



HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH RYDALMERE

First Sunday of Lent / A
1 March 2020

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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY EUCHARIST:	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 9.30am
WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:	Tuesday - Saturday	9.15am
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
ANOIDING OF SICK WITHIN MASS	1 st Saturday bi monthly (Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)	9.15am
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & BENEDICTION	Exposition/Benediction: Friday	8.30am
	Exposition: Wednesday & Saturday	8.30am
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:	Tuesday	9.00am
	Friday	8.30am
BAPTISMS:	2 nd Sunday of month	11.30am

Please Pray For

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Alexandria Saker, Anthony Abdallah, Angelina Abdallah, Sienna Abdallah, Veronique Sakr, Ricardo Nicolas Cruz Jr., Patricia Broderick, William Wolfe, Antonietta Russo, Allan Wallace, Ruth Rogan, Irene Reid, Pat McWhinnie, Maria Martin, Jacques Aristobil-Adele.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Colin Francis Wright, Michael Saad, Piera Della Vedova, John Crawley, Stella Thompson, Fr Peter McGrath CP - Carolyn McDonald, Jack Brown, Fr Peter O'Reilly SVD, Emile Saad, Wahid Frome, Nazih Saad, Selman Saad, Khalile Saad, Maria Estevez, Manuel Alvarez, Juan Alvarez, Elias Alvarez, Josephine Khoury, Fr George O'Mara, Dora Karam, Albert Yen, George Sant, Frederick Herft.

Rosters – 7/8 March

Altar Servers:	Vigil 5.30pm	Hamish & Therese Davidson, Amy Choi
	Sun. 9.30am	Noam Younes, Emma & Luca Biviano
Cleaning Ministry		Anton & Anne Fernando
Ministers of Communion:	Vigil 5.30pm	Susan Boulous
	Sun. 9.30am	Linda Tsang
Computer Operators:	Vigil 5.30pm	Samantha Keyser
	Sun. 7.30am	Sophia Bartosiak
	Sun. 9.30am	Alex Padden
Counters:	Patrick Edouard	Betsy, Bill O'Shea
Lectors:	Vigil 5.30pm	Romeo & Yolanda Urqueza
	Sun. 7.30am	Astrid Kossim, Geoff Kirby
	Sun. 9.30am	Anton Fernando, Eli Ogrizek



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Cadence Anquetil who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday.

NEW ROSTERS

New Ministers of Communion Rosters are available at the back of the church for collection.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will commence on Friday, **6th March at 7pm**. This is a prayerful reflection on the sufferings of Christ.

EASTER CHOIR

Any parishioner who would like to join the choir for our Easter ceremonies is invited to attend choir practice in the Church on Wednesday, **4th March at 7.30pm**.

YOUTH GROUP MARCH 7TH!

Our next youth group night will be unpacking the season of Lent, why we do it, and what a "good" lent looks like! If you're in year 5 or above join us from 6:30pm in the hall. For more information contact Bec Hall on 0422 724 917 or rebecca.hall@outlook.com

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

World Day of Prayer will be celebrated at St Marks Anglican church on Friday **6th March** at 7.30pm, the program for this year having been prepared by the women of Zimbabwe. We will be only one of approximately 960 services held throughout the world on this first Friday in March. Supper will be provided and encouraged attendees to enjoy the company of fellow Christians in our local area.



DID YOU KNOW?

Catholic Schools Week (CSW) is being celebrated in all schools in the Diocese from today (1st March)? The theme of this year's CSW is "Celebrating 200 Years of Catholic Education".

During Catholic Schools Week, schools will be reaching out to their communities and showcasing learning. It is important to celebrate and strengthen the close connection between school and parish, and it is for this reason that parishioners from Holy Name of Mary Parish are encouraged join with us as we celebrate together on Wednesday **4th March** from **9.15am**. Please feel free to visit our learning spaces and the join us for our Liturgy from 10.15am.

SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN

At the entrance to the church is notification of the dates set for the Sacramental Program for Children for 2020. If you have any queries, please contact Diane O'Shea by email: dcoshea@bigpond.net.au

LIFE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY OFFICE - NEW PROGRAM

The Life Marriage & Family Office is looking for married couples to volunteer to undertake a free training course for a new program to be launched in the Diocese in late 2020. The Retrouvaille program aims to assist couples struggling in their marriage. For more information or expressions of interest, please call Karin Abrams on (02) 8838 3460 or email lmf@parracatholic.org

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY FAITH FORMATION TEAM LEADER

Parish of St Agatha's, Pennant Hills, Full time. Applications close 4.00pm Monday **2 March 2020**.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT & SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS COORDINATOR - THE LAKES PARISH

Applications close on Monday, **16 March 2020**.

For more details, please visit <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/people/positions-vacant>

THE SEASON OF LENT

Ash Wednesday begins the Season of Lent. Lent is a time of Preparation for the celebration of Easter. During lent we are encouraged to focus on the suffering and death of Christ. This enables us to fully celebrate and appreciate the beautiful mystery of Easter. During this season we can come closer to God by fasting, prayer and works of charity. Loving God and our neighbour is the teaching of the Lord. Let us concentrate on the Lord during this Holy Season, and make a real effort to confess our sins in the Sacrament of Penance (Confession).

CARITAS

I encourage parishioners to support the annual Project Compassion appeal during Lent. Boxes and Envelopes are available at the back of the church. All donations over \$2 are Tax Deductible. Please return the boxes by Easter Sunday.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Our next meeting is on Tuesday **3rd March** at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. New members welcome.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

The 4th of our 8-part course is on Wednesday **4th March** (note we are back to Wednesdays each week now) in the Parish meeting room from 7pm to 9pm. Don't worry if you have missed any of the first three sessions as we will help get you up to speed. Our contact is Anne-Louise (0450 308 351 or theyoungones@ozemail.com.au).



RELICS OF ST THERÈSE OF LISIEUX VISIT

As part of a four month pilgrimage in Australia, the relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents, Saints Louis and Zélie Martin, will visit St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta for overnight veneration from **9.30pm** on **Wednesday March 4**. The relics are expected to leave the Cathedral the following day for the Diocese of Broken Bay at 6.15am. Books and various items will be available for purchase.

RYDALMEN

Our next men's group meeting **Thursday 5th March at 7.30pm (for 7.45pm start)** in the Parish meeting room. Shane (0432 685 036 or shane.young@ozemail.com.au) is our contact.



OPEN MORNING - ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Open Morning for New Families looking to enrol in St Mary's Primary School. Friday **6th March 9.15-10.45am**. Tours will be conducted by student leaders and the Principal will be available to answer questions about starting or changing schools. Feel free to drop in during the Open Morning for a tour.

NATURAL FERTILITY SERVICES

Diocese of Parramatta offers couples a NATURAL option to plan their families. Natural Family Planning is for couples wanting to achieve & avoid pregnancy. It is suitable for couples at all stages of their life including those preparing for marriage, breastfeeding women, couples looking for an effective, natural option and wanting to cease contraception and peri-menopausal women. For more information or to book an appointment contact Catherine on 0400 427 605, catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org or visit www.parralmf.org.au.