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# OUR PARISH

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#### SUNDAY MASSES

Vigil Saturday 6:00pm

Sunday 8:00am 10.00am 6:00pm

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

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WEEKDAY MASSES Tuesday – Friday at 9.00am

Mondays—Communion service at 9.00am

#### RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays between 5pm and 5.30pm or after any weekday Mass or by appointment. Conducted only in an open space within the clear line of sight of another adult.

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#### EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday after the 9.00am Mass until 3.30pm

**BAPTISMS** By appointment only. Baptisms are celebrated on the of 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

MARRIAGES By appointment at least 6 months notice.

#### Thought of the Week

"I believe if you keep your faith, you keep your trust, you keep the right attitude, if you're grateful, you'll see God open up new doors."

~ Joel Osteen

#### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE/B 21ST NOVEMBER 2021

Gospel Reading John 18:33b-37

Jesus is questioned by Pilate about the charge brought against him that he is "King of the Jews."

Understanding today's feast of Christ the King may be particularly challenging. While most of us do not have direct experience with kings or royalty, we have a sense of who they are. We know that royalty have sovereignty over their kingdoms. We know that those who are subjects to royalty offer them allegiance and honour. To understand how Christ is our king, we extend and magnify what we know to be true of the best of human royalty. Christ's kingship extends to all places, all people, and all times. Christ manifests his kingship through his death on the cross in which he offered salvation to everyone. Those who can see with eyes of faith recognize Jesus to be our heavenly king.

As you gather as a family, recall that this Sunday is the last Sunday in the Church year and on this Sunday we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. Talk together about what it means to be a king or queen. How do those who are subjects behave toward royalty? Invite children to role-play what one does in the presence of royalty. Read today's Gospel, John 18:33b-37. Ask your family to discuss these questions: Does Pilate treat Jesus like royalty? (No.) What does Jesus say about his kingdom? (It is not of this world.) Talk about how your family shows honour and obedience to Christ our King. Pray together the Lord's Prayer and ask God to help your family act in ways that show you recognize and honour Christ as King.

Congratulations to Bishop elect Fr. Danny Meagher as an auxiliary bishop of Sydney. He will be consecrated as bishop on 8 December at 7pm at St Mary's Cathedral. We keep him in our prayers.

Our confirmation candidates will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit this weekend and the following. We like to thank Maria Cabiling, Rita Cordina and all our catechists who helped them to prepare for the sacrament. **Congratulations** to our candidates!

**Next Thursday**, the Eucharistic adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will conclude at 3.30pm.

#### **Covid restrictions update:**

- Churches, as you know, are open to all people regardless of vaccination status.
- The only limit on attendance within a church is now the density limit: following the most recent update, that is now one person per 2sgm.
- Masks must be worn while inside a church.
- Vaccinated members of the congregation are permitted to sing, but masks must still be worn (continuation on page 3).

Fr Sebastian

#### Catholic Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park

We pray for...

