

Parish Notices.

1. Note Christmas Mass times. Confessions available on Saturdays from 9.45am and from 4.30pm during Advent period and every day after the morning Masses.
- 2, Next bulletin will be published weekend 20th/21st January 2024. Note Communion services on Tuesday and Wednesday 26th & 27th December. There will be Sacrament of the Sick on Sat 6th Jan at 9.10am Mass and Divine Devotion at 3pm on Sunday 7th Jan.
3. **Summer 2023 Catholic Outlook Magazine out now!** Pick up your free copy from the back of the Church or read it online via catholicoutlook.org/magazine
4. **Safeguarding:** Cyle 1 Modules 1-3 will be held in our parish Hall on Saturday 17th Feb 2024 from 10am -3pm. If you are new to Parish Ministry, all volunteers in religious ministry are Mandatory Reporters.
5. Confirmation 2024 at Sacred Heart: 12th May 2024. Celebrant: Bishop Vincent Long.
6. **Liturgical Ministry Course returns in February 2024.** This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org
7. Girls Summer Cam 12-16 years old from 15th 17th January 2024 at Mount Schoenstatt, Mulgoa. Contact Sr M Rita Baysari on 0493026628 or email: srrita@schoenstatt.org.au



SUNDAY 24th December

4th Sunday of Advent

Usual Masses at 7.30am & 9am

CHRISTMAS EVE:

8PM Family MASS

10PM Samoan Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY:

7.30am & 9.00 AM MASS

PRAYERS FOR THOSE in our COMMUNITY

SICK: Maria Belisario, Stella Edwards, Fe Llave, Boyet Llave; Ernie Merjudio, Fara Vargas; Maria Llave; Sheila Glennon, Alice Cassar, Maureen Farquharson; William Steven Latu.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Paciencia P Danza, Felise Laugutu Faleono; Douglas Kerr; Anthony Leong; Victor Sultana; Fr Lolesio Teo; Fr Faauli Lagaia; Fr Niusila; Eugenia Wrzosek; Ralston Pietersz; Ian Henry Marks; Tevaga Vaasili Sarek; Haizel Sprway.

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Eduardo David; Wilhemina & George Lavis. Jess Garcia jr; Epifania & Edilberto Salazar; Lorenza Umbao; John Marjorie William; Aurther and Edith Holmes; Peggy Wheatley; Thomas & Patricia Wiggins; Margaret Smith; Sr Mary Stephen, Marija Blazevic; Jack & Joseph Staszak; Vicenta & Domingo Perales; E. Perafiel; Irene Alfonso; Efipania Flojo; Luis Perales; Teodoria Alfonso; Narciso & Juana Reyes; Elisa & Manuel San Jose; Jesus, Teresa, Edgardo & Antonio Miguel; Pat Oliver Freemay; Linda Camba; Jerry Meyer.

Death anniversaries remain on the bulletin for max 4 weeks.



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4th Sunday of ADVENT (B)

24th December 2023



From Fr Marcus's desk

This weekend is a very rare moment for us all. This fourth Sunday of Advent falls on the 24th December. On the same evening we will be celebrating Christmas Eve Mass. Next day, on Monday the 25th of December, we celebrate the Nativity of Our Lord – Christmas Day. No wonder our Church has been gifted with wisdom and grace from the Lord when it comes to the three Cycles of the Liturgical Year. We have everything in one basket: 4th Sunday of Advent (Love), the Nativity of our Lord (Vigil Mass) and the Christmas Mass of the Day. We must take these great occasions for praising the Lord; come together as a family of faith and to always put our trust in God.

The 4th Sunday of Advent's theme is LOVE. It is the great *Theological Virtue* that shows to us how God loved the world so much that we were gifted with the Child Jesus. The Gospel of Luke presents to us the great *Annunciation* when the angel Gabriel says to Mary: “full of grace.” She will give birth to a Son who will bring Salvation to us all.

The Gospel of Matthew for the Vigil Mass proclaims to us of Joseph receiving the message from an Angel to take Mary as his wife and prepare him to be the carer and protector of our Lord Jesus. How Blessed is St Joseph to take this fatherly role. Then on Christmas Day, the Gospel of John proclaims to us the *Logos (Word)* who is the Son of God, Christ.

