



28 December 2025 - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Year A)

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Mass Schedule

WEEKENDS

6:00pm (Saturday) Vigil Mass
7:30am Morning Prayer
8:00am Mass
9:30am Mass
11:00am Solemn Mass with Cathedral Choir
6:00pm Mass

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

6:10am Morning Prayer
6:30am Mass
11:15am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
11:15am Reconciliation (till 12:15pm)
Rosary after Angelus at 12:00 noon
12:30pm Mass

SATURDAY

7:30am Morning Prayer
8:00am Mass
8:30am Reconciliation (till 9:00am)
5:00pm Reconciliation (till 5:30pm)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

8:00am Mass (No Adoration or Confessions)

WEEKLY PRAYER GROUPS

Monday 6:30pm - Legion of Mary
Tuesday 9:30am - Christian Meditation
Tuesday 7:30pm - RCIA (Sept - April)
Friday 1:00pm - Cenacle Prayers

MONTHLY PRAYER GROUPS

First Friday Devotions: 7:00pm in Chapel
True Life in God: Last Friday @ 6:00pm in the Cloister Cafe

OTHER GROUPS

Playgroup: Currently in recess

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"I called my son out of Egypt."

LOOKING AT THE nativity scene, be it here in our cathedral or in another setting, it is easy to get the impression that the one who was known, amongst other titles, as the Prince of Peace, was born into a serene and peace-filled environment and that nothing was going to change in that regard. The nativity is a snapshot in time however, and when we examine the events leading up to the birth of Jesus and those that immediately follow, we can see that the one born to bring peace to this chaotic world was not conceived without some distress and discomfort ("Mary was deeply disturbed by these words" - Luke 1:29), and knew it only too well soon after his birth. Our Gospel on this Feast of the Holy Family makes this latter point, at least, only too clear. Jesus, along with Mary and Joseph, was a refugee.



Chaos, disturbance, persecution, violence and war have marked human history to varying degrees for millennia; hence, human suffering has marked human history equally as long. When we are reminded of this truth, the significance of the nativity scene takes on a new perspective. The innocent baby lying in the feeding trough in a stable in the remote Roman outpost of Bethlehem, was born into a world of violence and bloodshed in order to bring peace and unity. What is significant is that God did not act remotely, waving a wand over the world to conjure peace, but sent his Son to be human like us, to experience the chaos, persecution and violence mentioned above. In this, we know that we have a Saviour who desires peace because, put simply, he has been the victim of its absence.

Pope Leo makes this point in his first apostolic exhortation, *Dilexi te* ("I have loved you.")

Precisely in order to share the limitations and fragility of our human nature, he himself became poor and was born in the flesh like us. We came to know him in the smallness of a child laid in a manger and in the extreme humiliation of the cross, where he shared our radical poverty, which is death. (n.16)

The Holy Family, as refugees, were the victims of violence, forcing them into exile and so becoming only too aware of the suffering brought about by persecution. What does this mean for us though? Are we willing to look transparently at ourselves and ask whether we too, if not openly espousing prejudice, have a prejudicial heart?

Here at St Patrick's, we have had a wonderful response to our fundraising efforts for a refugee family who have now arrived and are settling into the local community very well. It is so gratifying to see this generous support for a family who, like the Holy Family, were forced to flee their homeland and experience the physical and mental trauma of life outside their homeland. But let us not be complacent and think that support for such a noble work means that we are not capable of having hearts prone to the evils of racism and prejudice, especially when leaders and influencers seek to stoke the fires of these evils via fear and uncertainty.

Let us continue to work for the peace and unity for which Jesus came into the world, a world which all too many people want to drag deeper into discord and chaos through greed, prejudice and fear.

Wishing you a blessed Christmas season and New Year,

Fr Robert

LITURGY GUIDE

ENTRANCE RITE

Entrance Procession Once in Royal David's City



1. Once in roy - al Da - vid's ci - ty stood a
2. He came down to earth from hea - ven who is
3. And through all his won - drous child - hood day by
4. And our eyes at last_ shall see him, through his



1. low - ly cat - tle_ shed where a mo - ther
2. God and Lord of_ all, and his shel - ter
3. day like us_ he_ grew; he was lit - tle,
4. own re - deem - ing_ love, for that child so



1. laid her_ ba - by in a man - ger for_ his_
2. was a_ sta - ble, and his cra - dle was_ a_
3. weak, and_ help - less, tears and smiles like us_ he_
4. dear and_ gen - tle is our Lord in heav'n_ a -



1. bed: Ma - ry was that mo - ther mild,_
2. stall; with the poor, des - pised and low - ly
3. knew; and he feels for all our sad - ness,
4. bove; and he leads his child - ren on_



1. Je - sus Christ her lit - tle_ child._
2. lived on earth our Sa - viour ho - ly.
3. and he shares in all our glad - ness.
4. to the place where he_ is_ gone._

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Sign of the Cross & Greeting

Penitential Act

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,
(all strike their breast, three times)
through my fault, through my fault, 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.

