

All Hallows' Five Dock



Fourth Sunday of Advent | Year A | Sunday 18th December

Parish Mission

We, the people of this place,
live and celebrate a love of faith.

We share this faith in a spirit of
service, that creates a sense of
God's presence among us.

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A Reflection by Fr Sebastian

Matthew 1:18-24

An angel appears to Joseph, directing him to take Mary as his wife and telling him that the child she will bear will be called Emmanuel.

Joseph and Mary are our models for family life and for service of God. Even when the circumstances seemed unclear, Joseph trusted God. Healthy family life is built upon trust, trust in God and trust of one another.

Spend some time talking as a family about the importance of trust in your family life, including the ways in which the children trust the adults in the family as well as the ways in which the adults trust the children. Then read today's Gospel. Talk about Joseph's trust of God and reflect together on how your family trusts in God.

Pray together that your family life will be built on trust, as was the family life of Joseph and Mary. Pray and sing together an Advent song, such as "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel."

With best wishes -
Fr Sebastian



Sacramental Life

Holy Mass:

Saturday: 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5pm

Monday - Friday: 8am

Wednesday: Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration - 3pm

Reconciliation:

Saturday:
8:30am-9am / 4:45pm - 5:15pm
Or any time by appointment.

Sick Calls:

Any time - day/night.

Baptisms:

Every Sunday at 11am.



Weddings:

Contact the parish office.

A message from the Archdiocese of

Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. To read the Archdiocese Child Safeguarding policy, please visit the parish website (<https://www.allhallows.org.au/safeguarding>).



Participate in the Christmas Eve Children's Pageant

The annual Christmas Eve pageant is on again at All Hallows Parish - **24 December 2022**.

Children from All Hallows parish and school are warmly invited to participate as readers, singers, angels and shepherds.

There is one practice at 4:15pm - 5:15pm on Wednesday, 21 December at the church. *Please note the change in time.*

To participate, please complete the form at the weblink - <https://bit.ly/3UtyyKp>

If you have any questions please contact Frances Cordaro (frances.cordaro@gmail.com).



Please remember in your Prayers:

Gina Iacono
Sr Mary of Christ
Wayne Smith
Anne Fidler
James McCabe
John Foster
Sam Stella
Bernard Fonti
Lorenzo Bocconi

*names will remain on the list for 1 month unless notified

Choral Christmas Celebration 2022

On Friday 16th December, come to St Mary's Cathedral for carols and Christmas joy at our annual, and much anticipated, A Choral Christmas Celebration concert. Year after year sell-out crowds have been delighted by this traditional Christmas experience, where the world-famous Saint Mary's Cathedral Choir and celebrity readers offer glorious music and verse sure to gladden every heart with Christmas cheer. From Once in royal David's city to excerpts of Handel's Messiah, there will be glorious music to celebrate this festive time of the year for the young and the young at heart.



Friday 16 December
Two Concerts (11am and 7pm)

Book now at

www.cathedralchoir.sydney/accc

or call (02) 9220 0481

Recently Deceased:

Helen Therese Dougall
Colin Fisher
Vincenzo Falcone
Raymond McHannan
Carmela Parisi
Gerardo Di Giacomo
Rocco Lo Surdo
Joe Iacono
Erin McCabe
Claudio Compagnoni
Denise Fatseas

Christmas at the Cathedral



Festivities begin at 7pm with Christmas market stalls, food, fun activities for the kids and live entertainment.

When: 7pm from the 8th - 25th December
Where: St Mary's Cathedral Forecourt

Anniversaries:

Rosalie Grant
Giuseppe Lucadonato
Letteria Lucadonato
Antonio Denaro
Lydia Fiorini
Peter Fiorini
Loretta Gioia
Monica Moschella
Joe Pozzato

Archbishops Flood Appeal



Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has announced that Christmas at the Cathedral, which got underway on Thursday 8 December, will be raising funds this year to provide much needed relief and recovery for the victims of the NSW floods.

Large parts of regional NSW have been hit by severe flooding since September, with thousands of people left homeless and many businesses forced to close.

Online donations are welcome for the Archbishop's Flood Appeal via the Our Faith, Our Works website here: <https://www.ourfaithourworks.org/flood-appeal/>



As Archbishop Fisher has emphasised "Christmas is very much a time when we open our hearts to those in need, inspired by the unfailing love Christ shows for each of us".

May this appeal offer comfort and hope to flood-affected communities as they start to rebuild their lives.

For the Souls of the Faithful Departed:

May all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.



Parish Notices



All Hallows Childcare Centre



Archbishop Anthony Fisher has given approval for a childcare centre to be built at All Hallows. The centre will be built by Sydney Catholic Early Childcare Services (SCECS).

All Hallows Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

5pm Carols followed by the 5:30pm Family Mass; Midnight Mass



Christmas Day

8:30am and 10am Mass.



There is no evening mass

Caritas Australia Ukraine Appeal

The continuing violence in Ukraine is a humanitarian crisis. Over three million people have been displaced and thousands of civilians have lost their lives.

Our longstanding partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground to provide support for those forced from their homes. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au/ukraine or call 1800 024 413 toll free.



