

My dear friends,

It will soon be Christmas, when once again we contemplate the birth of Jesus in a lowly stable at Bethlehem.

As we prepare for this great event let us be ready to meet Jesus in the many ways in which he comes to us.

Let us renew our faith in the presence and activity of God in our everyday lives and the world events going on around us. The Spirit of God is moving over the waters of our daily lives and over the events of today's world.

Let us renew our faith in God who is truly present in the child born of Mary, the God who became man for us.

May the Infant Jesus shower many blessings upon you and your families this Christmas and may it be a time of love, peace and harmony for everyone.

Your friend in the heart of Jesus,

Terry B msc



THIS WEEK



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY 18 DEC

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 19 DEC

9:30am Mass

Livestreamed – YouTube:

https://youtu.be/SaWr_i2c92A

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 20 DEC

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration

WEDNESDAY 22 DEC

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 23 DEC

6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 24 DEC - CHRISTMAS EVE

6:30pm Family Mass

9:00pm Indonesian Community Mass

SATURDAY 25 DEC - CHRISTMAS DAY

9:30am Family Mass

NO EVENING MASS

SUNDAY 26 DEC - HOLY FAMILY

9:30am Mass

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass



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Office Hours: 9:30am - 3:30pm

OFFICE CLOSED TUESDAYS

MASS TIMES

Sat 6pm (Vigil),

Sun 9:30am (Family), 6pm

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

Indonesian Mass Sun 3:30pm

RECONCILIATION

Mon 9:30am or by appointment

ROSARY

To resume at the beginning of next year

INDONESIAN COMMUNITY

Email: chaplain@cicsydney.org

BAPTISMS

First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

WEDDINGS

By Appointment

SACRAMENTS

Contact Parish Office

OLR PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

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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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:

May his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 1: 39-44

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Grace Provino, Hima, Frank Mifsud,
Br Gerard Rummery fsc, David Lai, Margaret McShane,
Hon. Deirdre Grusovin, Evelyn Marquez,
Maria & Ivan Zic, Grace Veronica, Amina Chahrouk,
Salvatore Messina, Sr Margaret McKay rscj,
Elisabetta Nesci, Umberto Vaccarella, Xavier Stratton,
Rose Alessio, Joanna & family, David Lai, Gavin
Robertson, Chris (*Cindy's husband*), Manuel Mouco,
Eva (*Nicole's mum*), Paul Galea, A.L., Olga Nasser,
Lynne Chaundhuri

PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE/HOUBOUND

Sayde Harb, Margaret Stocker, Malcolm MacDonald,
Nella Custorella, Rose Kelter, Jill Rees, John Borg,
Gwen Smith, Laura Leonard, Maria Pockaj,
Sebastiano Gentile, Lucienne Radzysinski,
Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

Joseph Nair, Luke Davies, Sunardi Hardjo,
Maurice Campbell, Bishop William Wright,
Leon Puruntatameri

ANNIVERSARIES

Lupo Macolino, Br James Maher msc, Jack Moon,
Mollie Brereton, Fr Peter McGrath ofm, Pam Boreham,
Dorothy Mary Lang, Suwito Sutjadi, Silvio Pengue,
Abela Pengue, Muzio Falluto, Ettore Assini,
Assunta Assini, Anna Maria Pengue, Alfredo Pengue,
Carlo Pengue, Isabel Mooney

ROSTERS

18/19 DEC	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	Sal Barone	Br Trieu Nguyen
Readers	Sr Helen Hearne Br Rory Higgins	Rob McGuinness Toni McGuinness	Marissa Meyn Tony King
E. Ministers		Robyn Kildea Nubia Suarez	
KidsChurch	Novy, Velinda		
Comm to Sick	Robyn Kildea		
26 DEC	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte		Sal Barone	Br Trieu Nguyen
Readers		Byron Pirola Francine Pirola	Isabel Reyes Patricia Reyes
E. Ministers		Nubia Suarez Thomas Chia	
KidsChurch			
Comm to Sick	Nubia Suarez, Thomas Chia		



HOLY HOUR

Join us for Adoration - Monday 20th December 6pm-7pm
(call in for a few minutes or stay the whole hour)

CHRISTMAS ROSTER

24/25 DEC	CHRISTMAS EVE: 6:30PM	CHRISTMAS DAY 9:30AM
Acolytes	John Allen Gus Alimhamzah	Br Trieu Nguyen Arthur Handojo
Readers	Roy Rigotti Michell Alimhamzah	Jeff Kildea Ana Corpuz
E. Ministers	Dewi Suryani Nani Widarto	Robyn Kildea Michael Reyes

BIRTHDAY CANDLES FOR JESUS

To encourage families to visit the church for Christmas, we are running a 'Birthday candles for Jesus' campaign. Here's how you can help:



Letterbox your neighbours with the flyer (available in church foyer).

