

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.'

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
R: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.
P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.
R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make, gathered from among your gifts to us, and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below gain for us the prize of eternal redemption. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up to the Lord.
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I OF ADVENT

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.
All: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:
All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...
P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray ...
All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.
P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said ...
R. Amen.
P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.
R. And with your spirit.
P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.
All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 84: 13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May these mysteries, O Lord, in which we have participated, profit us, we pray, for even now, as we walk amid passing things, you teach us by them to love the things of heaven and hold fast to what endures. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

WALK IN THE LIGHT

There are some phrases from the scriptures which have the power to stir the imagination thousands of years after they were written. The image of hammering swords into ploughshares, spears into sickles, and soldiers becoming farmers speaks so powerfully to our deep longing for peace. Isaiah's vision was that a time would come when all people would be united in worship of the living God; when war would be replaced by understanding and all people would walk in the light of the Lord.

Paul understood Isaiah's vision was soon to become reality on the Lord's return. His concern was to make sure that the Christians of Rome were prepared for that moment. Some of them had fallen into a misplaced sense of complacency. Paul disagrees. Now was the time to get one's house in order, to put aside the ways that blur and obscure our vision, so as to come into the light of Jesus.

In a similar way, fifty years after the resurrection of the Lord it was all too easy for Matthew's community to lose hope that the Lord would return soon and bring Isaiah's and Paul's vision to reality. As this Advent season begins, the challenge is placed squarely before us – if the Son of Man were to return now would we be ready and waiting? What are we doing to bring Isaiah's vision of peace to reality? What areas of our life still need to be brought into the light of Christ?

CHRISTOPHER MONAGHAN CP

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A

27 NOVEMBER 2022

WALK IN GOD'S LIGHT. We do not know when Christ will come again in glory. Nor do we know the day of our death. This should not worry us. What is important is to live this day well by being respectful and loving towards each other and seeking to walk in God's light. If we do this, we will be ready whenever God calls us to eternal life.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Cf. Ps 24:1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, (striking the breast) through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

The Gloria is not said during Advent.

COLLECT

P. Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that, gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Isa 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. cf. v. 1

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: / Let us go to God's house. / And now our feet are standing / within your gates, O Jerusalem. **R.**
2. It is there that the tribes go up, / the tribes of the Lord. / For Israel's law it is, / there to praise the Lord's name. / There were set the thrones of judgement / of the house of David. **R.**

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: / Peace be to your homes! / May peace reign in your walls, / in your palaces, peace! **R.**

4. For love of my brethren and friends / I say: 'Peace upon you!' / For love of the house of the Lord / I will ask for your good. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.
You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 24:37-44

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.
Stay awake, you must be ready.



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First Sunday of Advent / A
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MASS TIMES

SUNDAY EUCHARIST:	Saturday Vigil	5.30pm
	Sunday	7.30am & 10.00am
WEEKDAY EUCHARIST:	Tuesday - Saturday	9.15am
RECONCILIATION:	Saturday	4.30pm - 5.15pm
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT	Exposition: Wednesday and Saturday	8.30pm
	Exposition: Monday - Friday	7.00pm - 12.00am
BAPTISMS:	2 nd and 4 th Sunday of the month	11.30am

Please Pray For

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Fr Peter Maher - Marco Lulic, Margaret Taylor, Alston Mortier - John Berchmans Jacobs.

ANNIVERSARIES:

Joanna Bankowski - Pat Harrington, Louise Nicholas, Nicholas Family, Wahbe Family, Abbas Wahbe, Lila Wahbe, Manel Gunasekara, Rita Gunasekara, Anta Gunasekara, Berts Gunasekara, Rodrigo Gunasekara, Ranjith Gunasekara, Anita Gunasekara, Tissa Gunasekara, Rani Gunasekara, Raja Gunasekara, Bala Gunasekara, Balendran Dezoysa, Sam DeZoysa, Lakshman Desilva, Janaka Desilva, Saed Ayoub, Frank Malkoun, Ray Malkoun, Emy Fernandez.

Rosters - 3/4 December

Cleaning Ministry

Computer Operators:

Vigil 5.30pm
Sun. 7.30am
Sun. 9.30am

Caterina Cipri, Monica Jung
Thomas Russo
Mary Asic
Glenys Oxlee

Counters:

Lectors:

Vigil 5.30pm
Sun. 7.30am
Sun. 9.30am

Lawrence Tsang, Patricia Hild
Anne Betteridge, Maddison Boulous
Sue & Len Farrugia
Glenys Oxlee, Sr Maureen



ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 6th December at 7.30pm in the Meeting Room. New members welcome.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL SATURDAY & SUNDAY THE 3RD & 4TH DECEMBER

Dear Parishioners, the Rydalmere Conference of SVDP will be holding the annual Christmas Appeal on Sat & Sun the 3rd & 4th December. I apologise for the fact that this appeal is held only one week after the Bishop's Christmas appeal however as this takes precedence we had few alternative dates as Christmas will be only three weeks after the appeal. We acknowledge that this is poor timing nevertheless we are confident that your spirit of generosity (demonstrated over the many years) will overcome the burden of consecutive appeals. Thanking you in anticipation - Ron Della Vedova.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Antonious Mansour on celebrating his First Holy Communion. Please pray for him and his family.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