Feast of the Holy Family (Year A)



Focusing the Word

Key words and phrases

- Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt.
- Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins, he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.
- My son, support your father in his old age, do not grieve him during his life.
- Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.
- May the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you.

to the point

This child whom the Christmas feast names Emmanuel (God with us) in this gospel enters the human story so completely that his family, too, is confronted with distress and peril. The gospel reveals that even in life's dangers and difficulties God is faithfully present to us and always acts to save. Opening ourselves to this faithful presence of God is what makes us holy families.

Connecting the Gospel

• to the feast

The Church places this feast immediately after Christmas not only to draw our attention to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as a family but also to provide all of our families a model of encouragement for growing in holiness.

• to family experience

The first two readings present us with the best case scenario of how holy families might live. But, realistically, many people experience family life otherwise. Holiness doesn't mean the absence of difficulties and tensions but the willingness to grow in our ability to care for, to forgive, to love, to teach, and to admonish one another.

LITURGY GUIDE

Kyrie Taizé

The cantor intones then all repeat.

Ky - ri - e, ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.
Chri - ste, Chri - ste, e - le - i - son.
Ky - ri - e, ky - ri - e, e - le - i - son.

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Kyrie 11:00am Missa 'Alme Pater' Chant Mass X

Kyrie eleison Christe eleison Kyrie eleison
Lord have mercy Christ have mercy Lord have mercy.

The cantor intones then all repeat.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
Chris - te e - le - i - son.
Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.



Gloria Mass Shalom Smith/Mason

Refrain (All)

Glo - ry to God in the high - est,
and on earth peace to peo - ple of good will.

We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.

℟. **Glory to God...**

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,

All: Have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

All: Receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

All: Have mercy on us.

℟. **Glory to God...**

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

℟. **Glory to God...**

A - - - men.

Collect

Let us pray.

O God, who were pleased to give us
the shining example of the Holy Family,
graciously grant that we may imitate them
in practising the virtues of family life and in the bonds of
charity,
and so, in the joy of your house,
delight one day in eternal rewards.
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. ℟. **Amen.**

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

A reading from the Book of Ecclesiasticus (Sirach 3:2-6,12-14)

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

The Lord honours the father in his children,
and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.
Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,
he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.
Whoever respects his father will be happy; with children of his own,
he shall be heard on the day when he prays.
Long life comes to him who honours his father,
he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.
My son, support your father in his old age,
do not grieve him during his life.
Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,
do not despise him in your health and strength;
for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten
but will serve as reparation for your sins.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5



Second Reading

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians (3:12-21)

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

The cantor, alone, intones the Alleluia. All repeat



Cantor: May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.

All repeat the Alleluia.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (2:13-15,19-23)

Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:

I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead'. So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



LITURGY GUIDE

Homily

Profession of Faith The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including
'the Virgin Mary', all bow.*

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.

Universal Prayer

PREPARATION OF GIFTS

During the Offertory, collection plates
are passed along the pews.
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Offertory Hymn Angels we have heard on high

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing
2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the
4. See him in a man - ger laid, whom the choirs of

1. o'er the plains; and the moun - tains in re - ply,
2. strains pro - long? Say, what may the tid - ings be
3. an - gels sing; come, a - dore on bend - ed knee
4. an - gels praise. Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid

1. e - cho - ing their joy - ous strains:
2. which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
3. Christ the Lord, the new - born King.
4. while our hearts in love we raise.

Refrain
Glo - - - - - ri - a
in ex - cel - sis De - o. Glo - - - - -
ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Sanctus (Holy, Holy) Mass Shalom Smith/Mason

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts.
 Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Mystery of Faith Congress Mass A. Rees

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
 claim your Death O Lord un - til you come a - gain.

Amen Congress Mass A. Rees

A - men, A - men, A - men.