Donate some birthday candles (leave them under the nativity display). Pop in during one of the open times to light a candle and to welcome visitors.

Info: Francine 0433 451 433



ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE WITH THE MARRIAGE KIT

An enrichment course for married couples wanting a lasting, passionate relationship as God intended. Accessed from the privacy of your

home on your own timetable, this online course will energise your relationship, revitalise your passion and equip you with practical tools for every day. To find out more visit: smartloving.org/marriage-kit. Get 50% off with the coupon code: Advent



THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY

In this week's edition:

- * Don't legalise killing! Archbishop to NSW MPs
- * Climate summit flags ALP shift
- * Let's recover Christianity: Nine News editor speaks out



Happy Birthday to Margaret Stocker who celebrates her 90th birthday on Tuesday 21 December

We welcome into our faith community by Baptism this weekend:

Gia Carlee Villanueva
Khai Bastian Villanueva
Brunella Luciana Gallango
Matilda Kate Nuttall
Henry William Nuttall



Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

COVID REGULATIONS - LATEST UPDATE

As of 15 December 2021, the government has once again updated the COVID-related regulations for places of worship.

For the sake of clarity:

- Churches are open to all people regardless of vaccination status.
- There is now no density limit for churches.
- Masks are no longer compulsory while inside a church, though they are still **strongly encouraged** in settings where social distancing is not possible.
- All members of the congregation are permitted to sing.
- QR Codes and our established check-in procedures, however, are to continue, as is the case with pubs, hairdressers, gyms etc.

Weddings and Funerals

Anyone can now attend a wedding or funeral, regardless of vaccination status, and there is no longer a number or density limit.

LIVE STREAMING

The last live streamed Mass at OLR will be on Sunday 26 December.

PARISH COLLECTIONS 11/12 DEC

First Collection	\$675
Second Collection	\$270
Envelope Collection	\$2,000

2021 CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



Christmas Eve, Friday Dec 24

6:30pm Family Mass
9:00pm Indonesian Mass

Christmas Day, Saturday Dec 25

9:30am - Christmas Day Family Mass
NO EVENING MASS

Holy Family, Sunday Dec 26

9:30am and 6pm Mass
3:30pm Indonesian Mass

Mary, Mother of God, Saturday Jan 1

10am Mass

Epiphany, Sunday Jan 2

6pm Vigil Mass, 9:30am and
6pm Mass
3:30pm Indonesian 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.

GIVE THE GIFT OF A BRIGHTER FUTURE TO MOTHERS LIKE MARIA THIS CHRISTMAS



For years Maria, a young mother living in northern Tanzania, struggled to earn an income and provide enough food to feed her family. Unable to read, write or count, her opportunities to make a living were limited. Her farm often produced poor harvests due to water scarcity, and Maria was forced to travel long distances to collect water. Thanks to the generosity of people like you, Maria was able to join the A+ program and participate in training about sustainable farming, literacy and numeracy, gender awareness, hygiene and sanitation. With her new skills, Maria is now able to produce enough food to feed her family, earn a sustainable income, and has even become a leader in her community. **When you support a mother like Maria, it has the power to uplift her entire family. This Christmas, give a family like Maria's the gift of a brighter future. Visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/christmas-appeal or call 1800 024 413 toll free to support vulnerable families doing it tough this year.**

AGEING WELL MASTERCLASSES NOW AVAILABLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

Bringing together a team of clinical experts and professionals in the field of ageing, Catholic Care's Ageing Well masterclasses will help you live life to the full. Drawing on the experience and insights from not for profit and government organisations; CatholicCare Sydney, Catholic Healthcare, Grief Care, Australian Catholic Super and NSW Trustee & Guardian, Ageing Well provides practical advice and support to help you navigate some of the issues around ageing, along with information about services available in your local area. Delivered as a series of masterclasses, Age Well covers everything you need to know from staying connected to community, diet and exercise, navigating the many choices around ageing support, why mental health matters as we age and financial and legal planning. Ageing Well masterclasses are due to begin in February 2022 and will be held in casual, non-judgemental community forums in Liverpool, Haberfield and Lidcombe.

If you or someone you know are interested in coming along, please visit catholiccare.org/ageingwell and enter your details to receive an invitation.