

THE ROSARY RECORD

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH
DECEMBER 22 2024 | FOURTH SUNDAY
OF ADVENT | YEAR C

May Jesus, who comes to us and to whom we go to meet
with joy and hope this Christmas,
richly bless you and yours
with His Light, Peace and Love.

May our Mass and Communion with Christ, with Mary and Joseph
remind us of the nearness of God,
of the Holy Family, to us all.

For some of you, Christmas will be a time also mixed with sorrow,
especially as loved ones who would normally be with you at this time
are perhaps far away – so often the case in our contemporary world,
living overseas - maybe estranged, perhaps have passed from this life
to eternal life.

And so, absence, together with the joy of remembrances and presence
of family and friends are the realities of Christmas.

For some, Christmas can be desperately lonely:
inmates in gaols, the sick in hospital, incarcerated asylum seekers,
refugees and migrants often experience loneliness.
Thanks be to God, there are so many groups among us
who endeavour to reach out to them in the name of Jesus and human
solidarity.

And there are people who have relatives, friends, work colleagues,
in some of the most disturbed countries of the world:
the many places where invasion, terrorism, war, social unrest,
persecution are their daily bread.

Can we at least remember them during our Masses.

When you observe the faces of children when they see the
decorations, lights and Nativity Scenes,
one sees wonder, curiosity, delight.

Can we rekindle those same feelings and come, like children,
to be touched, to be in awe and delight at the humility of God
becoming one with us “in such humble estate” as a Carol tells it.

Finally, my THANKS to you all, especially to Maria and Amanda
who keep the home flame alight, to all who participate in our
ministries and generously support our Parish. Peter Hearn MSC



Nativity Scene in a Refugee Camp



CIC Crib



THIS WEEK



SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER

5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER

9:30am Mass + KidsChurch, Morning Tea
3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass
5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 23 DECEMBER

9:00am Mass

TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS EVE

5:30pm Carols
6:00pm Family Mass - NO LATE-NIGHT MASS

WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30am Family Mass
6:00pm Mass

THURSDAY 26 DECEMBER – ST STEPHEN MARTYR

5:00pm Holy Hour/Adoration/Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 27 DECEMBER – ST JOHN APOSTLE

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 28 DECEMBER – HOLY FAMILY

5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 29 DECEMBER – HOLY FAMILY

9:30am Mass + KidsChurch, Morning Tea
3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass
5:30pm - 6:00pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass



*We acknowledge the traditional owners the Gadigal Clans of the Eora Nation,
who cared for this land for thousands of years and their descendants who have
maintained these Spiritual connections and traditions.*

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MASS TIMES

Sat 6:00pm (Vigil), Sun 9:30am, 6pm

Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am, Thurs 6pm

Indonesian Mass Sun 3:30pm

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

9:00am Mass First Friday

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5:30-6.00pm

Sunday 5.30-6.00pm

Thursday 5:00pm-6pm

ROSARY

First Saturday before 6.00pm Mass

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RESPONSES

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.

FIRST READING

Micah 5: 1-4

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10: 5-10

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 1: 39-45

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

CHRISTMAS ROSTER

Christmas Eve Children's Liturgy

Acolyte – Handojo Widjaja

Readers – Children

E Ministers – Robyn Kildea,

Dew Suryani, Joyance Jo

Christmas Day

Acolyte – John Allen

Readers – Francine Pirola,

Byron Pirola

E Ministers – Trish Veness,

Amelia Iovanello

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Kathleen Cullen, Tom Carlton, Bernard Fonti, Alice Gatt, Bob Brenac, Katerina Gazzance, Tony Khoshendro, Peter Haylen, Selina Fung, Faalele Jane Reekers, Wong Chung Hua, Rinda Wijaja Suparto, Anna Vigliante, John Stuart Park, Kim Michelle Pastor, Nyauw Kim Tjin, Cendrati Kurniawan (*mother of Henny Wong*), Shona Kaiwai, Grace Provino, Hima, Margaret McShane, Evelyn Marquez, Maria & Ivan Zic, Grace Veronica, Amina Chahrouk, Salvatore Messina, Elisabetta Nesci, Umberto Vaccarella, A.L., Xavier Stratton, Rose Alessio, Joanna & family, Gavin Robertson, Chris (*Cindy's husband*), Manuel Mouco, Eva (*Nicole's mum*), Paul Galea, Lynne Chaundhuri

PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE/HOMEBOUND

Sr Joan Pender, Frank Mifsud, Margaret Stocker, Terrence Hertford, Brian Beaver, Rose Kelter, Sebastiano Gentile, Robert Preece, Gai Tyne, Gina Vizacos, John Dorahy, William Van Burke, Brenda Longworth, Christine Moyle, Olga Nasser, Fr Chris Murphy msc, Jill Rees, Sayde Harb, Maria Pockaj, Lucienne Radzysinski, Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

Arelene Kearney, Sr Francesco Marianti osu, Fr Terry Bowman msc, Fr Paul Guy msc, Robert Joseph Baker

ANNIVERSARIES

Br James Maher msc, Jack Papallo, Carlo and Alfredo Pengue

ROSTERS

21/22 DEC	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	John Ryan	Gus Alimhamzah	Briant Koh
Readers	Joyance Jo Joyance Jo	Kayla Thumwanich Jeff Kildea	Elsa Lim Ethan Lim
E. Ministers	Sr Pauline Richards	Trish Veness Dewi Suryani	Patricia Reyes
KidsChurch	Patrick & Sherly		
Counters	Robyn Kildea, Bob Brenac		
Comm to Sick	Trish Veness		
28/29 DEC	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	John Ryan	John Allen	Gunawan Gunawan
Readers	Sr Diana Hayes Sr Pauline Richards	Michelle Alimhamzah Ross Martin	Marieann Duncan Marissa Meyn
E. Ministers	Joyance Jo	Francine Pirola Byron Pirola	Michael Reyes
KidsChurch			
Counters	Selvi Ung, Johanna Jahja		
Comm to Sick	Jan Nicholas		

Pope Francis has some beautiful thoughts in his 2023 Christmas Midnight Mass Homily at St Peter's, Rome.