COMMUNION RITE

The Lord's Prayer

O Ur Father, who art in heaven, hal - lowed be thy
 name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as
 it is in heaven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread, and
 forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who tres -
 pass against us; and lead us not into tempta - tion, but
 de - liver us from e - vil.

Agnus Dei Mass Shalom C. Smith

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.
 Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Agnus Dei 11:00am Missa 'Alme pater' Mass X

XII. c.
 4. **A** - gnus Dé - i, * qui tóllis peccáta múndi : mi - se - ré -
 re nó - bis. Agnus Dé - i, * qui tóllis peccáta múndi : mi -
 se - ré - re nó - bis. Agnus Dé - i, * qui tóllis peccáta múndi :
 dóna nó - bis pá - cem.

Communion Antiphon

11:00am Mass Tollite puerum Mt 2:20

Take the child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel;
 for those who sought the child's life are dead.



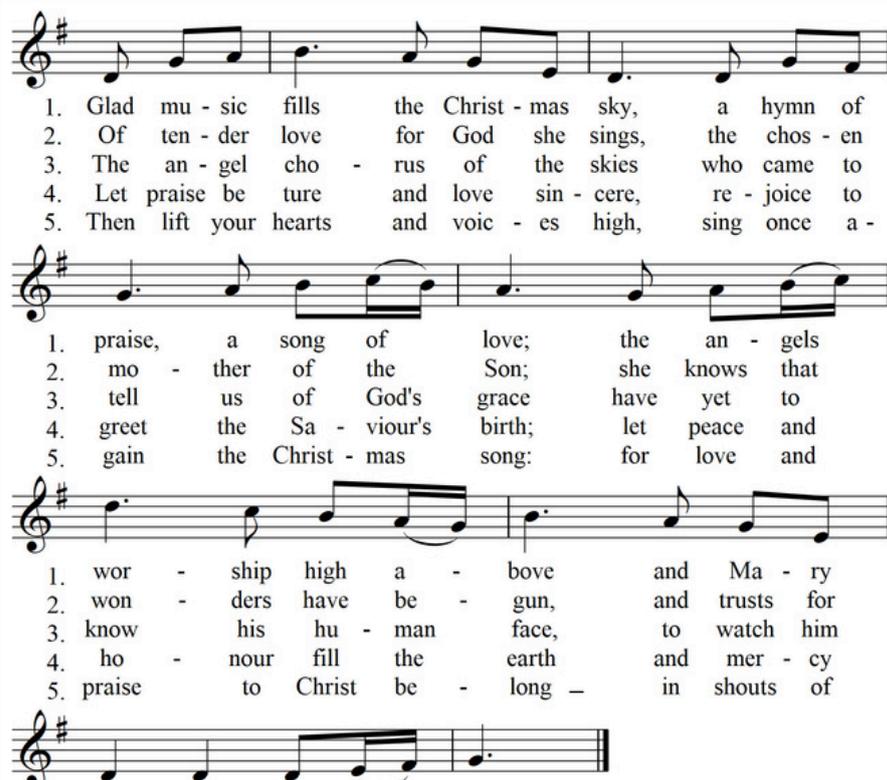
Christmas 1890...

Will each of you go in spirit to the crib of our infant Jesus and meditate on the lessons the child teaches there - his poverty, his helplessness, his ability to draw people together, his generosity.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop
 Patroness of the Diocese of Parramatta

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Communion Hymn Glad music fills the Christmas Sky



1. Glad mu - sic fills the Christ - mas sky, a hymn of
2. Of ten - der love for God she sings, the chos - en
3. The an - gel cho - rus of the skies who came to
4. Let praise be ture and love sin - cere, re - joice to
5. Then lift your hearts and voic - es high, sing once a -

1. praise, a song of love; the an - gels
2. mo - ther of the Son; she knows that
3. tell us of God's grace have yet to
4. greet the Sa - viour's birth; let peace and
5. gain the Christ - mas song: for love and

1. wor - ship high a - bove and Ma - ry
2. won - ders have be - gun, and trusts for
3. know his hu - man face, to watch him
4. ho - nour fill the earth and mer - cy
5. praise to Christ be - long - in shouts of

1. sings her lul - la - by.
2. all the fu - ture brings.
3. die, to see him rise.
4. reign — for God is here!
5. joy, and lul - la - by.

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Prayer after Communion

Let us pray.
Bring those you refresh with this heavenly Sacrament,
most merciful Father,
to imitate constantly the example of the Holy Family,
so that, after the trials of this world,
we may share their company for ever.
Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.



