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SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 8:00am 10am 6:00pm

On the second Sunday of each month, at 11.00am, a Mass is celebrated in Tagalog, the Filipino language.

WEEKDAY MASSES - Tues – Fri, 9am

Comm Service – Mon-9am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday after the 9am Mass until 4pm. You are invited to come anytime and pray silently.

LATEST COVID-19 Update

In keeping with NSW Health directives, attendance at **Indoors**, is now limited to a maximum of 300 people (200-250 for Mary Immaculate), while observing the **4sqm rule**, with people not moving around the church, apart from when coming to receive Holy Communion. Attendees must register their contact details. Masks are strongly recommended.

There is **no change to the rules for outdoor gatherings** (i.e. maximum of 300 people, by the 2sqm rule). Attendees must register their contact details, and not move around or mingle.

You'll find more information here: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions/>

Churches are required to keep records of all attending Masses for contact tracing purposes and the NSW Government recommends that church-goers continue to wear face masks when attending Mass.

Thought of the Week

Don't go into a new year holding a grudge from last year.
Leave the hurts and disappointments behind.

~Joel Osteen

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD/B 3RD JANUARY 2021

Gospel Reading

Matthew 2:1-12
The Magi seek out Jesus and do him homage.



The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving at Christmas. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

Read today's Gospel, Matthew 2:1-12. The gifts of the Magi -gold, frankincense, and myrrh - have come to be understood as symbols of Christ's royalty, divinity, and eventual suffering and death. They are special because in giving them, the Magi acknowledge who Jesus was to be: our Saviour. We pray that we will acknowledge Jesus as Saviour in all that we do and say. Conclude by singing together "We Three Kings."

Happy prosperous New Year to all!

We thank

- ✦ Jesus the healer prayer community
 - ✦ Rita Rossi & family
 - ✦ Zeny Beinroth family
- for their donation towards the church.

Fr Sebastian



**WELCOME INTO OUR
COMMUNITY OF FAITH**
Delina Noeng who will be
baptised this weekend.

Catholic Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park

We pray for...

Our sick: John Wates, Guillermo & Elizabeth Guillermo, Ethan Tan, Juliano Carniato, Tony, Mario, Sebastian Kolic, Mariam Jibrael, Tony Surace, Rose Nuner, Sanela, Anka, Antonija, Darko, Elizabeth, Maxine Post, Nikola, Lion, Brian D'Costa, Tyler Kenedy, Diego, Darren Mack, Slavka, Tony, Stefano Catania, Roland Nguyen, Darko, Ricky Calleja, Romulo Sanjines, Maria Varkas, Mirjana, Manda, Zvonko, Carina Stone, Maria Oaten, Stephen Price, Anna Baker, Carole Robertson, Anne Noonan, Rita Zammit, Santina Martinelli, Massimo Baroni, Dorothy Rundle-Kerley, Domenico Dileo, Albert & Theresa Purkiss, Benedetta Peci, Edwina Borg, Sam & Teresa Barbara, Bernadetta Russo (*Names will be removed from the sick list after 3 months unless Parish Office is notified otherwise*).

Please keep in your prayers the soul of the recently deceased:

Guia Ribeiro, Sue Dithavong, Ric Berlin, George Gherlenda, Vickey Debono, Francesco Perre, Ante Poles, Soliman Dabocol, Doris Spiteri, Mate Dzaja, Wilfredo Cortes, Frank Fontana, Alice Tolentino, Rhodora Cruz, Gloria Sarsonas, Raymond Zerafa, Romulo Sanjines, Bruno Pizzin, Daniel Power, Margaret Tosello, Delia Dela Cruz, **And those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Attila Pete, Amal Doss **other deceased including:** Joseph Pham, Caterina Laria, Cajetan Alphonso, Grace & Emmanuel Ellul, Joseph Schembri, Ivan, Domenico Collet, Joan Quinton, Domenico Mellino, Francesco & Domenico Marando, Joan Marie Quinton, Timoteo Lagang, Vincenzo Bugge, Domenico Oliveri, Maria Luppino, Guido Soligo, Luigi Dametto, Saeed Shaba, Francesco Mesiti, Domenica & Rocco Spagnolo, Giuseppe & Caterina Spagnolo, Gaetano & Agnes Cordina, Filippo Monego, Elvira Schiavon, Antonino Vella, Maria Carmela Carzo, Joseph Am, Joan of Arc Khien, Ivan Lozina, Peter Phan, Anna Tu, Saverio Laria, Hugo Martinez, Mario La Rocca, Chloe Farrugia, Giuseppe Di Marco, Agnes Chetcuti, Lope Baldedara Jnr, Pietro, Giovannina, Vincenzo Ferraro, Mariano Ferraro, Eralda Cunzolo, Paul, Dominic, Vincenza Occiuto, Mike Harris, Patricia Doherty, Iva Grancic, Patrick & Tom Lionel Anderson, Joseph & Doris Cassar, Sime & Tomislav Bakic, Lucyna Iva, Rina Zadro, Felisa Aguila, Teresa Catanzariti, Marin Batistic, Derrick Mack, Zosimo Gaspi Sr, Antonio Italiano, Giovanni Rossi, Giovanni & Emilia Soligo, Antonio Bugge, Vincenzo Oliveri, Carmelo Oliveri, Hermie Villanueva, Maria Baroni, Peter Sanfilippo, Paul, Stefano Collu, Dulcisima Morales, Joseph, Charlie, Alferio & Alfred Azzopardi, Lucija, Gracito & Jose Aranda, Antonio Froio, Domenico Squillacioti, Joan Borg, Mary Mahony, Dulcie Soans, Domenic Sergi, Sr Marina Havey, Nanette Cabardo, Diego Cabardo Oclarit, Bruce Fuller, Rose Sugay, Peter Zadro, Peter Viler, Joel Sugay, Josefina Borbe, Doris Zammit, Catherine Viler, Mariantonia Pisano, Pasquale Cricri, Veronica Power, Vince Fedele, Clorinda & Francesco Sartor, Maria Sulfaro, Maria Trimboli, Anthony & Antonia Cardona, Orazio Di Marco, Bertilla, Marcello & Elsa Soligo, Guido Pontello, Vincenzo & Anna Peci, Gloria & Sybil Roache, Marcello & Angela Seraglio, all deceased in the families of Borg, Seraglio, Chris Baddock, Baddock & Gough families, Skondro family & Mario & Beniamino Fuser & all Souls in Purgatory.

May they rest in peace.

Parish Diary

Monday-4th January	9.00am	Communion Service
Tuesday-5th January	9.00am	Mass
Wednesday – 6th January	9.00am 9.30am	Mass Rosary
Thursday-7th January	9.00am 9.30am	Mass Adoration of the Holy Eucharist
Friday-8th January	9.00am	Mass
Saturday - 9th January	5.00pm 6.00pm	Reconciliation Vigil
Sunday-10th January	The Baptism of the Lord 8.00am Mass 10.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	

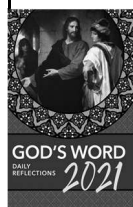
Roster—Next weekend 9th/10th Jan.

	Vigil	8am	10am	6pm
Min of the Word	J Olive E Olive	M Tran C La Delfa	R Agostino A Redoblado	I Currao E Russo
Extra-Ord Min of Comm	E Cardona F Di Marco	M La Delfa A Froio	L.Piccione R Noronha	P Garzaniti N Currao
Data Proj/ Audio	S.Poullath	Volunteer	K Biag	Y Havey L Karabatic
Musician	R Del Rosario	M Vargas C Aranda	D Redoblado	No Musician
Piety Stall	F&A Babich	G Smith	D Hrkac	T Seraglio

Counters : Group 2 P&N Redoblado M Dandan	Altar Linen: A Trimboli	Church Cleaners: Group 2 Filcos– Fairfield c/o A Amores	Altar Flowers: T Seraglio G O'Connell
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Please do not talk in the Church. Let us respect those who pray personally before and after Mass. Thank you.

Striving to be a “Loving, Caring, Christian Community”

Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint’s proclamation as patron of the Universal Church.