Our sick: Darren Mack, Anka, Nilo Tolentino, Mariana, Gloria Andres, Rhonda Fleming, Cludija & Ana Darko, Malou Cerdan, Alex, Vivian, Jackie, Catherine Cordina, Ethan Tan, Sebostian Kolic, Tony Surace, Sanela, Antonija, Darko, Elizabeth, Maxine Post, Tyler Kenedy, Anna Baker, Carole Robertson, Anne Noonan, Rita Zammit, Benedetta Peci, Edwina Borg, Sam & Teresa Barbara, Bernadetta Russo, and those people who are affected by Covid19 (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: Mr. Josef Karnas (father of RevDominic Karnas CSMA, parish priest of Horsley Park), Egidio Calderan, Pasquale Carbone, Felix Berta Rivera, Anthony Farrugia, Rosaria Coluccio, Nora Eloisa Elizes, Michael Simon, Fr Paras, Nick Shaw, Luca Kat Ditthavong, Rosaria Coluccio, Artemio (Charlie) Pasquetti ,Barry Myles, Francisco Arabit, Edwina Vink, Geltrude Tosello, Aselita Meleke, Honorio Mercene, And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Tomislav & Sime Bakic other deceased including: Joel Sugay, Oswald Sereno, Nikola, Tom Lionel Anderson, George Lempke, Oscar Fernandes, Marin Batistic, Michele Fedele, Isabelo Corpus, Anna Marando, Rolando Olano, Catherin & Bartholomew Zarb, Daniel Wilkinson, Giuseppe, Caterina, Suora Elisabetta & Saverio Laria, Angela Svircevic, Mila Lopes, Elizabeth Dias, Patricia Doherty, Anthony Mascari, Concetta Fedele, Nicola Rakechi, Ljubica Rakechi, Vincenzo and Domenica Oliveri, Vincenzo Bugge, Francesco, Teresa, Rosa, Domenico & Anna Marando, Giuseppina & Pasquale Marando, Petro Khamtu, Anna Balien, Bishop Thomas Nantha, Fr.John Vien, Paolo Onesa, Clara Kongsy, Giuseppe Calabrese, Brian D'Costa, Anna Sue Ditthavong, Joseph Am, Joan of Arckhien Nontano Van, Im Nontanovan, Luca Hoang Thi Dao, Simon Nguyen Thang, Peter Sanfilippo, Derrick Mack, Denis Foley, Roque and Oscar Fernandes, Chris Baddock, Patrick Anderson, Hermie Villanueva, Giuseppe Di Marco, Catherine Melosi, Antonino La Delfa, Matthew Sinnott, Giovanni Pinazza, Kath Ditthavong, Aida Flores, Vince Debono, Tito Cerdan, Renzo Martignago, Lito Caspe, Enio Cappuccio, Josefina Sacriz & Jose Elizes Sr, Martin Sartor, Joseph Pham, Dominic Pham, Francesco & Rosina Papalia, Antonio & Maria Licastro, Anna, Guido & Bertilla Soligo, Marcello & Elsa Soligo, Domenico Soligo, Giovanna Dileo, Joseph Schembri, Paul & Dominic, Joseph Debono, Carl Josef Labis, Peter Sanfilippo, Domenica Oliveri, Gaetano & Agnes Cordina, Jessie Rose Salvador, Giovanna Fedele, Miriam Bussutil, Gener Santiago, Rose Nuner, Giorgio Perrone, Phyllis Baulman, Mercedes & Marcelo Serrado, Antonio & Francesca Bugge, Ivan, Stefano Collu, Kristinu Vella, Francis Camilleri, Francesco leroianni, Rina Peloso, Fr Isidore Anantharaj, Francesco Mesiti, Domenico Mellino, Maria Oliveri, Nanette Cabardo, Diego Cabardo-Oclarit, Maizie & Grant Colomb, Domenico Oliveri, Annunziata Oliveri, Carmelo Oliveri, Mariantonia Pisano, Delia Dela Cruz, Marcello & Angela Seraglio, Attila Pete, Amal Doss, Joseph Schembri, Antonino Vella, Ivan Lozina, Hugo Martinez, Giovanni Rossi, Mary Mahony, Dulcie Soans, Vince Fedele, Maria Sulfaro, Maria Trimboli, Orazio Di Marco, Guido Pontello, Vincenzo & Anna Peci, Gloria & Sybil Roache, all deceased in the families of Pontello, Smith, Sernagiotto, Watts, Pham, Soligo & Certali, Borg, Seraglio, Zammit, Varkas & Stapic families, Sanfilippo family, Skondro, Zovko & Pavlovic families & Mario & Beniamino Fuser & all Souls in Purgatory. May they rest in peace.

Blessings: Sipina family

#### Futhanasia -

In light of the ongoing debate surrounding the dignity and sanctity of life within this State and across the country, we ask that each Parish please pray relating to respect for human life until its natural end. This is particularly pressing, given the Euthanasia legislation that is currently before the NSW parliament.

For those people who see in euthanasia an act of compassion: that the light of the Gospel transform their vision, allowing them to see the sacredness of all life from its beginning to its natural end. Let us pray to the Lord.

## Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

If you know anyone who are interested become a Catholic, please contract 9604 8927 or email admin@mibp.org.au *THE RCIA TEAM*~

#### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Mass next weekend, 27th November (11.30am & 3pm).

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sessions for the sacrament of reconciliation now ongoing until 11th December



#### THE CHARITABLE WORKS FUND (CWF) APPEAL

We thank you for your generous donation to Charitable works fund appeal last weekend. If you still want to donate please drop the donation into the 2nd collection. Thank you.