Cathedral Choir in Recess

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir is in recess during January (except for the Solemnity of Epiphany on 04 January) and will return to the 11:00am Solemn Mass on **Sunday 01 February**.

Next Week's Readings:

The EPIPHANY of the LORD (Solemnity)

Readings

Is 60:1-6: The glory of the Lord shines upon you.
Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 10-13: R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.
Eph 3:2-3, 5-6: The revelation means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body.
Matt 2:1-12: We have come from the East to worship the king.



8:00am Mass Propers

Entrance Antiphon

The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 127:1-5

R. Happy are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. R.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. R.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! R.

Gospel Acclamation

R. Alleluia, alleluia.
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
R. Alleluia.

Communion Antiphon

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

THE BULLETIN

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Sacraments

Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on most Sundays after the 11:00am Solemn Mass, at around 12:45pm. Contact the parish office to book or fill out the form on the website.

Weddings are by appointment only.
At least six months' notice is necessary.
Contact the Parish Secretary on 8839 8412.

First Eucharist and Confirmation
Please contact the Parish Secretaries.

Hiring of Rooms

For hire of Cloister Function rooms, call the office on 8839 8400 or enquiry@stpatcscathedral.com.au

Material for Bulletin

If you have something that you would like published in the bulletin, please ensure that it is conveyed to our Parish Secretaries, Pat or Donna, by **12:00 noon on Thursday**.

Andy's Christmas Lights for the... Kids with Cancer foundation

01 - 31 December
45 Grassmere Ave, Northmead

Andy and Carmen, two of our incredibly kind-hearted parishioners, have once again transformed their home into a festive spectacle for a charitable cause. For those who enjoy touring elaborately decorated houses during the holiday season, their display is a must-see. Your visit will not only spread holiday cheer but also contribute to a noble cause, as all proceeds will be donated to support children's cancer research.



Parramatta Mission Christmas Lunch



Over 40 cathedral parishioners and parish-adjacent volunteers gathered for the Parramatta Mission Christmas Lunch on 19 December, bringing Christmas cheer to those in attendance. We are grateful that several attendees expressed interest in becoming more involved in parish life, and extend a big thank you to everyone who helped make the day a success.

First Friday Devotions

Please note that First Friday Devotions will **not** be held in January. We look forward to welcoming parishioners when First Friday devotions resume on **06 February**.

Parish Groups and Ministries Announcement

All prayer groups and parish ministries will be in **recess** until the week commencing Monday, **05 January**. Thank you for your participation and commitment to these groups, which help our parish community to flourish!

Our Commitment to Safeguarding

At St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta, we are dedicated to creating a safe and nurturing environment for all members of our community, especially children and vulnerable adults, in line with the "Parramatta Way."

The Parramatta Way of Safeguarding is to...

- Act with justice, and state that we have a zero tolerance for any form of abuse or harm to children or any person;
- Act with justice, and ensure that laws and obligations are upheld, and safety is paramount.

THE BULLETIN

A message from the Clergy

The Cathedral clergy, Bishop Vincent, Frs Robert, Rooney, Vincent and Philip, wish to thank all our parishioners for the many Christmas good wishes, cards and gifts that have come our way over the past couple of weeks.

We are very privileged to be serving God's people in such a beautiful parish, with so many people who seek to make their faith manifest in so many ways. A parish which seeks to balance worship with good works is a sign of a healthy parish, and we do hope to do what we can to continue to build on that with you in 2026.

Wishing you and all your loved ones, family and friends, a truly blessed Christmas season and an equally blessed year ahead.

Let us continue to give thanks to God for all our blessings and seek to be God's blessing to one another, including the marginalised and poor whom we encounter so frequently in our local community.



Mass Times between *Christmas & the New Year*

St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta

Friday 26 December - 8:00am Mass

Saturday 27/Sunday 28
Normal weekend Mass Times

Monday 29 December - 8:00am Mass

Tuesday 30 December - 8:00am Mass

Wednesday 31 December - 8:00am Mass

Thursday 01 January - 8:00am Mass

Friday 02 January - 8:00am Mass

**No Adoration or Confession between
Christmas Day and 02 January**

**Normal Mass times resume
the weekend of 03/04 January 2026**



Last day of business: **24 December**
Reopening: **Wednesday, 07 January**



We thank you for your support throughout the year and wish all our customers a holy, joyful, and blessed Christmas.

