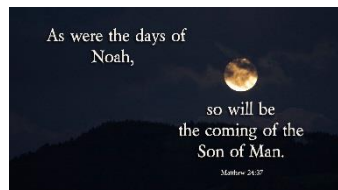




HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH RYDALMERE

First Sunday of Advent / A
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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY EUCHARIST:	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 9.30am
WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:	Tuesday - Saturday (except 1 st Friday, 12 noon)	9.15am
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
ANointing 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
	Except First Friday, Exposition only	11.30am
	Exposition: Wednesday & Saturday	8.30am
PRAYER OF THE CHURCH:	Tuesday	9.00am
	Friday, except First Friday	8.30am
BAPTISMS:	2 nd Sunday of month	11.30am

Please Pray For

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Erroll White, Vilisiliva Langi, Erika Lucke, Anthony Padden, Harper Dowdall, Joyce Munro, Dante Vignado, Deacon Robert Carroll, Raymond Malkoun, Lawrence Apap, Lesly Weldon, Michelle Otter, Grahame McIntosh, Antionetta Bruzzese, Stanley "Ben" Horne, Celestino Asinas, Mary Storey, Carol Moses.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Gerard Howard, Fr Brian Larkey, Mariapia Ferioli, Joseph Kutajczyk, Peter McHugh - Ellen Daley, Charbel Boustani, Kerrie Shepherd, Joanna Bankowski, Abbas Wahbe, George Sant, Frederick Herft.

Rosters – 7/8 December

Altar Servers:

Vigil 5.30pm Zechariah Acosta, Josephine & Sanderson Keyser
Sun. 9.30am Jacob & Mya Carr, Maria Wahbe

Cleaning Ministry

Ministers of Communion:

Vigil 5.30pm Julie Coveny, Michael Sobb, Aaron Stroop
Sun. 9.30am Ron & Debbie Horne
Lilian Garcia

Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm George Davidson
Sun. 7.30am Mary Asic
Sun. 9.30am Pam McKay
Kathleen Burrows, Marilyn & Tanya Elias

Counters:

Lectors:

Vigil 5.30pm Cathy Saad
Sun. 7.30am Anne Marie Lyons, Geoff Kirby
Sun. 9.30am Luisa Maiorca, Samuel Markarian



CATHOLIC RELIGIOUS COURSE

The Catholic faith is a treasure given to us by God. This course is open to anyone who would like to become a Catholic. The last course in 2019 will be on **10th December**. Please contact Fr Peter on 9684 1541 for more details.

THANK YOU

Bishop Vincent, Parramatta Catholic Foundation and CatholicCare thank you for your kind-hearted generosity and support on last weekend appeal. We will finalise the counting and let you know the results in a few weeks time.



ADVENT

Advent is a period of preparation extending over four Sundays before Christmas. We look forward to celebrating Christ's birth and Christ's Second coming. Advent is a period of prayer and fasting. The Advent wreath consists of four candles, three purple and one pink. Purple candles represent the penitential nature of the Season. The pink candle reminds us that we are half-way through the Season (Gaudete Sunday). We all have to contend with the secularisation of Christmas, but we must strive to enter into the spirit of Advent. We must concentrate on Christ and to look forward to the beautiful mystery of the incarnation.

BISHOP VINCENT PNG VISIT PUBLIC FORUM

Bishop Vincent will speak on his recent visit to Papua New Guinea as part of a public forum organised by the Justice and Peace office of the Archdiocese of Sydney. Wednesday **4 December** 5.30pm for a 6pm start at The Polding Centre, Level 8, 133 Liverpool St Sydney. The event is free, but registration is essential via <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/public-forum-catholic-reflection-on-port-moresby-offshore-detention-tickets-83109840771>



