



HOLY NAME OF MARY PARISH RYDALMERE

The Nativity of the Lord / B
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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 and 4 th Sunday of the month	11.30am

Please Pray For

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Geoff Kirby, Heidi David Robinson, Ligaya Praxedes MC, Louise Nicholas, Mary Ngoc-K Mai, Hazel Wallace, Milka Lucic, Patricia Coyne, Paul Hilliard, Fr Emmanuel Gatt ofm conv., Patricia Harrington, Ghattas Moses, Serena Arda, Elizabeth Khoury, Michael Madigan, Jeanette Rogers, Connie Wunderlich, Anton Saparamado, Celine Saparamado.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Martha Abraham, Shirley Ball, George Abraham, George Kheir, Alan Ball, Irene Szolta, Stanley Szolta, Charles Camilleri, Imelia Camilleri, Anthony Vella, Carmen Vella, Frank Fressard - Brian Oxlee, Robbie (Alice) Keegan, Tony Malkoun, Richard Phegan, Andree Hardy, Bernard Otter, Bernard Griffin, Nancy Walsh, John Rizk, George Sant, Frederick Herft.

Rosters – 26/27 December

Cleaning Ministry

Counters:

Patrick Edouard-Betsy, Bill O'shea

Lectors:

Vigil 5.30pm Lynette Rodrigues, Anne Betteridge

Sun. 7.30am Astrid Kossim

Sun. 9.30am Danny Yu, Helen Wong



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Austin Pillay who received the Sacrament of Baptism last Sunday.

ZUMBA

Please join our Zumba class at St. Mary's Hall (opposite the church). The session is **every Thursday**. Registration from 6.45pm, for 7pm sharp start. The class will resume in January 2021. Cost: \$10 per class. Contact Ruth 0412 341 112 for information.



THANK YOU

Many thanks to our Catechists who have been so dedicated to the children in our five State schools throughout this difficult year. "Well done, good and faithful servant".

CHURCH TOILET

I would ask parishioners to refrain from going to the toilet during Mass. If you need to go urgently, please walk around the side of the church into the meeting room and use the back toilet. This procedure will maintain reverence during Mass.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Parishioners attending the church are required to complete their details on the **Mass Attendance Sheet** provided at the back of the church. Currently up to 300 people can attend a place of worship. First come first serve is applied in this church.

The Diocese of Parramatta **highly recommends** all worshippers at Masses in the Diocese to wear a mask to, during and from Mass and other services.

Please sanitise your hands.

Social distancing (1.5m) must be observed at all times. Take a seat only on unmarked pews.

If you are experiencing cold or flu-like symptoms, having a temperature or have been in contact with anyone that is either a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, you should not enter the church.

During this pandemic you are dispensed from Sunday Mass obligations.

VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL



Dear parishioners, pupils of St Mary School - Rydalmere, St Patrick College – Dundas, Lee Malkoun and his supporters.

The Rydalmere Conference on behalf of its clients take this opportunity of extending their gratitude and thanks for the overwhelming support you gave to the Christmas Appeal.

1. Over the last two weeks the generous Parishioners donated a total of \$4,635 this large sum is a reflection of your constant generosity and support towards those in need.

2. The pupils of both St Mary's and St Patrick provided the bulk of the groceries and festive items for the hampers, we were literally swamped with an avalanche of products and were able to assemble the most generous hamper ever. Well done to you and the dedicated teachers of both schools for getting involved in helping those less fortunate.

3. Lee Malkoun and his supporters were outstanding in their generosity and gave Conference the mind blowing total of \$3,600 in store gift vouchers.

Words cannot express our gratitude to such a great response to the appeal. I can assure you that the needy in our Parish will receive this year the best Christmas Hamper ever along with gift cards for the purchase of presents for their loved ones. God will bless you for your generosity to those in need. We extend to you and your family the best wishes and Blessings for Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Stay safe and regards,

Ron Della Vedova, president Rydalmere Conference

ONLINE RETREAT – HOSPITALITY: A VERSATILE

CHARISM

Welcome in this new year exploring, deepening and praying with the Benedictine charism of hospitality with Sr Magdalen osb. Retreat begins: **10th January**. Retreat program fee: AUD \$300. For more information visit our website: <https://www.jamberooabbey.org.au>

RCIA: EXPLORING THE SCRUTINIES WORKSHOP

The Office For Worship will be running an RCIA workshop on the Scrutinies for RCIA coordinators and teams early next year on the evening of Wednesday 10 February at the Institute For Mission, Blacktown (IFM). If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org/

CHRISTMAS

2020 has been a very difficult year for Australia and for the world. Here at home the year began with devastating bushfires which destroyed human life and caused wide spread destruction to our flora and fauna. These disasters were followed by the COVID-19. This disease has caused major disruption to our church and society. Almighty God is in charge of creation. As Catholics we must place our hope and trust in Him. God loved us so much that He came to us in Jesus born at Bethlehem. The Christ-child was born to a darkened world. Mankind had moved away from God and Jesus our Lord came to redeem us. We are celebrating the birth of Jesus (Incarnation) and we also look forward to His Second coming.

I pray that 2021 will be a better year for all of us. However, things will not improve until we turn to God. As Catholics, we possess a magnificent treasure in our Catholic faith. Many Catholics do not practise their faith. Coming to Mass at Christmas and Easter is not good enough. Sunday Mass is the centre of our public worship, this combined with regular confession, following the moral teaching of the church, including loving our neighbour and works of charity. Let all of us in 2021 make a resolution to come to Christ through His Church and make a fresh start in our relationship with God.

On behalf of Father Pio and myself, I wish you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and may the Christ-child of Bethlehem bless you with His abundant grace.

Fr Peter

FUNERAL MASS

A Funeral Mass for the repose of the soul of the late Geoffrey Kirby will be celebrated on Tuesday, **29 December** at 2pm.

CHURCH PROTOCOL

All parishioners are reminded to turn off their mobile phones before entering the church. People should not be reading the bulletin during Mass except for following the readings. Food stuffs, chewing gum, etc. are forbidden in the church.

LEADING STRINGS OF LOVE ONLINE RETREAT

Retreat starts on **3 Jan 2021** and goes for 40 days. Register for the above retreat if you would like to gently give yourself to being exposed to ever deepening depths of relationship with the person of Christ. The Benedictine Promises will be your leading strings of love during the retreat. More information on the Notice Board or go to www.jamberooabbey.org.au - click on Retreats

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, 29 December – St. Thomas Becket

Becket was born in 1118, in Normandy the son of an English merchant. His family was well off, his father a former Sheriff of London. Becket benefited from his family's status first by being sent to Paris for his education and from there to England where he joined the household of Theobald, the then Archbishop of Canterbury. The archbishop sent him to Paris to study law and upon his return to England made him Archdeacon of Canterbury. In the afternoon of December 29 Becket fled to the Cathedral where a service was in progress. The knights found him at the altar, drew their swords and began hacking at their victim finally splitting his skull. Several miracles were said to occur at the tomb of the martyr and he was soon canonized.