A message from the Parish Office

The Parish Office would like to extend our sincere thanks to all our parishioners and members of the wider community for your continued support, time, and generosity throughout the year. Your kindness, prayers, and dedication mean so much to our parish and play an essential role in helping our ministry thrive and grow.

We are deeply grateful to all who volunteer, contribute, and participate in parish life in so many ways. Your commitment strengthens our faith community and reflects the spirit of service and compassion at the heart of our parish.

We wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a joyful, peaceful New Year. May this holy season fill your hearts with hope, love, and renewed faith. May St. Patrick pray for us and guide us in faith and service in the year ahead, inspiring us to continue walking together as a community rooted in Christ.

We look forward to seeing you again in the coming year and sharing many more moments of worship, fellowship, and service together. May God bless you and your families now and always.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

We pray for...

Sick: Elias Safadi, Hamish Perreira, Vickram & Vasvi Arcot, Rodolfo Manalo, Gretta D'Souza, Sharon Webb, Jessica Blatman, Rodolfo Manalo, Hamish J Pereira, Valentyna, Fr Michael Attard, Mary Nissan, Nadia Nissan, Silvana Rechichi

Special Intentions: Raveen, Ping Hsu, Daniel Pinto, Stephen Senjak, Romeo D'Souza, Romeo Esteves, Marianno De Arrogante, Shannen Mendoza, Jared & Hien Besant, Hilda & Gaulbert Pais, Peachy Romulo, Pedro & Sheila Romulo, Raven Seguia, Charmaine, Duy Xhang Hoang, Naleen, Tian, Shannen Mendoza, Legion of Mary Officers, Melanie

Anniversaries: Paul So Nguyen, Danny Doolub, Maximena Manlangit, Jure & Maria Drazenovic, Eddie Lai, Hans Bucher & parents, Honorato & Wilhemina Dela Cruz, Maria Lelyveld, Warlito Arciaga, Divine Grace Marigomen, Pedro Obar Morales, Juan Montesco, Maximena Manlangit, Johannes Lelyveld, Frank Maccarone, Rodney Jayatilaka, Dora Kirk

Recently Deceased: Janine Burn, Fr Mario Colina CM, Peter Lewin, Paul Peters, Se Christeia Uy, Evelyn Maguire

Deceased: Lucy D'Mello, Nazar & Lewis Nissan, Jose Evangelista, Murad Andranes, Meynard V Guilles, Maria Megale, Pasquale Altamore, Flood victims in Sri Lanka, Frosing C Tullo, Felicitas B Antonio, YT & Deanna Hsu

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BAPTISMS



We welcome into our Catholic Christian family the following children recently baptised here...

Alliera Eid

Milena Cardoso & Sienna Wehbe

WEDDINGS



We pray for the following couple recently married here...

Vo Thi Xuan Hien & Jared Besant

POPE LEO'S...



Prayer Intention for December

For Christians in areas of conflict

"Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope."

From Pope Leo...

"X" post dated
23 December

"In the Nativity scene, popular imagination has often inserted many figures drawn from daily life, populating the space around the grotto. They remind us that all our activities, all our daily occupations acquire their full meaning within God's plan, which has its centre in Jesus Christ."

Saint of the Week

29 December - St Thomas Becket (1118 - 1170), Martyr

He was born in London and became a close friend of King Henry II. He was only a deacon when he was appointed chancellor of England. When he was ordained as archbishop of Canterbury, he underwent an abrupt conversion of life and began to defend the Church's rights against the king. He had to take refuge in a French monastery for six years, and when he returned to his diocese four knights, inspired by careless words from the king, assassinated him in his cathedral on 29 December 1170. He was immediately acknowledged as a martyr and the king later did penance and endowed his shrine. He is remembered for his courage in defence of the rights of the Church.



Information: Universalis

“Quote of the Week”

“The home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus - the school of the Gospel.

The first lesson we learn here is to look, to listen, to meditate and penetrate the meaning - at once so deep and so mysterious - of this very simple, very humble and very beautiful manifestation of the Son of God. Perhaps we learn, even imperceptibly, the lesson of imitation.”



Pope St Paul VI
(1897 - 1978)
Address: 05 January 1964

Did You Know...?

...that a religious congregation of women, founded in Rome in 1875, is named the Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth?

The congregation was founded by a Polish noblewoman, (Blessed) Frances Siedliska (pictured). The sisters work in many nations in a variety of places of pastoral care, including nursing homes, childcare centres, prisons, youth centres and retreat houses. They have a base in our diocese at Marayong. The abbreviation for the congregation's name is CSFN.



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