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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, celebrated in Filipino.

WEEKDAY MASSES Mondays 9:10am Communion service
Tuesdays - Fridays 9:10am Mass

RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays between 5:00pm 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.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Thursday after the 9:10am Mass until 4:00pm.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Every 1st Friday of the month during the 9:10am Mass

BAPTISMS By appointment only. Baptisms are celebrated on
the 1st and 3rd Sundays and all Saturdays at 11:00am.

MARRIAGES By appointment at least 6 months notice.

Thought of the Week

"Ask Christ to help you become happy. I obey Christ.
After Christ's example, I forgive my persecutors.
I do not hate them. I ask God to have pity on all,
and I hope my blood will fall on my fellow men as
fruitful rain." - St. Paul Miki (1562 - 1597)

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time/B 4TH FEBRUARY 2024

Gospel Reading Mark 1:29-39

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples—they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places.

Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee.

Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.

We thank to Michael Pisano for covering the tripping hazard near the Presbytery.

Fr Danai
Parish Administrator



WELCOME TO THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH
Matteo George Rossi and Sofia Ricciuti-Adorna who will be baptised this weekend.

Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays and all Saturdays of the month at 11am.

The next **baptismal info** is on the 15th February, 7:30pm at the Parish centre.

Catholic Parish of Mary Immaculate, Bossley Park

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? The RCIA is the Catholic Church's way of welcoming new members. It can also be the path to prepare for First Eucharist and/or Confirmation for baptised Catholics. RCIA is much more than a program. It is a learning and loving process in which conversion of the heart brings one to Jesus Christ. To register, please contact the Parish office on 9604 8927.

We pray for...

Our sick: Alan Biag, Fr Joy, Ante, Massimo Baroni, Eddy Hrkac, Felicia Perera, Bernice Mack, Catherine Cordina, Sam & Teresa Barbara, Kathleen Grogan, Cveta, Joe, Neda, Francis Agius, Roman, Marin, Josip, Ed Malapitan, Rolly Rocela, Elizabeth Mifsud, Tommy, Darko, Steve, Gani Rael, Kate/Edwin Bachar, Rita Francis, Roque Noronha, Ana, Maria & Richard, Tony Surace, Mate, Tania, Anka, Roman, Cecilia Felipe, Marcus Batros, Vincenzo Melissari, Josipa, Gioseppina Bartone, Alex, Diosdada Penollar, Magdalena, Marcelina Isagani, Carole Robertson, Sipina family, Rita Zammit, Edwina Borg, Bernadetta Russo, Lina (*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:** Dennis De Martin, Zenaida Matias, Steven Suplat, Carlo Farrugia, Tobia Panuccio, Bruno Debortoli, Geraldine Jansen (JB teacher), Narciso Ignacio, Liliam Camba, Antonio Gooden Lapuz, Vincenzo DeMaio, Rita Malapitan, Joseph Francis, and those whose

Anniversaries occur at this time: Conor Dinan, Margaret Bastic, Stephen & Maria Suplat, Francesco Papalia, Milagros Gaspi, William Barton, Reynaldo Morales, Bernard Gitz, Agostino & Carmela, Ivan Bonza **Other deceased including:** Gaetano and Agnes Cordina, Mario Cutajar, Louis Borg, Agostino Ranieu, Carmela (daughter of Rita Ranieu), Conor Dinan, Margaret Bastic, Maria Suplat, Francesco Papalia, Milagros Gaspi, William Barton, Reynaldo Morales, Bernard Gitz, Agostino & Carmela, Ivan Bonza, Rocco, Concetta, Francesco, Giuseppa Leuzzi, Rosario & Rosaria Papalia, Emmanuel Attard, Antonio Gooden Lapuz, Isabel & Joseph Fenech, Niel Hanna, Caterina Laria, Gaspar Vargas, Reena Redoblado, Domenico Nicola, Stefano Collu, Teresa Dinan, Conor Dinan, Emmanuel Attard, Aladar Saagy, Wendy Marshall-Ward, Margaret Bastic, Joseph Am Nontanovan, Joanna Khien, Thomas Ha, Theresa Bounlien, Luca Kat Dithavong, Anna Sue, Francis Xavier Vien, Thomas Nantha, Anna Balien, Petro Khamtu, Vincenzo Demaio, Domenico Marando, Juana Frijas, Donna Frijas, Timoteo Lagang, Maria Nguyen, Vincenzo Oliveri, Domenica Oliveri, Carmelo Oliveri, Maria Oliveri, Vincenzo Bugge, Vince Fedele, Giuseppa Oliveri, Francesco Leuzzi, Tom & Patrick Anderson, Nonata San Miguel, Derrick Mack, Grant Colomb, Michele, Concetta, Antonio & Giovanna Fedele, Antonino Vella, Mariantonia Pisano, Vincenzo & Anna Peci, Honorio Mercene, Guido & Bertilla Soligo, Marcello & Elsa Soligo, Domenico Soligo, Guido Pontello, Marcello & Angela Seraglio, Mary Mahony, Dulcie Soans, Giuseppe & Orazio DiMarco, Gloria & Sybil Roache, all departed souls in the families of Dimacano, Colomb & Mack & Bulner, Pontello, Smith, Sernagiotto, Soligo & Certali, Borg, Seraglio, Zammit, & Skondro families & all Souls in Purgatory. **May they rest in peace.**

