



# ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Mass Times**  
 Sat: 5:30pm (Vigil)  
 Sun: 9am, 10.30am, 6pm  
 Mon - Thur: 9.15am  
 Frid - Sat: 12 Noon

**Family Mass with Children's Liturgy:**  
 Sunday 10.30am

**Sacraments**  
**Reconciliation**  
 Sat 11.30am - 12 noon  
 4.45pm - 5:15pm

**Baptism**  
 2nd & 4th Sun of the month at 12 noon

**Marriage - Sat & Sun**  
 1.30pm - 3pm (at least 6 months notice is required)

**Devotions**  
**Cenacle**  
 Every Monday 8am

**Daily Prayer**  
 Church is open from 8am - 3.30pm

**Rosary & Prayer**  
 Monday 8.30am  
 Thurs & Saturday 11.30am  
 Sat Adoration 11am-12noon

**Holy Hour of Mercy**  
 Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri  
 2.30pm - 3.30pm  
 Adoration, Prayer's and Chaplet of Divine Mercy

**Monthly**  
 Every first Wednesday of the month at 7pm  
 Eucharistic Adoration

## ROSTERS

The new extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion to the sick, and cleaners rosters are now available for collection at the entrance of the church under the Pope Francis photo. Please collect your new rosters.

## ROSARY & STATUE OF OUR LADY THIS WEEK

Will be with Anna Battiato, Unit 1/ 54 Burwood Rd, Burwood Heights. Please call Anna on 0423 986 566 if you would like to attend and pray with the group.

## THE HOLY HOUR OF DIVINE MERCY GROUP

Antonietta will lead the group whilst Rosina & Rocco are away, you are welcome to contact Antonietta on 0418 976 094. Holy Hour is at 2:30pm-3:30pm the **Divine Mercy prayers will continue as usual.** All welcome to share time with the Lord in prayer.

## PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday 7pm Rosary followed by Divine Mercy Chaplet. 7.30pm Prayer 7 Praise, then looking at next Sunday's gospel, what is the Gospel saying to me? How do I go out and live the Gospel? A time of sharing what is God doing in my life, intercessory prayer praying for the sick and the needs of our Parish. Close 9pm.

## SACRAMENT PROGRAM 2018

**RECONCILIATION** Year 3 and older.  
 Enrolment Date Saturday 5th May 2018 at 4pm.  
 Sacrament Date: Thursday 28th June at 6:30pm.

## CONFIRMATION

Enrolment Date Sunday 6th May at 4pm.  
 Sacrament Date: Saturday TBA June 10am & 2pm.

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Enrolment Date Saturday 4th August 2018 at 4pm.  
 Sacrament Dates: September Sat & Sun weekends 15th, 16th, 22nd & 23rd.

## RECONCILIATION Year 2 and older.

Enrolment Date Saturday 27th October 2018 at 4pm.  
 Sacrament Date: Thursday 29th November 6.30pm.

## PATH news

This weekend PATH will be selling Christmas cards to raise money to help those women and children who have been rescued from slavery in Sydney and who need help with clothes and household items. The cards are \$2 each and \$10 for a packet of 6. PATH appreciates the great generosity that the Parish has shown in the past. While the issue of human slavery is becoming more widely known, eradicating it is still a huge problem. We are all part of the problem when we buy things which are tainted by this evil. Unfortunately most school uniforms are still not slave-free.

## SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5:30PM, 9 DECEMBER 2017 CANCELLED

Archbishop of Sydney Anthony Fisher has requested all parishes cancel their Saturday Vigil Mass on the 9 December 2017. You are encouraged to attend the Australian Catholic Youth Festival Mass at the Domain at 6:30pm. I apologise for any inconvenience. Obviously our three Sunday Masses will be as usual.

## CHRISTMAS MASS CELEBRATIONS

Sunday 24th December 2017  
 Carols 5pm & 7pm  
 Mass 5:30pm (with children) & Mass 8pm  
 Midnight Mass 12am  
 Christmas Day Monday 25th December  
 Mass at 9am & 10:30am  
 Boxing Day Tuesday 26 December 9:15am  
 New Years Day Monday 1 January 9:15am

## CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

The CWL ladies wish to thank our parishioners for their unflinching kindness and support for our annual raffle. We raised \$944 for the Project of the Year, St Francis Xavier Church in Enngonnia; an isolated community north of Burke and South of the Queensland border. Their church is integral to their community and needs repairs which they can't afford. Our winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> prize of a Christmas cake made by our beloved member the late Cath Richardson's daughter, was won by Sylvia Ismay. 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of a bottle of Brandy was won by Owen, who attends 6pm Mass on a Sunday. 3<sup>rd</sup> prize of a Christmas Hamper was won by Rosina, who sings in the 9am choir. 4<sup>th</sup> prize of a Pamper Pack was won by Joy, who for so many years was our Sacristan. 5<sup>th</sup> prize of a Children's pack was also won by Owen and he has children who will enjoy it very much. 6<sup>th</sup> prize of a Sudoku Hamper was won by Lyn, a parishioner. 7<sup>th</sup> prize of a wine pack of 2 bottles was won by Graham and Beryl Hendelbury's young grandson and they have very kindly promised he doesn't get to drink it! 8<sup>th</sup> prize of a Lamp and Photo Frame pack was won by Jeanne, who attends 5:30 Mass Saturday night. See you again in 2018 for our next raffle!

## JOY OF THE GOSPEL END OF 2017 GATHERING

[Parish Evangelisation] Monday 4 December - 7pm until 8.30pm at the parish. All are welcome to a reflection of **Oases of Mercy: Parishes which radiate Christ.** Details can be found at Broken Bay Diocese website: <https://www.dbb.org.au/news/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=695>

Dear friends of God,

Welcome to the season of Advent, the start of a new liturgical year, so happy new Advent year.

We start from the beginning the story of how God is going to save our souls from hell. Throughout the liturgical year, we celebrate important acts of God in Jesus's life for us. Jesus's life is the mystery and miracle of God's love for each one of us. During Advent and at Christmas we await for his coming and celebrate his birth. God is with us in the flesh, what an amazing event.

During Advent season, we are called to do some penance, to prepare some room in our heart for God. At Mass there will be no Gloria and Alleluia as we wait for the birth of the Saviour of the world, Jesus Christ. The Advent Wreath symbolises everlasting life which will become flesh in baby Jesus. The candles purple is the penitential colour used during Advent and Lent; rose is a liturgical colour used only on Gaudete Sunday in Advent and Laetare Sunday in Lent help to symbolise not only our expectation and hope in Our Saviour first coming into the world, but also in his Second Coming as Judge at the end of the world.

I will be away next week in Brisbane for an Advent retreat. I thank Bishop Robinson for doing all the Masses and two baptisms. A reminder that next Saturday Vigil Mass 9th December at 5:30pm will be cancelled due to the request of Archbishop of Sydney Anthony Fisher. All priests and faithful are encouraged to attend the Youth Festival Mass at the Domain in the city at 6:30pm. I am sorry for any inconvenience and ask all those who attend our regular Vigil Mass to attend our normal Sunday Masses.

We also farewell Father David Pascoe, Father David has been living in the presbytery for the last five months for his sabbatical doing a course at Strathfield. He has been kind enough to celebrate some Masses for us. We hope his time here has been relaxing and enriching. God bless Father David as he goes back to Brisbane to lead a parish to Jesus.

We celebrated last Friday end of school and year six graduation Mass. We thank God for all the graces needed to make our school community a great place for learning and faith filled. Congratulations to all year six students on completing primary school.

I invite anyone interested to join the Advent Reflection Group. We will meet every Monday at 7:30pm to 8:30pm at the presbytery to reflect of the upcoming Advent Sunday readings using resources from the Diocese of Wollongong.

A reminder the Parish Council meeting will be this Tuesday 5th December at 7:30pm.  
 Young Adults meeting for Sunday 6pm Mass followed by dinner and movie "GOD IS NOT DEAD".  
 Fr. Kim Ha

Week 2 - 09/10 DEC	5.30pm	9.00am	10.30am	6pm
Acolytes	Des	Allen	Richard	Chris
1 <sup>st</sup> Reader	Henry	Kate	Sabrina	Julia
2 <sup>nd</sup> Reader	Elizabeth	Marianne	Vesna	Josephine
EMHC	Lina & Kevin F	Romanta & Sr. Helena	Adrienne & Beryl H	James
Music (Please advise the parish office)	To be advised	To be advised	To be advised	Volunteer
Altar Servers	Niamh & Deegan	Gianluca & James	Ethan & Joshua	Isabella, Patrick & Nate
Counters	Ann King & Georgette McGarry			
Ministers to the Sick	Sue Chidac Kevin Smith <b>Clover Lea - Permanent Commitment Amy Alarcon</b>			
Children's Liturgy	Helmarri & Lina			
Church Cleaning 04-10	Stella Lin, Elizabeth Lees, Gabriella Taouk, Stephanie Wong			

## ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL



### School Motto

Live Justly, Love Tenderly and Walk Humbly with Our Loving God.

For all new enrolments please call 9744 2811, or email school at [info@stjenfield.catholic.edu.au](mailto:info@stjenfield.catholic.edu.au)

Principal Mrs Maria Maiorana

With St Joseph we pray ...