The year begins Dec. 8, 2020, and concludes on Dec. 8, 2021, according to a [decree](#) authorized by the pope.

The decree said that Francis had established a Year of St. Joseph so that “every member of the faithful,

following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God’s will.”

The Dec. 8 decree was issued by the Apostolic Penitentiary, the dicastery of the Roman Curia that oversees indulgences, and signed by the Major Penitentiary, Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, and the Regent, Msgr. Krzysztof Nykiel.

In addition to the decree, Francis issued an [apostolic letter](#) Tuesday dedicated to the foster father of Jesus.

The pope explained in the letter, entitled *Patris corde* (“With a father’s heart”) and dated Dec. 8, that he wanted to share some “personal reflections” on the spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

“My desire to do so increased during these months of pandemic,” he said, noting that many people had made hidden sacrifices during the crisis in order to protect others.

“Each of us can discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble,” he wrote.

“St. Joseph reminds us that those who appear hidden or in the shadows can play an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

Pope Pius IX proclaimed St. Joseph patron of the Universal Church on Dec. 8, 1870, in the decree *Quemadmodum Deus*.

In its decree Tuesday, the Apostolic Penitentiary said that, “to reaffirm the universality of St. Joseph’s patronage in the Church,” it would grant a plenary indulgence to Catholics who recite any approved prayer or act of piety in honour of St. Joseph, especially on March 19, the saint’s solemnity, and May 1, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

Other notable days for the plenary indulgence are the Feast of the Holy Family on Dec. 29 and St. Joseph’s Sunday in the Byzantine tradition, as well as the 19th of each month and every Wednesday, a day dedicated to the saint in the Latin tradition.

The decree said: “In the current context of health emergency, the gift of the plenary indulgence is particularly extended to the elderly, the sick, the dying and all those who for legitimate reasons are unable to leave the house, who, with a soul detached from any sin and with the intention of fulfilling, as soon as possible, the three usual conditions, in their own home or where the impediment keeps them, recite an act of piety in honour of St. Joseph, comfort of the sick and patron of a happy death, offering with trust in God the pains and discomforts of their life.”

The three conditions for receiving a plenary indulgence are sacramental confession, the reception of Holy

Communion and prayer for the pope’s intentions.

In his apostolic letter, Pope Francis reflected on the fatherly qualities of St. Joseph, describing him as beloved, tender and loving, obedient, accepting, and “creatively courageous.” He also underlined that he was a working father.

The pope referred to the saint as “a father in the shadows,” citing the novel “The Shadow of the Father,” published by the Polish author Jan Dobraczyński in 1977.

He said that Dobraczyński, who was declared [Righteous Among the Nations](#) by Yad Vashem in 1993 for protecting Jewish children in Warsaw in World War II, “uses the evocative image of a shadow to define Joseph.”

“In his relationship to Jesus, Joseph was the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father: he watched over him and protected him, never leaving him to go his own way,” the pope wrote.

Francis said that the contemporary world required examples of true fatherhood.

“Our world today needs fathers. It has no use for tyrants who would domineer others as a means of compensating for their own needs,” he wrote.

“It rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction.”

“Every true vocation is born of the gift of oneself, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice. The priesthood and consecrated life likewise require this kind of maturity. Whatever our vocation, whether to marriage, celibacy or virginity, our gift of self will not come to fulfillment if it stops at sacrifice; were that the case, instead of becoming a sign of the beauty and joy of love, the gift of self would risk being an expression of unhappiness, sadness and frustration.”

He continued: “When fathers refuse to live the lives of their children for them, new and unexpected vistas open up. Every child is the bearer of a unique mystery that can only be brought to light with the help of a father who respects that child’s freedom. A father who realizes that he is most a father and educator at the point when he becomes ‘useless,’ when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied. When he becomes like Joseph, who always knew that his child was not his own but had merely been entrusted to his care.”

The pope added: “In every exercise of our fatherhood, we should always keep in mind that it has nothing to do with possession, but is rather a ‘sign’ pointing to a greater fatherhood. In a way, we are all like Joseph: a shadow of the heavenly Father, who ‘makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust’ (Matthew 5:45). And a shadow that follows his Son.”



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