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1 December 2019 - First Sunday of Advent

Parish Mass Times:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 6:30am

Thursday: 9:15am

Saturday: 9:00am, 6:00pm (vigil)

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Public Holiday: 9:00am

Youth Mass: 6:00pm (4th Sunday of month)

Baptism: Fourth Sunday of each month by appointment

Wedding: Contact Parish Office at least 6 months prior notice

Morning Prayer: Monday - Wednesday & Friday: 6:10am Thursday: 8:40am

Anointing of Sick: 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:15am or by request

Eucharistic Adoration: Saturday 9:30 – 10am concluding with Benediction

Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am

Rosary: Immediately after weekday Mass and Saturday (8:35am)



"In those days before the flood, they did not know until the flood came and carried them all away." (Jesus, from the Gospel)

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

**Every Friday
(during term time)**

Lectio Divina facilitated
by Fr Greg
10-11am, Hall Boardroom

**First Friday
of Every Month**

Exposition / Adoration at
7pm

**Special intention: Please
see notice in the bulletin.**
Holy Mass at 7:30-8pm

Every Thursday

Morning Prayer prior to mass
8:40am

December

Sunday 1 December

Children's Choir
9:00am—11:00am

Sunday 8 December

Parish Choir
9:00a—11:00am

We all long for peace on earth. Despite our best efforts, however, our communities are often marked by conflict and violence. This situation leads us to the humbling recognition that peace on earth is somehow beyond the unaided capabilities of human beings. We must acknowledge that peace is God's gift. We must work for peace, yes, but we must also pray for the peace of Jerusalem, for peace in our homes and among our loved ones. Nations will hammer their swords into ploughshares and their spears into sickles only when they are willing to submit their disputes to the wise judgement of God.

Peace is the fruit of union with God. Like the tribes of Israel who went on pilgrimage to the temple in Jerusalem, we also need to make pilgrimage to God. We must journey away from self-centred preoccupations to God. Like the people Jesus mentions in today's Gospel, we can so easily get caught up in the affairs of life and forget God completely.

We must journey to God, but the wonderful message of Advent is that God journeys to us first. We marvel at the God who came to us as a babe at Bethlehem, who is among us now in word and sacrament and community, and who will come again in glory at the end of time. On that day the peace of God, which we experience partially now, will envelop us fully.

May God bless you.
Fr Greg Chee, OCD

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HAMPER MASS SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER - 10.00am:

Your support to keep the Corpus Christi tradition of providing Christmas Hampers for the needy families of Holy Family Parish, Mount Druitt will be much appreciated. Fr. Pat Mullins, parish priest of Holy Family Parish, will concelebrate the Mass.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER SUGGESTIONS!

Canned Food Canned Fruits
Small Packet of Rice Box of Cereal

Christmas Pudding Christmas Cake
Packet of Biscuits

Non-alcoholic Sparkling Wine
Cordial or Soft Drink

Packet of Dried Fruit and Nuts
Bag of Mixed Lollies Packet of Jelly/Custard

Packet Tea Bags Instant Coffee
Packet of sugar Long Life Milk

And any other non-perishable goods you might like to provide!

Please place in a strong box or clothes-basket wrapped in cellophane or Christmas paper!

If you would prefer, you can also provide a small gift such as a box of chocolates.

Deliver to Corpus Christi Church *before* the 10am on Sunday 15 December.



CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS

The Children's Choir are preparing for the Family Mass on Tuesday 24 December 2019. Please come along

to our practices if you would like to join in. No experience required—just a love of singing. All are very welcome. Rehearsals will be held after the 10am on:
Sunday 1 December;
Sunday 15 December; and
Tuesday 24 December at 4pm prior to the Family Mass.

Ku-Ring-Gai Interchurch Group

We will be praying for St Ives Uniting Church and for Reverent Dr Geoff Dornan.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER



The Very Young

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

Prayer Zone



Anniversary: Robert Meek (25 November)

Please pray for the ill:

Grace Cheah; Jan Davies; Elizabeth Walsh; Joan and Tom Beram; Rebecca Anderson; Maria and Jack Garcia; Jose Mestres; Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Criniti; Thi Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Anne Baillie, Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien, Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty, Carol-Anne Campbell, Jennifer Nancarro, Gina Jaksetic, Jeannie, Gracie Spencer, Brendan Stone, John Michael Walsh

If you know of anyone who can no longer attend mass due to illness; or if you have noticed one of our parishioners is no longer attending mass, could you please let the office know.