Funeral: Dennis De Martin—vigil prayers on Thursday, 8th Feb at 5:30pm and funeral on Friday 9th Feb at 11 am.

The Parent's information evening for the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be on the 7th March at 6pm in the church.

Children must be 8 years old & above at the time of preparation. Please bring the baptismal copy and a \$50 fee.



Parish Diary



Monday 5th February	St Agatha 9:10am Communion Service 10:00am Praise & Worship— Italians followed by 11am Mass
Tuesday 6th February	St Paul Miki & Companions 9:10am Mass 7:00pm Praise & Worship
Wednesday 7th February	9:10am Mass
Thursday 8th February	St Jerome Emiliani, St Josephine Bakhita 9:10am Mass Adoration after the Mass until 4pm.
Friday 9th February	9:10am Mass 11:00am Funeral - Dennis De Martin 7:30pm Praise & Worship –JHPGroup 7:30pm Rosary –Disciples of Sacred Heart of Jesus
Saturday 10th February	St Scholastica 11:00am Baptism 5:00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass 7:30pm Adorers of the Holy Eucharist
Sunday 11th February	6th Sunday of Ordinary Time World Day of Prayer for the Sick 8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 11:00am Filipino Mass 6:00pm Mass

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading	Job 7:1-4, 6-7
2nd Reading	1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23
Responsorial Psalm	Praise the Lord who heals
Gospel	Mark 1: 29-39
Next Weekend:	Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46
6th Sunday	1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1
of Ordinary Time	Mark 1: 40-45



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From the Liturgy Office...

becoming a
catechist

Catechist Sunday
(10/11 February 2024)

Have you ever considered becoming a Catechist but you weren't sure of what that entails? Here are a few answers to the most asked questions about becoming a catechist in our local state primary schools.

What is involved?

As a catechist, you are invited by the Church to share our faith with children and teens in public schools by giving time each week during the school term for lesson preparation and teaching.

What do I need?

A willingness to share your faith life.
A Working With Children Check (WWCC) which we can help you apply for.

What help will I get?

Support and encouragement from our catechist group who share your faith interests and goals.

CCD provides practical training courses including compulsory safeguarding training to help you to develop teaching skills and to make the best use of your own gifts.

- A Teacher's Manual containing easy to follow lesson plans.
- Student Activity Books for each child.
- Resources to help you and the students enjoy interesting and creative lessons.

Catechists who are willing to help in our public schools teach children about God and His love for all. Jesus always picked those willing to follow his way by "making the willing able". Please know that we do not expect you to teach as soon as you begin. You can start as a helper. A helper assists a Catechist in class and is not required to give a lesson; then, when you feel ready and have begun training you may like to start to prepare lessons and teach.

If you would like more information about the mission of a Catechist or Helper, please contact CCD Sydney or our Parish Catechist Coordinator, Yvonne Vitagliani.

Please note that next weekend on **Catechist Sunday (10/11 February)**, at every mass, those who have answered the call to be Catechists in our local primary state schools, will celebrate the **Rite of Commitment and Sending Forth**.