With Love it is a gift that the Lord has granted to us We are also expected to share the Love of God to everyone. Merry Christmas to us all. Peace on Earth, Good will to all humanity and to the world.

*From Mons Ron McFarlane, Fr Marcus &
Deacon Rod*

**We wish all Parishioners a joyous and peaceful
Christmas.**

Sunday Masses	Saturday	6.00 pm	4th Sunday of ADVENT (B)
	Sunday	7.30 am & 9.00am	
Weekday Masses	Monday	7.30am & 9.00am	CHRISTMAS DAY
	Tuesday	9.10 am	St Stephen (Com Serv)
	<u>Wednesday</u>	7.00pm	St John, Apostle (Com Serv)
	<u>Thursday</u>	9.10am	The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
	<u>Friday</u>	9.10am	5th Day within Octave of Christmas
	Saturday	9.10am	6th Day within Octave of Christmas
Confessions	<u>Saturday:</u>	4.30pm - 5.30pm	(during Advent)

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Readers	6.00pm	7.30am	9.00am
23rd/24th December 4th Sunday of Advent	Edna Gemzon Luisito Villapana	Sr Agnese Grace Bondoc	Jovita Bugayong Mary Zore
CHRISTMAS EVE	8.00pm Grace Bondoc Gloria Cardoza	CHRISTMAS DAY Joaquim Mendes Thomas Merjudio	CHRISTMAS DAY Aloysius Wong Agnes Polu
30th/31st December Holy Family	Wendy Farquharson Jeric Salazar	Vinod Nagaraja Philip Tonks	Matthias Wong Leo Macatangay
6th/7th January Epiphany	Herminia Villarica Pio Vergara	Elijah Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Fadi Antown Sr Agnese
13th/14th January 2nd Sunday Ord Time	Luisito Villapana Edna Gemzon	Grace Bondoc Joaquim Mendes	Fadi Antown Mark Buhagiar
20th/21st January 3rd Sunday Ord Time	Goria Cardoza Luisito Villapana	Philip Tonks Vinod Nagaraja	Bethany Buhagiar Jovita Bugayong

Entrance Antiphon: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Responsorial Psalm: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Music for Lent Workshop: 12 February 2024

Musicians and Liturgy Planners are invited to attend an evening exploring Music for Lent on Monday 12 February 2024 from 7pm to 8.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. The session will be presented by Eric Grella, Music Formation Facilitator, Mission Enhancement Team. To RSVP, please contact mary.gale@parracatholic.org by 5 February 2024.

Free English and Citizenship Classes

Catholic Care Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains is offering English and Citizenship classes at Mamre House, 181 Mamre Rd, Orchard Hills, on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 10am to 2pm during school terms. Free childcare is available. If you are interested in enrolling, please contact Mamre Crèche on (02) 8843 2506 or Nepean Community College (02) 4724 9000.

**CHURCH CLEANING:
29th December: Sara Mendoca**

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA NOTICES

Diocesan World Day of the Sick Mass: 10 February 2024

A Mass for the World Day of the Sick, including the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, will be held at 11am on Saturday 10 February 2024 at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, Blacktown. All are welcome, including those who may be sick, and those who care for the sick and dying and health care professionals. RSVPs are required by 6 February 2024 to mary.gale@parracatholic.org

NEW Diocesan website launched

The new parracatholic.org website is now here with exciting new features and functionality including a comprehensive 'Find a Mass' function which includes Daily and Weekend Masses, Reconciliation and Adoration times; a centralised event calendar; Daily Mass readings and different ways you can contribute to the Church in Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains. Check it out today!

Be Part of Our Synod Journey: Diocesan Synod Report Now Available

The Diocesan Synod Report is now available for download. The newly released Diocesan Synod Report offers a summary of our first Diocesan Synod assembly, held from October 13-15, 2023, its preparatory stages, in-depth details of the proceedings, and insights from delegates. Download your copy from the Parramatta Synod website now: www.parracatholic.org/synod/resources

Donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal

The efforts of these partner agencies are expected to support 17,000 displaced families, representing around 100,000 of the one million people displaced. To support Caritas Australia's Gaza Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/gaza-crisis/ or call 1800 024 413 toll free.