Francis notes that Jesus was born in the context of a census of the “whole Roman world”. There is a **huge contrast**: the powerful “Divine” Emperor is going about his business, and yet **the true Divine Presence, Jesus, enters this world basically unnoticed** – with the exception of some shepherds, who were of no real social standing and some strange figures wandering in from the “East”. The census of the whole world “manifests the all-too-human thread that runs through history: the quest for worldly power and might, fame and glory, which measures everything in terms of success, results, numbers and figures, a world obsessed with *achievement*.”

God's ways are truly, often enough, not human ways. God does not eliminate injustice from above by a show of power. **But from below, by a show of love....** He does not shun our frailties but **makes them his own**. Which God do we believe in? In the God of incarnation or the god of achievement? God waves no magic wand; no god of commerce who promises ‘everything all at once’. He draws near to us, **in order to change our world from within...**not the deeply ingrained worldly notion of a distant, domineering, unbending and powerful deity...our God was born for all during a *census of the whole earth*.”

The Pope then invites us to look again at this God, living among us in Jesus: “The God who so respects us as **to allow us to reject Him**; who takes away sin by taking it upon Himself; who does not eliminate pain but **transforms** it; who does not remove problems from our lives but **grants us a hope that is greater than all our problems...**In his greatness, **God becomes small...**This is the wonder of Christmas...the unprecedented tenderness of a God who saves the world by becoming incarnate...He makes himself close, tender and compassionate, for this is **God's style: closeness, compassion, tenderness.**”

The Pope concludes: Dear Brother, dear Sister, to God who changed history in the course of a census, **you are not a number; instead you are a face. Your name is written on his heart...**today, please, let Jesus take the initiative. He says, “For your sake, I became flesh; for your sake, I became just like you.” Like the shepherds who left their flocks, **leave behind** the prison of your sorrows and **embrace** the tender love of the God who became a child... He is looking not for your achievements but **for your open and trusting heart...** His eyes are alight with love for you. Who looks at Him?”



Christmas in Syria

HOLY HOURS

Join us for Adoration **Monday 23rd December 6pm-7pm** (*call in for a few minutes or stay the whole hour*) and Thursdays before 6:00pm Mass. **Reconciliation is available.**

FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION

Please join us at OLR Church on the **first Saturday of each month** for the “*5 first Saturdays Devotion*” associated with Our Lady of Fatima. **5.00pm Rosary with confessions available 5.30pm Mass.**

WEEKDAY MASSES

First Friday Masses with anointing of the Sick at 9am., also at the Thursday evening Mass the day before the First Friday. PHMSC

MSC MISSION OFFICE

To all the parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kensington, our great thanks for your generosity this year in support of the MSC Mission Office.



- * For our Mission Appeal on September 28/29, you donated \$5,130.00 for our various projects.
- * For the special Appeal on the death of Fr Terry Bowman msc in lieu of flowers you gifted our Office with \$4270.00.
- * From the Catholic Indonesian Community in memory of Fr Terry \$2100.00. Special thanks for that generosity.
- * MSC Kensington OLR \$1,000.00

This is a very generous **\$12,500.00** which will bring great benefit to many people who need our help for a better life. We wish you a very holy and cheerful Christmas and all the best in the New Year.

Roger Purcell msc and all the staff.



PARISH COLLECTIONS 14/15 DEC

First Collection	\$1,410
Second Collection	\$690
Envelope Collection (includes EFT & Bpoint)	\$5,310



2024 CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



Second Rite of Reconciliation
Mon 16 Dec – 6:30pm

Christmas Eve, Tues 24 Dec
5:30pm - Carols
6:00pm - Family Mass
NO LATE NIGHT MASS

Christmas Day, Wed 25 Dec
9:30am - Family Mass
6:00pm – Mass



A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at 9390 5810 Or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Celebrant: We light the Fourth Advent Candle in honour of the Shepherds, lowly people of their society, and yet they were the first chosen to hear the Good News of the Angels that the Saviour was born. (The candle is lit as the following is said.) May we, with reconciled and humble hearts, hasten to greet Jesus our Saviour. May we welcome him into our homes and see him especially in the poor and suffering of this world.



Lord Jesus, you trod the path of our humanity, showing us the way to the Father. Lord, have mercy.
Christ Jesus, you are Son of God and Son of Mary, Christ, have mercy.
Lord Jesus, you are word made flesh and splendor of the Father, Lord, have mercy.

HELP NEEDED

If you have a couple of hours to spare **every few months** and consider yourself a people person, our **Baptism Preparation team** needs you! This program is for parents presenting their **FIRST CHILD** for baptism.

You will be required to hold a 45-minute session where you will share the Baptism program with the parents of children who will be Baptised the following month, introduce them to our parish community at the Welcoming Mass (the Sunday before the Baptism program) and assist the Parish Priest at the Baptism on the 1st Sunday of the month. All materials, training and support will be provided.

During Advent we are encouraged to prepare the way for Jesus' coming... what better way to do this than to help prepare our young families to welcome their children into our parish family? Please consider taking up this rewarding role and ask that you reflect on this request over the next few days.



Please feel free to contact me for an obligation free chat, if you have any questions.

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JUMBO SALE OF FR TERRY'S ELEPHANT HERD - ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND

Base price \$5 (Cash only)
Proceeds to Fr Terry's Memorial Clean Water MSC Mission Office (ALL stock must go) PHMSC

