

Weekend of :	Week 1			
Ministry	Sat 5pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 5 pm
Music Groups	Sacred Heart	Congregation	Sacred Heart	Congregation
Heralds	Alvin	Bianca	Olivia	Mckenzie
Readers 1st / 2nd	Helen/Evelyn	Lupi / Christopher	Noel/Sophie	Nerissa/Mariaella
Acolytes	Mick G / Victor	Peter	Yuve	Mick M / Surya
Altar Servers	Abed/Sophia/ Immanuel/ Cameron	-	Philip/Caitlin/ Bryan	Hannah/Taylor/ Teresa/Mica

Weekend of :	Week 2			
Ministry	Sat 5pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 5 pm
Music Groups	Congregation	Congregation	St Augustine	Congregation
Heralds	Samuel	Jasmin/ Madeline	Olivia	Teresa
Readers	Irene/Eaven	Pat B /Kaithlyn	Danielle / Katrina	Maria/Mica
Acolytes	Mick G	Peter / Victor	Yuve / Vincent	Mick M / Surya
Altar Servers	Abed/Sophia/ Immanuel/ Cameron	Bianca/ Christopher	Bryan/Philip/ Caitlyn	Hannah/Taylor/ Kiomi & Naomi

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Prayer & the Mission to Proclaim Jesus: Living the Year of Prayer 2024

Join us as Eric Chow shares how to make our parishes missionary outposts, with prayer as the foundation. Eric will share proven principles, practical tips, and stories of renewal from his extensive experience in missionary leadership.

DATE: Monday 18 March 2024 TIME: 7:30 – 9pm
 VENUE: St Martha's - 38 Renwick St, Leichhardt
 On-site parking and street parking available. COST: Free.
 RSVP: Reserve your place by Thursday 15 March at trybooking.com/CPENF

LET US PRAY FOR:

Recently Returned to the Father: Ibrahim Azzam, Rosa Nunez, Gary Clark

Death Anniversary: Ivan Visevic, Teresita Arce

In Loving Memory of: deceased members of the Keating family, Ivan Stefanac, Philip Ba-Tuoc Lam, Cong Tro Mai, Joseph CT Nguyen, Felix Jr Romero, Rocco & Giuseppina Macri, Sebastiano & Santina Luci, deceased family members of Teresita H Brown, Adoracion Almazar, Dennis G Reyes, Lou M Da Silva, all souls in purgatory


NB: Please let the Parish Office know when circumstances change

Sick & Infirm: Madeleine Mitchell, Adam Irga, Jenny Hennessy, Frances Read, Angela Clancy, Enriquetta Navarro, Lorenza Talisayon, Annette Pillai, Bernadette Driessen, Rosa Corbo, Sue Joseph, Sue Morris, Michael Joseph, Lucy Zivkovic, Madalena Thi Ba Ho

Thanksgiving/Birthdays: Dondi & Arvin Anolin, Maria Hennessy, Gabriel L T Ching
Special Intentions of: Mateo Quines Tran

A Message from the Safeguarding Office - Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes 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.



Weekend Collection Report
 Weekend 24/25 Feb 2024

1st Collection (Pastoral) - \$2002.00 &
 2nd Collection (Church) - "Loose" \$1512.00 &
 Envelopes - \$1126.00

Thank you for your generosity - Fr Epeli -



St Joachim's
 CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL LIDCOMBE

SCHOOL TOURS

Monday 4 March 3.30-5.00pm
 Wednesday 6 March 11.30am-1.30pm
 Thursday 7 March 3.30-5.00pm

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Prayer and the Mission to Proclaim Jesus


YEAR OF PRAYER 2024

18 MARCH

Monday | 7:30-9PM | St Martha's
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WE COME TOGETHER TO ENCOUNTER GOD, WELCOMING ONE ANOTHER JOYFULLY IN ACTIVE SERVICE

OFFICE HOURS: TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, & THURSDAY only 09:30am to 03:30pm PLEASE RING or EMAIL the Parish Office for anything ...
 Mass Intentions—drop in the mailbox or collection baskets. Weddings: minimum 6 months notice.
 Baptisms: held only on 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. Canberra Nursing Home - 4th Friday @ 11am
 If anyone needs Holy Communion /Home Visits please contact the office to make arrangements.

Parish Values - Presence, Simplicity, Family Spirit, Love of Work & In the way of Mary


3rd Sunday of Lent - Yr B **3 March 2024**

This Week at St Joachim

Sun 03/03	8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 11:30am Morning Tea in Hall 5:00pm Mass
Mon 04/03	9:00am Mass/Rosary
Tue 05/03	9:00am Mass / Rosary
Wed 06/03	6:00pm Adoration /Novena 7:00pm Mass
Thurs 07/03	9:00am Mass / Rosary
Fri 08/03	9:00am Mass / Rosary 6:30pm Stations of the Cross
Sat 09/03	2:00pm Tongan Mass 4:00pm Confessions 5:00pm Vigil Mass

SILENCE is to be observed at all times (before, during and after Mass) in the church

Parish to Parish Cross Walk
 10th March @ 2pm

 St Joachim, Lidcombe to St John of God, Auburn

A time to remember the love of Jesus

REFLECTION - Justin -

Earlier this week I had the privilege to attend a concert by the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra titled, "Notre Dame". The performance was a dedication to and lament over Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris. The music centered around the fictional story of an Australian engineer who was employed to be part of the renovation team of the cathedral. On her first day of work, she meets the ghost of French writer, Victor Hugo. Hugo takes the young Australian engineer on a tour of the cathedral, explaining to her the various intricate details of the place as if it were a *human body*. At this point, the music accompanying the story is lighthearted as the cathedral becomes a playground for the young engineer to explore.