There is Eucharistic Adoration in the church every evening Monday-Friday from 7pm-midnight, except Wednesday evenings which is 9pm-midnight. I would encourage parishioners and others to avail themselves of the opportunity of spending time with the Lord in silent prayer. - Fr Peter

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The Catholic Women's League, Diocese of Parramatta, invites you to its fun and friendly Christmas Luncheon at St Anthony of Padua Parish Hall, 27 Aurelia Street, Toongabbie, on Wednesday 7 December from 12noon. The lunch will be \$20 a head, with the Catholic Women's League subsidising most of the cost. Enquiries, and to book individually or a table, please contact Lyn on 0412 689 261.

CHOIR

Practice for Christmas Eve Mass will continue this Wednesday night at 7.30pm in the church under the direction of Catherine Parker and John Galla. New members are very welcome.

PARISH CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

The 2022 Parish Christmas Luncheon will be held at: Dundas Sports Club, Wednesday, 14 December 2022 at 12pm, Cost is \$35 per person. Please ensure your completed form & money are returned to the Parish Office by 5th December; or Direct Deposit - Bank Account: Holy Name of Mary Parish Rydalmere; BSB 067 950; Acc. No. 000 00296; or after each weekend Mass there will be someone available to collect your payment. Further details please contact Pam McKay 0406 631 700

MASS FOR THOSE BEREAVED BY SUICIDE

Catholic Care Western Sydney and Blue Mountains together with the Diocese of Parramatta invite those bereaved by suicide to a celebration of Mass to honour loved ones who have taken their lives. There will be light refreshments after the Mass. Date: Monday 28th November 2022 - Time: 7.15pm for 7.30pm Mass Venue: St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Marist Place, Parramatta. For more information and to RSVP for catering purposes please contact Rita at Catholic Care 8843 2500 or email rita.chater@ccss.org.au

SYDNEY ALLIANCE ASSEMBLY WITH NSW TREASURER MATT KEAN (30 NOVEMBER)

You are invited to participate in a Sydney Alliance Assembly. We will discuss the issues of housing, cost of living, energy, and climate change with NSW Treasurer Matt Kean: Wednesday 30 November, 6pm-8pm (dinner provided) Parramatta Mission 119 Macquarie St, Parramatta. Registration is essential: Register at www.bit.ly/3hHJQNV and put Catholic Diocese of Parramatta. Questions contact Quyen Nguyen at qnguyen@sydneyalliance.org.au or 0451018808. The evening will include a keynote address from the NSW Treasurer, sharing of stories, & asking the Treasurer to make concrete commitments to act on the issues of housing, cost of living, energy, and climate change.

RYDALMEN

Our next men's group convenes on Wednesday 30th November at 7.15pm for 7.30pm start in the Parish meeting room. Contact details: shane.young@ozemail.com.au, 0432 815 165.



ST MARY'S MOTHERS GROUP & PLAYGROUP

Calling all mums of children 0-5 years old! Come and join us for our playgroup session on Tuesdays, from 9.30am to 11.30am in the Parish Hall (access from Myrtle Street). Playgroup will run weekly during the school term. Pop in for a chat, a coffee and make new friends. We hope to see you there! For further information contact Natalie on 0418 600 358.

ROSARY PRAYER



Starting Sunday 4th December 2022, the Rosary will be said each Sunday at 9:20am (before the 10am Holy Mass). The benefits and graces involved when you pray a group Rosary together are amazing. Pope St. Pius X said, "Give me an army saying the Rosary and I will conquer the world."

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL - 26/27 NOVEMBER

No one should be homeless or without support. Your Christmas gift today will enable Catholic Care to give homeless people practical and emotional support, and a safe place to call home. Please stretch out your hand to the poor and give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal envelopes. More information at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal Envelopes have been placed at the back of the Church.

FEAST OF THE WEEK

Monday, 28 November - St Catherine Labouré



St Catherine Labouré was born in France on May 2, 1806. This visionary lived simply and anonymously for 45 years as a Sister of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in Paris. During her novitiate, Sr. Catherine had visions of Our Lady, shared then only with her confessor & a tribunal that investigated & authenticated them. In a vision, Our Lady showed herself inside an oval frame, standing upon a globe with rays of light coming from her hands toward the globe. Around the frame were the words, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee." Our Lady said, "Have a medal struck after this model. All who wear it will receive great graces; it should be worn around the neck. Great graces will be given to those who wear it with confidence." Mary asked Catherine to take these images to her confessor, telling him they should be placed on medallions. At first, the priest did not believe Catherine, but after 2 years, he brought her story to the Archbishop who ordered 2,000 medals struck. Not long after there was an epidemic in France. The death rate soared, & medical science was unable to cope. People turned to the Sisters of Charity who gave them the Medal of the Immaculate Conception. Many favours, cures & conversions were effected through its instrumentality, it became known simply as 'The Miraculous Medal'. On December 31, 1876, Catherine passed away at 70-years-old.