Volunteering – a grace from God



“Volunteering is a grace from God,” the Pope affirmed, urging volunteers to “please accept it with strength.” “Do not be afraid”, Pope Francis urged.

The Pope further added that “volunteers are the strength of the Church” as they are “a dimension of the Church’s mission because you go there with your volunteering and maintain so many actions of the Church.”

Bringing his message to a close, the Pope expressed his gratitude to the volunteers for their generosity – the generosity that every volunteer has.

All Hallows Parish would like to thank all our wonderful volunteers for their good works this year. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer in one of our many ministries in 2023, please contact the parish office.



Baptisms



We welcome

Odyn Thomas Martyn

who are being baptised into our parish community of All Hallows this weekend.



“Anyone who welcomes this little child in my name welcomes Me.” - Luke 9:48.

16 Day Pilgrimage to Europe

Fr Sebastian, together with Fr Timothy Raj, is organising a 16 day pilgrimage to Europe in May 2023.



The pilgrimage will be visiting Paris, Lisieux, Lourdes, Fatima, Venice, Assisi, Lancia, S.G. Rotondo and Rome. It departs on the 1st May, returning on the 17th May and the cost is \$8,590 per person. If you are interested and would like more information, please contact the parish office.

Catholic Women’s League

Thank you for your support!

To all parishioners, the CWL sincerely thank you for the wonderful support you have shown throughout the year.



Wishing you all a blessed Christmas filled with Peace and Joy.

Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas raffle.



- 1 Helen Watson; 2 Franca Rodilosso; 3 Agnese G;
- 4 Emilia; 5 John Bonaddio; 6 Judy Heffernan;
- 7 Imma Fonti; 8 Jenny LoSurdo; 9 N. Moriarty (request to donate to a child); 10 Marisa Donato

\$1,000 was raised for the flood victims in the Central West region of New South Wales. Thank you!




Children’s Corner


His name will be Emmanuel: God is with us


U U P R O M I S E R O R Q R
 N X C B B B H M A R Y S U J
 U Y U M E S J T R U E X I O
 U K F A L R N O Q O J E E S
 P L E O T V M J H F T M T E
 E P Q P J Y Q Z Y C I B L P
 F Z F M V X N A H L F A Y H
 Y O U N G M O A M W S R X W
 W C K D R E A M F G N R D P
 C D L Z A N G E L S H A L X
 D S P L V G B B Q H E S C O
 A Q S Z L U X Z V G Z S B E
 R U B F M B E M M A N U E L
 T U U H F N E H Q E B A B Y
 Y I P T A E X E N G A G E D

Try to find these words:

- angel
- baby
- dream
- embarrass
- Emmanuel
- engaged
- Joseph
- Mary
- promise
- quietly
- true
- young

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Is 7:10-14 A reading from the prophet Isaiah The virgin will conceive.</p> <p>The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'</p> 	<p>(R.) Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.</p> <p>1. The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. (R.)</p> <p>2. Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. (R.)</p> <p>3. He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)</p> 	<p>Rom 1:1-7 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.</p> <p>From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
	<p>The Nativity of the Lord</p> <p>1st Reading: Is 52:7-10 2nd Reading: Heb 1:1-6 Gospel: Jn 1:1-18</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us. Alleluia!</p> 

Gospel
<p>Mt 1:18-24 A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.</p> <p>This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.</p> 

Gospel Focus - What's in a name?
 <p>It appears from the passage that Mary's child is to be called both Jesus and Emmanuel. Emmanuel is not intended as a different name for Jesus but rather one of the many titles that will be applied to him. The title means God-is-with-us. That one word, Emmanuel, sums up the essence of Jewish and Christian belief. The Jewish people's faith in God was built on the basis that God traveled with them and through their lives. Christians believe that God took on an even closer sense of being with us through God's incarnation in the life of Jesus.</p>

LOOK

Sunday 18 December 2022
Matthew 1:18-24
4th Sunday of Advent

In the GOSPEL TODAY

DON'T BE AFRAID!

An angel tells Joseph in a dream not to be afraid. Mary's baby is the saviour! Joseph has a special job now. He is going to look after Mary and the baby – and they will call him "Jesus". Jesus will be "God-with-us"!

Break the angel code

Find out what the angel said to Joseph.



3 10 9 14 2 4

1 5 12 1 7 3

8 10 13 4 11 6!



Good dad award

Joseph did what God wanted and looked after Jesus. What do you think makes a good dad? Draw or write your ideas on this award. You could award the rosette to Joseph or cut it out and give it to your own dad or a man who cares for you.

Find the way

Joseph is taking Mary to his house to look after her.



Help him find the way and get her there safely.



CODE:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
A	B	D	E	F	H	I
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
J	N	O	P	R	S	T

Word search

Can you find these words?

JOSEPH MARY
FATHER DREAM
KIND ANGEL
CARE GOD

There will be five letters left. Put them together in the right order to make a very special name.

A	N	G	E	L	F
K	I	N	D	U	A
J	M	A	R	Y	T
J	O	S	E	P	H
E	S	C	A	R	E
G	O	D	M	S	R



Answers: The angel code: Don't be afraid, Joseph. The special name: JESUS

A PRAYER TO SAY

Jesus, help me not to be afraid. Help me to trust you and know that you are always with me, just like Joseph did. Amen.