



Weekly Bulletin

Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish
Rydalmere

4th Sunday of Advent, Year B

Sunday, 24th December 2023

Mass Obligations

4th Sunday of Advent & Nativity Vigil



Dear Parishioners,

Remember that you must attend either the **Saturday Vigil (23rd Dec)** or **Sunday Morning (24th Dec)** to meet your Sunday Mass obligations for the **4th Sunday of Advent**.

The **Solemnity of the Nativity (Christmas)** is a Holy Day of Obligation. To fulfil your obligations, you must either attend one of the **Vigil Masses on Saturday night (24th Dec)** or on **Christmas Day (25th Dec)**.

Sick

Recently Deceased

Anniversaries

Denise Murphy

Charles Camilleri, Emilia Camilleri, Arnold Diorio, Brian Oxlee, Anthony Vella, Carmen Vella, Bernard Griffin, Nancy Walsh, John Rizk, Bernard Lourey,

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am
Wednesday 7:00 pm

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Perpetual (24/7)
Wednesday 6:00pm -7:00 pm
Saturday 8:30 am

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am
& 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION:

Wednesday: 6:15 - 6:45pm
Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

BAPTISM:

2nd & 4th Sunday of the
Month 11:30 am

This Sunday's Readings



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: *2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16*

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent.' Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me; if he does evil, I will punish him with the rod such as men use, with strokes such as mankind gives. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."'

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 88(89): 2-5, 27, 29*

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

'He will say to me: "You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me." I will keep my love for him always; with him my covenant shall last.'

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.

Second Reading: *Romans 16:25-27*

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel: *Luke 1:26-38*

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

Christmas Mass Times



24th Dec

*4th Sunday of Advent
Vigil of the Solemnity*

8am Sunday Mass
10am Sunday Mass
6pm Nativity Vigil
8.30pm Nativity Vigil

25th Dec

Solemnity of the Nativity

8am Nativity Mass
10am Nativity Mass

26th Dec

Feast of St. Stephen, Martyr

9:15am Daily Mass
9:45am Rosary (Chapel)

Fourth Advent Candle

Love

The fourth candle of Advent represents **Love**, the ultimate love of God that He might send His only Son for us. Called the "**Angel's Candle**," the fourth candle of Advent is lit the Sunday before Christmas, and it is the colour purple, leading us to eagerly await the new Kingdom of God on earth.

- Hallow



Liturgical Ministry Course returns in 2024

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will recommence in February 2024.

This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on:

0460 037 795 or mary.gale@parracatholic.org or visit our website to enrol:

www.parracatholic.org/contribute/volunteer/liturgical-ministry

Advent and Christmas | Summer 2023 Catholic Outlook Magazine out now!

This edition features reflections on Mary's journey into the dark night, how our communities celebrate Christmas, our four new leaders in the Diocese, a handy Christmas Mass Times guide, plus so much more.

Pick up your free copy from back of the church.



Vinnies

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Christmas Appeal Update

Thank you to the Students & Parents of **St Patrick's College, Dundas** who have donated **\$2,400** in vouchers to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal, and to the parishioners whose total has now reached **\$5,783.20**. This gives an amazing total of **\$8,183.20**.

- Rydalmere Conference



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SUMMER SCHOOL 24



SYDNEY
7 - 14 JANUARY 2024

WHAT IS IT?
A week long retreat into the powerful experience of the Holy Spirit, opening up possibilities for deepening faith, peace, healing, joy, and freedom.

WHAT'S INCLUDED?
All activities, accommodation and meals.

WHO FOR?
16-35 yr olds



summerschool.org.au



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New Website

<https://parracatholic.org>

CHECK IT OUT

Help Catholic Care chaplains
give comfort, faith, and hope
to people suffering
this Christmas



Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal
yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bishops-christmas-co-appeal-23

CHRISTMAS at the Cathedral

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FOUNDATION

14-25 DECEMBER

Be immersed in the spirit of Christmas
with market stalls, food and
live entertainment.



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Carols for Peace

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All funds raised support
Aid to the Church in Need:
Holy Land Appeal

Featuring a Full Choir &
Orchestra of 70 musicians

Bookings essential
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