C.W.L./PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our annual parish Christmas lunch at Dundas Sports Club has been booked for Thursday **12th December** from 11.30am for a 12 noon lunch. The cost is \$30 and we will enjoy a hot Christmas lunch with pudding or pavlova for dessert, tea and coffee and the company of good friends. Again Glenys Oxlee will provide her delicious fruit cakes to accompany our coffee or tea. For parishioners wishing to attend please ring Vonnie Boulous on 9683 6350 or Eileen Geraghty (sings at the 5.30pm Saturday Mass) on 0499 616 704.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

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

HANDEL'S MESSIAH AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

To end their inaugural year, River City Voices is proud to present an intimate performance of Handel's Messiah for Western Sydney audiences. The performance will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta, on **17 December** at 7.30pm. For information and to purchase tickets, visit <https://www.classikon.com/concert/river-city-voices-parramatta-2019-december-17/>

JOIN US FOR A PUBLIC ROSARY

Our first public rosary at Ermington shops was well attended by around 40 people. Several passers by also stopped and joined us in prayer. Please join us again for a public rosary which will be held on Saturday the **14th of December** at 3pm sharp. In his monumental work "The Secret of the Rosary" St Louis de Montfort states: "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His mercy and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering". We will be asking Our Lady of Fatima to obtain God's merciful blessing for Australia. The Rosary will commence at the Betty Cuthbert Monument at Ermington shops (next to the post office). Bring your whole family along with your Rosary beads. If you need a lift or have a question please call Eddy Borovnjak on 0450 523 440. See you there.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

All parishioners are invited to a Christmas party to be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday, **22nd December** after the 9.30am Mass. Please bring a plate. There will be singing Christmas carols and games for the kids. We thank the Filipino community for organising this event. Enjoy!

CHRISTMAS EVE - CHILDREN'S MASS

There will be a list at the entrance to the church for children who would like to participate in the Christmas Eve Mass. Please add your name and contact details, if you would like to be a part of the presentation.



"PREPARING TO RECEIVE HOPE"

The Catholic Parish of St Kevin warmly invites you to come and be inspired this season of Advent as Fr Richard Leonard S.J. talks about "Preparing to Receive Hope" on Wednesday, **4th December** at 7.30pm. Fr Richard is known for his dynamic presentations and in-services around the world and is the author of a number of thought provoking books. An opportunity not to be missed! All Welcome! Venue: St Kevin's Parish, 36 Hillview Rd. Eastwood. For more information 9874 2533

ORDER OF MALTA ANNUAL LOURDES DAY MASS

The Order of Malta will be celebrating their annual Lourdes Day Mass on Saturday **7 December** at 10am at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and the Chaplains of the Order will celebrate Mass and bless the congregation, with vials of Lourdes water to be distributed. For more information, or if you need assistance, please contact 9331 8477, info@smom.org.au or macolmi@bigpond.net.au.

RYDALMEN

Our next men's group meeting: **Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm (for 7.45pm start)** in the Parish meeting room.



Given this is our last meeting of 2019, we will be reflecting on our faith journey through the year, both individually and as a group. Bring along a pot-luck dish (savory or sweet) and let's celebrate our faith and fellowship. Non-regular Rydalmen are very welcome to join us. Shane (0432 685 036 or shane.young@ozemail.com.au) is our contact.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Monday, 2 December – St. Bibiana

In the year 363, Julian the Apostate made Apronianus Governor of Rome. St. Bibiana suffered in the persecution started by him. She was the daughter of Christians, Flavian, a Roman knight, and Dafrosa, his wife. Flavian was tortured and sent into exile, where he died of his wounds. Dafrosa was beheaded, and their two daughters, Bibiana and Demetria, were stripped of their possessions and left to suffer poverty. However, they remained in their house, spending their time in fasting and prayer. Apronianus, seeing that hunger and want had no effect upon them, summoned them. Demetria, after confessing her Faith, fell dead at the feet of the tyrant. St. Bibiana was reserved for greater sufferings. She was placed in the hands of a wicked woman called Rufina, who in vain endeavored to seduce her. She used blows as well as persuasion, but the Christian virgin remained faithful.