**For the sick**  
 Lee Tilliam  
 Fedorowicz Family  
 Sokolowski Family  
 Sharon Holliday  
 Sarah Holliday  
 Zachary Marsh  
 Sue Brancatisano  
 Bishop Geoffrey Nikranicz Family  
 Waslowicz Family  
 Michael Abou-Antoun  
 Douglas Edwards  
 Helen Bache  
 Lan Fon Yu  
 Anna Pezzuto  
 Sonia Grigoriou  
 Chris Dimitriadis  
 Barbara Mitchell  
 Lina Grande  
 Michael Tucker  
 Antoniette Serci  
 Sean Da Silva  
 Alfonso Costantini  
 Joseph You  
 Martin Fleming  
 Sam Shepherd  
 Patrick Morris  
 Rocab Shi  
 Haishong Andy Shi  
 Theresa Lee  
 Urban Fernandez  
 Beatrice Fernandez

**For the Souls of**  
 Earnest Haynes  
 Douglas Haynes  
 Judith Haynes  
 Marian Haynes  
 Andrew Haynes  
 Robert Sander  
 Gillian Sofatzis  
 Ina Drake  
 Don Drake  
 Doug Mitchell  
 John Duff-Tytler  
 Nancy Duff-Tytler  
 Fr. Gerald Walsh  
 Margaret Walsh Sr.  
 Mary Walsh  
 Mollie Walsh  
 Carl Pribil  
 Marie Pribil Walsh  
 Thomas Kenny  
 Jack Corry  
 Fr. Alan Corry  
 Mary Kenny  
 Margot Linley  
 John Linley  
 James Wheatley  
 Margo t Lacy  
 John McCartney  
 Carmel McCartney  
 Mario Ottaviano  
 Giuseppia Ottaviano  
 Rocco Ottaviano  
 Souls of the unborn children  
 All Holy Souls in Purgatory

**Recently Deceased**  
 James Baca  
 Victor Liew  
 Elena Lorenzato  
 Dolly Gock  
 George Martinus  
 Antonietta Calabretta

**Special Intentions**  
 Pezzuto Family  
 Grigoriou Family  
 Dimitriadis Family  
 Quintina Pascuzzo

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

3 DECEMBER 2017

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT/B

own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!

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,**

*(All bow during these two lines)*

**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.**

### REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

#### STAY AWAKE!

Advent is the time when the Church seeks to stir up a sense of longing for the coming of the Lord.

Stirring up such a sense of longing does not mean, however, that we should take the New Testament allusions to his future coming literally. Such statements seek to communicate the truth that our lives and, indeed, the whole of history stand under the eventual judgement of God and that the Crucified One, the now risen Lord, remains the criterion of what truly human existence should be. His grace and his power continually knock at the door of our lives, seeking to move us along his way. It is this sense of the Lord's coming that the Advent season celebrates and proclaims.

Today's Gospel (Mk 13:33-37) features a parable from the end of the great discourse on the future that Jesus gave to his disciples not long before his death. The householder who goes on his travels gives instructions to all his servants but the focus of the parable lies upon the one charged with watching the door. The master expects to be welcomed when he returns. Everyone else may sleep but this servant must stay awake at night, always on the look-out for the master's coming.

Believers are like that servant: 'gatekeepers' for the coming of the Lord. The rest of the world may 'sleep' but we are 'children of light and of the day' (1 Thess 5:5), our lives bathed in the light of the risen Lord and enriched by the hope of his final coming.

BRENDAN BYRNE, SJ

During this liturgical year, the reflection columns will be authored by the well-known and highly respected biblical scholar, Fr Brendan Byrne SJ. We are sure readers will find his reflections insightful and enriching.

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The new year of the Church begins with the image of 'coming' or 'arrival' which is what 'Advent' means. The Lord has come already at Bethlehem. He comes each day into the lives of those who open their heart to receive him. He will come again in glory on the last day.

### 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.**

#### 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, one God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

#### FIRST READING Isa 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah.**

*Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down.*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name.

Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down — at your Presence the mountains would melt.

No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind.

You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you.

We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind.

No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you.

For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins.

And yet, Lord, you are our Father;

we the clay, you the potter,

we are all the work of your hand.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 79:2-3, 15-19

**R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,/shine forth from your cherubim throne./O Lord, rouse up your might,/O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,/look down from heaven and see./Visit this vine and protect it,/the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen,/the man you have given your strength./And we shall never forsake you again:/give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**



### SECOND READING

1 Cor 1:3-9

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.**

*We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

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

Mk 13:33-37

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit**

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his