

Parish Link!



COVID UPDATE

Sunday 12th December 2021

We have received the following information from the Diocese of Parramatta:

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

The NSW Government has announced some changes to the reopening roadmap for the COVID-19 restrictions. Based on the announcement, the restrictions will ease further when NSW reaches 95% double vaccination or on 15th December 2021, whichever comes first. For places of worship the following will apply from when the state hits the milestone:

➤ **Density Limits**

There will no longer be any square meter rules applicable for Parishes. This includes the Church and other buildings within the Parish.

➤ **Choir and Singing**

Singing will be permitted for everyone in attendance

➤ **Masks**

Masks will no longer be mandatory at places of worship. However, this is still strongly encouraged in venues where social distancing is not possible.

COVID-19 Safe Check-in and Record Keeping

Check in using the NSW QR Code and record keeping of all attendees are still required for places of worship
- Fr Denis Andrew O Carm (Parish Priest)

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS

FINAL WEEK! GET YOUR TICKETS

TODAY! The prizes on display in the Parish Centre include a wooden inlaid Lazy Susan and a wooden inlaid Chopping Board both crafted by Fr Januario. Tickets \$2.00 each or a Book of 6 for \$10.00. All proceeds go towards fees for our four Scholarship Students in East Timor.

- Sr Margaret Harrison rsm (East Timor Committee)

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTERS!

READERS & COMMENTATORS: 19th December 2021

MASS TIME	READER	COMMENTATOR
Saturday 6.00pm	Anne-Marie Torrens	Don Crockett
Sunday 8.00am	Michelle Rodrigues	David Rodrigues
Sunday 10.00am	Grace Mathews	Elaine Gutierrez
Sunday 6.00pm	Nelissa Almeida	Michelle Pereira



"WHAT MUST WE DO?"

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist appears on the scene preaching a change of heart and mind to the people who were excitedly expecting the coming of the Messiah. They thought that John the Baptist could have been the Messiah to come. John strongly denies that he is the Messiah and points to "*someone more powerful than I and am not fit to undo the straps of his sandals*". In preparation for the coming of the Messiah, John advises those who ask him what they must do, by telling them to be aware of the

needs of others and to do something about it, also to be fair and just towards all. John is preaching social justice and equality among all people, even publicans and soldiers.

We, who have been baptised with the Holy Spirit and fire, and have therefore, been chosen to be the prophets for today's generation of people, must be attentive to the needs of others and do something about it beyond just small acts of charity. We must proclaim and witness to justice and equality for all people—the poor, the homeless, the refugees, the marginalised, the have-nots who are often despised by the haves, the victims of violence and abuse, those discriminated against because of their religion, race, or colour.

As prophets for today's generation, we must carry out all these works of mercy and justice with the humility of John the Baptist and the gentleness and love of Jesus. This is our vocation, our calling, as baptised disciples of Jesus, as it is also the vocation of all just and righteous men and women in the world.

- Fr Anthony Scerri O Carm

Christmas Timetable

SATURDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2021

Reconciliation after 9:00am Mass

FRIDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2021

5:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass (preceded by Carols)

7:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

9:00pm Christmas Mass During the Night

SATURDAY 25TH DECEMBER 2021

8:00am Christmas Mass During the Day

10:00am Christmas Mass During the Day

SUNDAY 26TH DECEMBER 2021

8:00am Holy Family Mass

10:00am Holy Family Mass

6:00pm Holy Family Mass



Welcome Fr Paul!

Paul Cahill, Australian Carmelite Provincial and former parish priest of Wentworthville, has been visiting the Carmelite Community this week. It was a delight to have him here after all the COVID lockdowns. Paul will celebrate the 8am Mass this Sunday 12/12/21.

- Fr Denis Andrew O. Carm.

In Loving Memory

Recently Deceased: Mary Carlino, Roy Bornefeldt, Micae Lai Dinh Trung, Fidelous Gomez, Suzie Pereira, Alice Almeida, Mary O'Keefe, Theresa Macwan

Anniversaries & Memorials: Brian Bourke, Brian Bairy, Raymond & Shemounh Frangi, Michael Cesarini, Walter (Bob) Redlich, Mary Vella, Emmanuel Sultana, Catherine Kong, John Touma, Joyce Cini, Mary & Frank Teuma, Tony & Antonia Cini, Simao & Anna Dias, Sinfarosa Dias, Inancio, Sacramento & Ilda Bocarro, Bocarro Family, Dias Family, Monica & Anthony Kong, Charlie Sultana, Michael & Carmen Attard, Frank & Pauline Vella, Pauline Grech, Renato Zammit, Francesca Zammit, Concetta & Joseph Sciberras, Joseph & Josephine Gauci, Holy Souls in Purgatory & All Souls, All Saints, Suffering Souls

Other Intentions

Thanksgiving: Reema Joseph Joy, In Honour of St Anthony, Paul Eid & Family

Special Intentions: Jay Dass, Dias Family, Sana Bairy & Family, Akle Saade

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

4th Sunday of Advent Yr C

1st Reading: Micah 5: 1—4

2nd Reading: Hebrews 10: 5—10

Gospel: Luke 1: 39—44



Please remember those who are in ill health, especially:

Pat Coogan, Sharon Dolan, Joan Cameron, Charlie Micallef, Lyn Craddy, Sienna Calandruccio, Teresa Li, Lisa Boys, Greg Boys, Carol O'Loughlin, Lyn Craddy and all who are sick.



Join the Choir...

You'll Be Glad You Did!

We're looking for singers to lead the music at our Christmas Mass During the Night. There will be two practices - both on **Tuesdays** (instead of the usual Monday) - Tuesday 14th & 21st December at 7:15 pm in the church. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to come along.



CHURCH CLEANING

The next Church Cleaning day will be this coming Thursday 16th December after the 9.00am Mass. Pauline could always do with some helpers. So if you can spare an hour or so, please consider giving Pauline and her small but enthusiastic team a hand.



As we prepare for our Christmas celebrations, we are still looking for parishioners to serve in a range of liturgical ministries. In particular, we are looking for: Greeters (Welcomers), Ministers of

the Word, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Media Ministers, Wardens, Altar Servers & Sacristans. To Register contact the parish office

Feast Days this Week

Monday: St Lucy
Tuesday *St John of the Cross
Wednesday: St Mesmin
Thursday: St Adelaide
Friday: St Olympias
Saturday: St Gatian
Sunday: 4th Sunday of Advent

