - 14 Paul Colossians 3: 12 - 21
Luke 2: 22 - 40



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.

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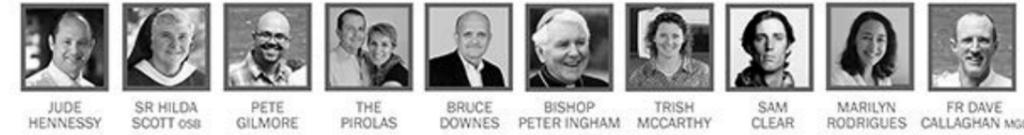
INTENTIONS

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, Zelie 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.



This is the team that brings us the Lenten Programme that we have followed over the past several years.

You can visit the 'Journey Catholic Radio Podcast' on their website to subscribe or download the app.

Reflections on the Joy of Love (Amoris Laetitia) - Janette Davidson

"... Other responses (to the Family Synods) pointed to the effect of severe stress on families, who often seem more caught up with securing their future than with enjoying the present. There is a broader cultural problem, aggravated by fears about steady employment, finances and the future of children."
(Amoris Laetitia 50)

School holidays often provide an opportunity to 'enjoy the present' as there is a break from many of the activities and schedule of the busy school term. Parents who work during these holidays may be able to get home to enjoy family activities. As parents it is important to find a balance between work/commitments and family time and this is a challenge worth the effort.

How far you go in life depends on your being tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving and tolerant of the weak and strong. Because someday in life you will have been all of these.

George Washington Carver, 1864-1943

To care for anyone else enough to make their problems one's own, is ever the beginning of one's real ethical development.

Felix Adler

The care of human life and happiness, and not their destruction, is the first and only object of good government.

Thomas Jefferson

The ultimate weakness of violence is that it is a descending spiral, begetting the very thing it seeks to destroy. Instead of diminishing evil, it multiplies it... Through violence you may murder the hater, but you do not murder hate. In fact, violence merely increases hate... Returning violence for violence multiplies violence, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.

Martin Luther King, Jr., (1929-1968), US civil rights leader

The truth that makes [men] free is for the most part the truth which [men] prefer not to hear.

Herbert Sebastien Agar

Truth resides in every human heart, and one has to search for it there, and to be guided by truth as one sees it. But no one has a right to coerce others to act according to his own view of truth.

Mahatma Gandhi



We wish to listen to one other: we believe that this itself is already a sign of peace. In listening to one another there is already a reply to the disturbing questions that worry us. This already serves to scatter the shadows of suspicion and misunderstanding. The shadows will not be dissipated with weapons; darkness is dispelled by sending out bright beams of light.

Pope John Paul II, Assisi, January 24, 2002

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 Sabby Gonzaga, Salome Li

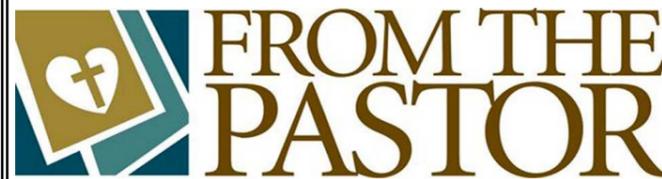
READERS ROSTER - NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil
Reader Wendy
Commentator Dave Douglas
8.00am
Reader Julie Keyes
Commentator Marilyn Munday
10.00am
Reader Damien Manuel
Commentator Lyn Lim

CHURCH CLEANERS next week: 2

PAINTING OF THE CHURCH APPEAL:

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



New Year is coming up and most of us will celebrate and make resolutions. It is important to mark the commencement of another year with hopes for prosperity that is peace and joy among all and think of a fresh start. We all need to reflect on how we have been in the year past and how we would like to be in the coming year. Some make the same resolutions every year and blame themselves when they do not keep them (again!) with all the guilt that they can muster. Perhaps this year we might set ourselves smaller, more reasonable tasks that we have a chance of keeping. Good things come from that: we will feel better about ourselves and therefore our family and our world.

May the loving Father carry you gently through the week.

Monsignor Greg

In order to overcome today's widespread individualistic mentality, what is required is a concrete commitment to solidarity and charity.

Pope John Paul II, Centesimus Annus

GOSPEL REFLECTION Luke 2: 22 - 40

- Do you wonder what it will mean for your future now that faith in Christ has become a focus of your life?

DID YOU KNOW?

- According to Jewish Law, after giving birth a woman had to undergo a purification which consisted of a ritual bathing and the offering of a sacrifice. The offering of turtle doves or pigeons was the offering of the poor.
- Also according to Jewish Law, the first born male child of a family was dedicated to God in acknowledgment that all life comes from God. Mary and Joseph were devout and observant Jews.



MAKING CONNECTIONS

- Simeon warns Mary that a sword will pierce her heart. Have there been painful times in your family? Can you make sense of those painful times now? Was there personal growth or strength which resulted from the pain?
- Most of us grow to maturity in a human family, which today may come in many shapes. Reflect on your own childhood and growth. Looking back, in what ways did this childhood encourage or discourage faith in God? Share your reflections with the group.
- What holds families together is a commitment to love and serve each other in good times and bad. This is what allows families to grow in maturity and wisdom.

A person who is concerned solely or primarily with possessing and enjoying, who is no longer able to control his instincts and passions, or to subordinate them by obedience to the truth, cannot be free.

Pope John Paul II, Centesimus Annus

War, we have come to believe, is a spectator sport. The military and the press ... have turned war into a vast video arcade game. Its very essence - death - is hidden from public view.

Chris Hedges, Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter for New York Times

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint of the Week - Elizabeth Ann Seton (1774 - 1821) - January 4

Raised Episcopalian in colonial New York City, Elizabeth married William Magee Seton, a merchant. The couple had five children. William died in 1803 in Italy, where Elizabeth learned about Catholicism from the family who gave her hospitality. Wars had bankrupted the family's shipping business. After becoming a Catholic in New York in 1805, the now-poor Elizabeth was abandoned by old friends, but accepted the offer of a Baltimore priest to open a school for girls there. In 1809 she founded the U.S. Sisters of Charity, whose schools and orphanages grew in number. She became the first native-born U.S. saint in 1975 and is the patron of converts.

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