The **Catechists formation meeting** will be on Tuesday, 13th Feb. at 6pm in the Parish Centre.

God bless,
Rita Cordina (Liturgy & Music Coordinator)

Upcoming Feasts and Memorials

- 5 February—St Agatha
- 6 February—St Paul Miki & Companions
- 8 February—St Jerome Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita
- 10 February—St Scholastica

Pope's Monthly Intentions for 2024

FEBRUARY: For The Terminally Ill

Let us pray that the sick who are in the final stages of life, and their families, receive the necessary medical and human care and accompaniment.

ATTENTION ALL MINISTERS

Lent begins on 14 February 2024

Our parish will be celebrating two masses on Ash Wednesday at **9:10am** and **7:30pm**.

Liturgical ministers are needed at both masses.

If you can help, please write your name and contact number on the appropriate clipboard in located in the Church foyer. Thank you.

Bring Back Last Year's Palms

Please be reminded to bring in your palm branches from last year. Thank you.



Please Note: ABOUT FASTING & ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday (14 February) and **Good Friday (29 March)** are days of fasting and abstinence.

All who are 18-59 years old are bound to fast. All who are 14 years old and older are bound to abstain.



6th Sunday of Ordinary Time
10/11 February 2024

	Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 6pm
Commentator	J Baulman	C La Delfa	A Redoblado	M Perrone
Minister of the Word	G Daly	M Tran	R Agostino	R Ilagan
EMHC	F Di Marco Volunteer	A Froio N Lozina G Kruk	L Labbozzetta A Elizes	Volunteer M Oliveri
Data Proj/ Musician	S Poullath	T Pham M Vargas	T Decanay-Lo	A Perrone
Altar Servers	J Daly A Daly L Daly	Volunteer	J Batros	E Fleita A Fleita M Nicolaou
Piety Stall	C Stanislas	G Smith	D Hrkac	T Seraglio
Counter: Group 2 N Redoblado P Redoblado M Dandan	Altar Linen : A Fleming	Flowers : Group 2 M La Rosa	Cleaners : Group 6 B Cuka, A Halabi A Karoomi E Kemi, T Safar F Yousif M Agopian	

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2024

Lenten Program – All are invited to attend the Lenten Program to be led by Deacon Mervyn

Every Tuesday at 7pm in the church, commencing on the 13th Feb. Deacon Mervyn is providing an opportunity for the faithful to come together to pray and to prepare for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ, using the **Lenten Companion now available in the foyer**. Please register (clipboard in the foyer).

Ash Wednesday—14th February 2024
at 9.10am and 7.30pm & SWIAA 10am

Stations of the Cross

Every Friday throughout Lent commencing on the 16th Feb. at 8.30am and 7pm in the Church.

23/24 March—Passion (Palm) Sunday

Procession of Palms into the Church
Masses: Vigil 6:00pm Sunday 8:00am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

28 March—Holy Thursday

Celebration of the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm followed by Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 11:00pm

29 March—Friday of the Passion of the Lord

- 10:00am - Morning Prayer
- 10:30am - Stations of the Cross
- 1:00pm - Filipino Liturgy
- 4:00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross

30 March—Easter Vigil—Holy Saturday

Morning Prayer at 10am followed by the Blessing of Easter foods. Easter Vigil commencing with the Blessing of Easter Fire, Lighting of the Paschal Candle & procession.

31 March - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Masses: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12pm (Laos Community)

Note : No 6pm Mass



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A Marriage Encounter Weekend

on
27-29 June 2024

at **Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW**

Book online at www.wwme.org.au
or contact **Christine & Terry Mahony**
on **0490 774 419**

or email: nswbookings@wwme.org.au

Sacramental Coordinator for All Saints and St Therese.

All Saints Parish Liverpool is seeking a Sacramental Coordinator. Details of the Position are available at

www.reachhr.com.au,

then click the tag under "Featured Opportunities".

Consent to Film and Photograph a child/children in the Parish :

As a general rule, no consent is required to photograph or film groups of 10 or more children (where they are not identified by name). However, for one child or a group of less than 10 children, a general consent form should be obtained by a parent/guardian.



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EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Pilgrimage to England & Ireland.

Highlights: visiting Our Lady of Knock and Our Lady of Walsingham.

April 17– May 1, 2024

Please see Fr Danai