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**SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

**We consider the safety and wellbeing of all persons to be our highest priority.**

We too acknowledge that children, young people and adults at risk may require additional safeguards to promote their participation, wellbeing and safety.

Clergy, employees and volunteers are committed to upholding the right to safety of all persons. They must participate in creating a culture of safety supported by policies, practices and procedures that strive to prevent abuse in the first instance and to respond appropriately and effectively if abuse does occur. We respect the human dignity of each person and strive to create an inclusive and welcoming Church that enables its people to grow and develop in their faith freely and in a caring and supportive environment.

**Mass Times**

**Sunday:** 9.00 am and 10.30 am

**Saturday:** 6.00 pm & 8.00 pm **(Vigil)**

**Daily Mass:** 9.00 am **(Mon – Fri)**

**First Friday:** 9.00 am **(Mass & Anointing of the Sick)**

**Reconciliation:** 10.30 am – 11.00am **(Sat or on request)**

**Rosary:** Mon-Fri after 9.00 am Mass

**Benediction and Rosary:** Fri after 9.00 am Mass till10.45am

**Neocatechumenal Way:** Tues, Wed & Thurs 8 pm, and Saturday 8 pm

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| **2nd Sun Advent 5 Dec 21** | **6.00 pm Mass**  | **9.00 am Mass**  | **10.30 am Mass**  |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Cheryl Juelg | Volunteers |
| **Music ministry**  | Volunteers | Mary Rose | Marilou James |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittorio  | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi  | Fr Crispin |
| **Offertory Procession** | Volunteers  | Eugene and Joe | Volunteers |
| **3rd Sun Advent 12 Dec 21** | **6.00 pm Mass**  | **9.00 am Mass**  | **10.30 am Mass**  |
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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Chiara Mazzeo; Christian James; Filippo and Sara, Sophia, Daniel Rivalland, Georgette Kheir, Christine Banerjee, Ettore Poletta, Francesco Paolo Ricciardi; Millie D’Alton, Claire Posten, James Morrison, Catalina Morrison, Rosa Maria Santos, Ben, Mary Muscat, Patrick Lakagreagrow, Brian Tierney, , Carmel Kanci, Jo Arena, Pam Montgomery, Helen Mille; Jason Denis; Mary Westhead; Rosa Nistico, Margaret Denis; Arthur Astarlis, , Lourenca Fernandes, Prithie Pereira, Madison Kelly, Pat Flarve.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

**Conrad Lobo**; Benedict Banerjee; Marie Perez; Fr James Early; Michael Wiscki, John allan & Marcia Barry; Lynette Maher; Giovanni Lentini; John McLean**;**: Mickey Mascarenhas**;** Vincent & Tina Giglio; Louisette Harris; Nelson Trapani; Jim Walsh; Miriam Proctor; Elva Ebdon, John Rivalland, Marie Rivalland, Douglas Gonsalves, Charlotte Godfrey, Linda D’Souza; Felix Lobo, Margaret Herbstreit; Trevor Anthony Fernandez, Pauline Burke, Sandra Highland, Rudolph D’Souza, Michelle Fowler, Sam Molino, Margherita M. La Macchia, Joan Elliot, Archimede Camba, Denzel D’Souza, Melissa D’Souza John Noal, Lorraine Thompson, Peg Smith, Gladys DeRosario, Molly Wintle, Florencio David Sr, Kathy Taranto, Maureen Collins, John Palamara, May Ray, Milan Lozo, Albert & Hillary D’Souza; Shannon Baker; Margaret Dowsey, Janine Capiron; George Tickner; Jack Foley; Sheila McKenna; Peter Dunne; Tony Molloy; Dulcie Jopling; Gerard Bourke, Alfred Foster, Joan Mealing; Judith Buckley; Genevieve Rodrigues Jean Allday; Gloria James; Earnie Breznik; Margaret Daveron; Patrick & Maurice Kelly; Edward Majda; Elizabeth Mary McKay; John H. Moloney; +Fr. Frank Maher; +Fr. Victor Crennan.

**Thanksgiving Collection Weekend: 28/11/2021 – 891.95$**

**Loose Money: 28/11/2021 – 444.26$**

**FATHER'S DAY APPEAL: 28/11/2021 – 1000.00$**

**My dear Parishioner, once again, thank you for your generosity.**

**Mon: 6th Dec St Nicholas, Bishop**

***December is the Month of the Divine Infancy***

**Tue: 7th Dec St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor**

**Wed: 8th Dec IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF BVM**

**Thu: 9th Dec St. Juan Diego**

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

**Fri: 10th Dec St. Gregory III, Pope**

**Sat: 11th Dec St Damasus I, Pope**

**LETTERS FROM THE CHILDREN OF THE PARISH TO THE WISE MEN**

This year the nativity pageant cannot be done with animals and foods because of the restriction imposed by the Covid-19, but our children of the Neocatechumenal Communities are still participating in the great event of expectation. I received a telephone call from the wise men this year: they are coming without camels just for half an hour to receive the letters from the children. As the tradition teaches us, the wise men will dialogue with the children and the children will greet them with great honour. On Sunday 12 December 2021, there will be a Eucharist at 6.00 pm for the Neocatechumenal Communities in our Church, instead of the usual Saturday at 7.30 pm. Afterwards, at 8.00 pm the wise men will be ready to receive the children’s letters. In their letter, they will ask to receive from Jesus not only presents for Christmas but also spiritual presents for their life. Let us pray for them.

As a preparatory time for Christmas, the brothers and sisters of the Neocatechumenal Way in our Parish will be praying **the Morning Prayer of the Church every morning from Monday to Friday at 5.50 am in our Church.** This communitarian prayer is extended to all the parishioners of Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Furthermore, in Advent, in the beginning of Sunday Mass liturgy the purple candle will be enlightened to signify the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ in our midst. All will intone the singing of MARANATHA: *Come Lord Jesus*.

**2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR 2022/C, REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL: LK 3:1-6**

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.

The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church. In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges. He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit. In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert. Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history.

John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming. We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives. We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

**ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD**

Dear parishioners

I am sure that you will remember our brother seminarian from the Redemptoris Mater, Missionary Seminary of Sydney, Rafael Silva Galicia, who spent part of his formation as itinerant catechist in our Parish. he was living in our presbytery with Fr Clesio.

The time has arrived for him and for Anderson Gallega Radas to be ordained as priests.

In fact, on Friday evening 3rd December 2021 at 7.00pm in the Cathedral of Sydney, they received the ordination to the priesthood by the Archbishop of Sydney Anthony Fisher.

This weekend we will remember them in our prayer.