Before long, a fire breaks out in the cathedral and chaos ensues. What was seemingly an exciting and adventurous opportunity for the engineer, suddenly becomes a moment of mourning for all. The music takes a dramatic shift to reflect chaos and sadness. It culminates with the choir singing a chant known as the "*Requiem*". This chant is normally sung at the beginning of funerals to pray for the deceased. It translates from the Latin to English as, "eternal rest grant unto him/her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him/her". Their mood is somber.

In light of the liturgical year we are in and the timing of attending this performance, I cannot help but be amazed at how a secular orchestra has been able to capture something deeply religious. The timing of the performance is also nothing short of providential considering the gospel we have heard today. Christ speaks about the sanctuary of *his own body*, which will be destroyed and rise again in three days.

The partial destruction of Notre Dame Cathedral reflects something of the reality of life for us as Christians. If we are going to be true followers of Christ, we too must undergo our own Paschal Mystery (suffering, death and resurrection). It is through our own suffering and pain that we are drawn into greater intimacy with Christ by sharing in His Passion. This should have great meaning for us when we look at our suffering in light of the resurrection. The resurrection fills us with hope as it is proof that death and destruction do not have the final say. Suffering and pain have meaning.

The concert concluded with an orchestral piece titled, "*Dawn*". It was a lighter arrangement that expressed the reality of a hope-filled resurrection. As Notre Dame Cathedral undergoes its own restoration and resurrection, pray that we too, may be evermore united to Christ so to enjoy the fruits of the resurrection with Christ in heaven for all eternity.

Sunday School @ St Joachim's

3rd March @11.30am in St Francis Room



Caritas

This weekend, Project Compassion brings us the remarkable story of Leaia, who lives in Samoa. Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result. Not having access to a reliable source of clean water was very difficult for Leaia and her family. But with the support of Caritas Australia, a water tank was installed at their home, improving their health and living conditions. Please donate to Project Compassion You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



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Every Friday during Lent @6.30pm
 All welcome to attend

STATIONS of the CROSS



words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.

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, / 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. Be pleased, O Lord, with these sacrificial offerings, and grant that we who beseech pardon for our own sins, may take care to forgive our neighbour. 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 OR II OF LENT

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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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

cf. Ps 83: 4-5
The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. As we receive the pledge of things yet hidden in heaven and are nourished while still on earth with the Bread that comes from on high, we humbly entreat you, O Lord, that what is being brought about in us in mystery may come to true completion. 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.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

CHRIST, THE POWER AND WISDOM OF GOD

The image of a limp, distorted body on the cross, which we know as the crucifix, has a long history of development. While its central place with the altar in our churches and its focus for personal devotion may seem normal to us, it is an anathema to others. How is this the focus of our belief and worship? A reminder of the sacrifice, its very presence points to the resurrection, salvation and the hope of everlasting life with God who loves us. Today's readings grapple with this dilemma. Paul's words to the Corinthians capture something of the complexity of those early days of preaching the Good News: "preaching a crucified Christ." Who would believe in a dead Messiah? Yet Paul insists "but to those who are called, Jews and Gentiles, a Christ who is the power and wisdom of God" (1 Cor 1:24). Paul's tussle with this is juxtaposed with John's account of Jesus cleansing the Temple where Jesus says, "Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up" (John 2:19). This imagery made no sense to the Judeans for this Temple, the Holy of the Holies and dwelling place of God took 46 years to build. The narrator adds that the temple Jesus spoke of was his own body. The narrator also recounts that the disciples had heard Jesus' words but it made no sense to them either until the event of the resurrection. Let us contemplate Christ as the power and wisdom of God.

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT / B

3 MARCH 2024

I AM THE LORD, YOUR GOD. The Ten Commandments are as valid today as when they were first given by God to Moses on Mt Sinai. They teach us how to live in right relationship with God and with one another. If we seek to live by the Commandments we will avoid the trap of materialism, of being more concerned with buying, selling, and making money, than with loving God and our neighbour.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 24: 15-16

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

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.

P. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

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.

The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT

O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Ex 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17

A reading from the book of Exodus.

The Law was given through Moses.

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Longer form, 20: 1-17.

RESP PSALM Ps 18: 8-11. R. Jn 6: 68

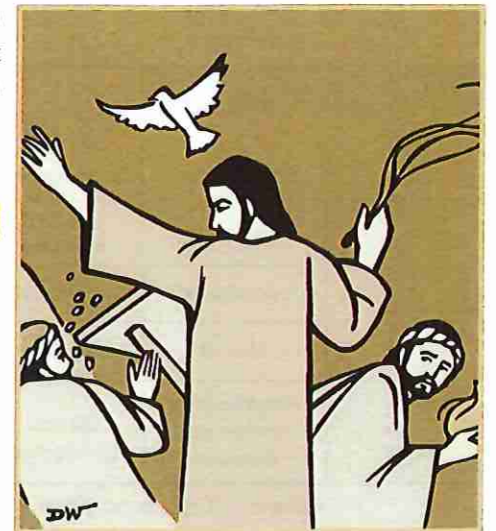
R. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

- The law of the Lord is perfect, / it revives the soul. / The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, / it gives wisdom to the simple. **R.**
- The precepts of the Lord are right, / they gladden the heart. / The command of the Lord is clear, / it gives light to the eyes. **R.**
- The fear of the Lord is holy, / abiding for ever. / The decrees of the Lord are truth / and all of them just. **R.**
- They are more to be desired than gold, / than the purest of gold / and sweeter are they than honey, / than honey from the comb. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 1: 22-25

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

We are preaching a crucified Christ, a scandal to many, but to those who have been called, the wisdom of God.



While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 3: 16

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,

that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Jn 2: 13-25

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the