CWF supports Catholic Care, the Ephpheta Centre and many other ministries in the Archdiocese of Sydney (\$2 or more are 100% tax deductible)

PARISH DIARY	$\mathbf{P}$	A	R	I	S	H	D	I	A	R	Y
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Monday- 22nd Nov.	Wk3—1st Reconciliation				
ZZna Nov.	9.00am	Communion Service			
	10.00am	Italian Prayer Group			
Tuesday-	9.00am	Mass			
23rd Nov.					
Wednesday –	9.00am	Mass			
24th Nov.	9.30am	Rosary			
Thursday-	9.00am	Mass			
25th Nov.	9.30am	Prayer Group			
	9.30am	Adoration of the Blessed			
		Sacrament until 4pm			
Friday-	9.00am	Mass			
26th Nov.	7.30pm	JH Prayer Group			
	7.30pm	Disciples			
Saturday -	11.30am	Confirmation Mass			
27th Nov.	3.00pm	Confirmation Mass			
	5.00pm	Reconciliation			
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass			
Sunday-	1st Sunday of Advent				
28th Nov.	8.00am	Mass			
	10.00am	Mass			
	6.00pm	Mass			

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#### Striving to be a "Loving, Caring, Christian Community"

#### Weddings and Funerals

The same density limit (1 person per 2sqm) applies to weddings and funerals *for the fully vaccinated*.

If people are not fully vaccinated, there remains an 11-person limit for a wedding ceremony (the couple and celebrant; 2 witnesses; someone to record the service; and 5 guests), and a 10 person limit for funerals (not including the celebrant and others 'required for the conduct' of the funeral service).

The onus rests on the relevant couple or funeral directors to ensure that these requirement are complied with; it is not the responsibility of priests celebrating a wedding or funeral to verify the vaccination status of any individual.

#### Other Parish Activities

The permissibility or otherwise of other Parish activities depends on their nature. If the activity is related to 'worship', then the only restriction is the density limit (1 person per 2sqm). This means that the Rosary / Prayer Group, Legion of Mary, or Christmas Carols Liturgy could go ahead. The Parish Youth Group participating in Eucharistic Adoration would also fall within this category.

Exercise classes within the parish hall, bingo or card gatherings are not permitted: they are not sufficiently connected to the concept of 'worship' to be encompassed by the regulations permitting gathering for people regardless of vaccination status.

#### From the Liturgy Office....

#### Remembering our dead in the month of November

November is the month when the church remembers, in a special way, all those who have gone before us in faith. In keeping with our parish tradition, the "Book of Life" will be in the Church foyer from 1 November. This book contains the names of the deceased whose family members have made an offering towards the November Mass Intentions. Additional Prayers sheets for the Dead are also available from the Church Foyer during the month of November.

#### Commencement of the Advent Season

Next weekend (27/28 Nov) marks the beginning of the holy season of Advent. To support families in their preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, the parish has prepared Advent Evening Prayer Sheets to be used in conjunction with the Southern Cross candle template. These sheets will be available from the church foyer from next weekend and can also be found on the Parish Website on the Prayers Page.

God bless, Rita Cordina Liturgy and Music Coordinator

#### Year of St. Joseph

#### (8 Dec 2020-2021)

To commemorate the Year of St. Joseph, Pope Francis encourages all of us to pray together:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us in the path of life.

Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.

More prayer resources are available on the parish website

#### Roster—Next weekend 27th/28th Nov.

	Vigil	8am	10am	6pm	
Min of	J Haddad	C Aranda	A Jaser	N Tomic E Russo	
the Word	J Habelreeh	A Amores	R Agostino		
Extra-Ord	P Griffiths	L Pham	L Labbozzetta	L Bykowski T Corpus	
Min of Comm	K Griffiths	R Wright	R Noronha		
Data Proj/ Audio	C Labis	M Tran	E Jaser	Y Havey	
Piety Stall	M Norris	S Wilkins	T Baltero	T Seraglio	
Counter:	Altar Linen :	Cleaners :	Flowers :		
E San Miguel R Tripodi	L Yalda	M Liska L Elias S Skondro L Ishaia	B&M Cruz		
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#### **PRAYERS IN TIME OF A PANDEMIC**

Prayer for the end of the virus

Almighty and merciful Father, who show your love to all your creation.

We come before you asking for a quick control of the Coronavirus currently ravaging our world.

Hear graciously the prayers we make for those affected by the virus in various parts of the world.

Grant healing to the sick, eternal life to the dead and consolation to the bereaved families.

We pray that an effective medicine to combat the sickness be speedily found.

We pray for the relevant governments and health authorities that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people.

Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings. Amen.

(SECAM, the Symposium of the Episcopal Conferences in Africa and Madagascar, has suggested the above prayer for all those affected by the coronavirus.)

#### **Planned Giving Envelopes:**

Please collect your envelopes in the foyer. If interested to join into the envelope system and request for tax receipts for the year ended June 2021 please email: admin@mibp.org.au. All donations are 30% tax deductible. Hoping for your continuous support to our Parish.



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