Feast Days — November

Tues 3rd, St Francis Xavier, priest.
Sat 7th, St Ambrose, bishop, doctor

BREAK OPEN THE WORD BOOK

Books are now available in the Sacristy for Lectors.

BOOK CLUB

We have vacancies for a few new members— We meet every 2nd Tuesday of the month at my place ; 2 pm—4pm. Our next meeting is 14th January; the book is THE RUIN by Dervla McTiernan. If you are interested ring Colleen McMillan 0447365900

PARISH SOCIAL CRAFT GROUP:



A happy group for a relaxing morning every fortnight - bring your own craft or handiwork if you wish. Next get together **Thursday 5 December 2019 @ 10.30am** in the Parish Hall. Enq.: Angela 9144 6553.

Funeral Details Fr Barry Nobbs— Assistant Pries at Corpus Christi 2005—2008

A Vigil Mass will take place at Our Lady of Dolours Church, 94 Archer Street, Chatswood on Monday 2 December 2019 at 7.30pm. Supper will follow at Our Lady of Dolours Parish, Chatswood. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at St Felix de Valois Church, 550 Chapel Rd, Bankstown on Tuesday 3 December 2019 at 11.00am. The cortege will then proceed to Rookwood Cemetery.

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Our Deepest Sympathy

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Maria Bracco whose funeral was held at Corpus Christi on Thursday 28 November at 10.30am. May Maria experience the fullness of Christ's peace.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS VIGIL 6PM MASS

We need children for our Christmas Nativity Story. If your child would like to join please leave your name and details on the list at the back of the church.

Practice times include:

Sunday 8 December at 3:30pm

Sunday 22 December at 3:30pm.

Christmas Eve at 4pm

Email Rebecca Wehrhahn, becwehrhahn@hotmail.com or the Parish office, office@corpuschristi.com.au for more information.

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 2019. EXPOSITION / ADORATION AT 7PM

Intention: That God may bless all those who gave freely of their time, talent and treasure to God in this Church, either in voluntary ministry or otherwise. May God bless your families as well.

CHURCH SUGGESTION BOX:

Thank you to all those people who have taken advantage of the Church suggestion box. We have had a couple of suggestions which have been acted on. We have also had some suggestions that we would like to get some further information, but unfortunately have no contact details so we can't follow up. Some suggestions need consultation, in that instance it would help us to have your contact details. If you have made a suggestion and haven't heard back from us and would like to, please contact the office. Many thanks.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

Reflections on Port Moresby

In early November 2019, a delegation of Catholic leaders visited Port Moresby. The purpose of the delegation was to witness the situation of the refugees and asylum seekers that were on Manus Island to communicate and demonstrate solidarity with them, and to promise to act with them as fellow human beings deserving dignity and respect.

The Justice and Peace Office of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is organising a free public forum on 4th December to:

enable members of the delegation to share what they witnessed in Port Moresby
reflect on the humanity and resilience of the refugees and asylum seekers still in Port Moresby

develop a call for action that stands in line with Catholic principles concerning humanity and solidarity.

Panelists will include:

- The Most Reverend Bishop of Parramatta, Vincent Long Van Nguyen (Order of Friars Minor Conventual)
- Behrouz Boochani (Associate Professor at UNSW, author, journalist, human rights leader and advocate). *Virtual attendance.*
- Father Peter Smith (Justice and Peace Promoter for The Justice and Peace Office Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney)
- Carolina Gottardo (Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) Australia Director and Catholic Alliance for People Seeking Asylum (CAPSA) Co-Convener)

The forum will be held on Wednesday, 4th December at 6pm (please arrive for a 5.30pm start) at Level 8, Polding Centre, 133 Liverpool St Sydney. The event is free. If you would like to attend please register as places are limited. To register go to: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/public-forum-catholic-reflection-on-port-moresby-offshore-detention-tickets-83109840771>

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