This Week :	09/10 Mar 2019	Week 2		
Ministry	Sat 5pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 5 pm
Music Groups	David & Co	Congregation	St Augustine	David & Co
Readers	Louella / Diane	Edna / Pat B	Candice / Anne	Joy/Sandra
Ministers of Holy Communion	Mick G / Christine	Anne / Aivi	Latu/Bernadette	Alda
Acolytes	John	Peter	Vincent/Carolyn	Mick M
Altar Servers	Samantha / Jessica	Gabriel	Natasha/Caitlin/ Nicholas/Nynia	Thashalia
Next Week:	16/17 Mar 2019	Week 3		
Ministry	Sat 5pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 5pm
Music Groups	CFC Youth for Christ	Congregation	David & Co	Elizabeth Guild
Readers	St Joachim Youth	Fred B / Enriquetta	Nancy / Lina	Nerissa / Christine
Ministers of Holy Communion	Jolanta/ Petronella	Muli / Poli	Matt / Janey	Teresa A / Winkie
Acolytes	John	Peter	Yuve / Victor	Mick M
Altar Servers	Alison / Eaven	Gabriel	Ariel/Sophie/ Alex/Patrick	Caitlin/Belgie/ Nicholas S
Children's Liturgy 2019 Possums		Koalas	Kangas	
10 Mar 17 Mar	Pat B Gilda	Frank Teresa	Lupi Sheryl-Lou	

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Rosters	9th Mar 2019		16th Mar 2019	
Altar Society	-		Bernadette	
Church Cleaner			ARC	

#### LET US PRAY FOR:

Recently Returned to the Father: Evelyn Blain, Helen de Jesus, Fr Graham Kings, Giuseppe Laviano, Deanna Zabat-Guerzon

**Death Anniversary**: Fr Norman Grady, Joseph Azzi

Loving Memory of: deceased members of the Keating family, Mary Willis, Dominic Wang, Maria Huang, Jimmy & Winnie Acton, Josip Ugarkovic, Robert, Mathilda & Ralph Hewett, Melville, Frank & Lucy Rodrigues, Teresa & Bartolomeo Natoli, Bernardita & George Tribunal, Antun & Josip Ulbrich

### NB: Please let the Parish Office know when circumstances change

Sick & Infirmed: Bishop G. Robinson, Shirley O'Brien, Madeline Mitchell, Leila Mitchell, Val Jenkins, Sr Joan Harrison rsj, Eileen Kenny, Zahra Bourke, Gwen Ross, Frances Reid, Fiona Sutherland, Bernadette Driessen, Leo Driessen, Zachary Marsh, Michael Tucker, Antonio Bartolotta, Ruth Mary Daly, Ivanka Cesjar, Norman Gomes, Bernadette Gregory, Tony Fernandez, Blazenka, Julia Obias, Cristina Olvina, Lui Jimenez, Necefora Gutiera, John K Empap, Fatima A.M. Liza, Denis Ljubas, Bernice Rathman, Joseph Azar, Aurelia de Pedro Sucgang

ng: Leonora & Salvador B.

SAINT OF THE WEEK - Louise de Marillac was born in France on August 12, 1591, She was educated by the Dominican nuns at Poissy. After her husband Antony's death in 1625, she met St. Vincent de Paul, who became her spiritual adviser. She devoted the rest of her life to working with him. She helped direct his Ladies of Charity in their work of caring for the sick, the poor, and the neglected. She took her vows in 1634 and attracted great numbers of candidates. She travelled all over France establishing her Sisters in hospitals, orphanages, and other institutions. By the time of her death in Paris on March 15, the Congregation had more than forty houses in France. Her feast day is March 15th



#### **IMPORTANT DATES for the Sacrament of Confirmation**

Enrolment Period - 11 March - 8th April Information Night - 2 May (Thursday) @7pm in Parish Hall. Prep Night (with parents) - 4 June (Tuesday) @7pm in Parish Hall Retreat Day - 6 June (Thursday) @9am

CONFIRMATION DAY - 8th June @1pm in the church



would like to host the next Rosary. Alternatively you can write your details on the sheet placed before our Lady's altar.

Day of the Unborn Child - "I will not forget you, I have carved you on the palm of my hand." Isaiah 49. The Family and Life Institute are holding their annual Day of the Unborn Child rally on Sunday March 24. This is a day of celebration and remembrance of the dignity of the unborn. It is also a day to remember the millions of unborn children whose lives have been ended by abortion. Join us to witness to the sanctity of human life! 10.30am Mass at St. Mary's Cathedral, 12pm Angelus, followed by a peaceful procession through the streets of the CBD led by Bishop Anthony Randazzo, 1.30pm Benediction at St. Mary's Cathedral



Free Morning Tea - The Parish will provide Morning Tea after 10.00 am Mass commencing on Sunday, 10th March 2019. Everyone is warmly welcomed. We aim to have a 'cuppa' after each weekend Mass in the future.

To make this happen, we need your assistance. If you are able to assist as a volunteer for these. please contact Geoff Barrett on (02) 9897 3509 and leave a clear message to return your call.

### St Patrick's Day Mass

Please join Bishop Terry Brady for the Annual St Patrick's Day Mass on 17 March 2019 and 18 March 2019. The Masses will take place at St Patrick's Church Hill on Sunday, 17 March 2019 commencing at 12.00pm and in St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney on Monday, 18 March 2019 commencing at 10:30am. All welcome to attend.

## Join St Patrick's Cathedral Choir

St Patrick's Cathedral Choir. Parramatta is recruiting singers! This is an exciting opportunity to join a group of highly talented musicians. Choral scholarships are also available to singers who demonstrate advanced vocal skills and musical leadership qualities. For further information visit stpatscathedral.com.au/music or contact the Music Director, Bernard Kirkpatrick on 0430 431 884

#### 22 to 24 March - Mind, Body & Soul Retreat

For Mature Catholic Women who feel on the Fringe of the Church. Facilitator: Andrea Dean

Where: Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, 230 Fairlight Road, Mulgoa

Time: 5 pm 22nd March to 2 pm 24th March Cost: \$230 includes two nights private, ensuite accommodation and all meals. For more information or to book: manager@schoenstatt.org.au or phone Ann-Maree: 4773 8338

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Mass Intentions—drop in the mailbox or collection baskets. Weddings: minimum 6 months notice.

Baptisms: held only on 2nd & 4th Sunday of each month. Berala on the Park 3rd Friday @11am / Canberra Nursing Home - 4th Friday @ 11am If anyone needs Holy Communion /Home Visits please contact the office to make arrangements.

#### 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT (C)

#### THEME: GOING BEYOND TEMPTATIONS 10TH MARCH 2019

# **Mass Schedule at St Joachim**

Sun 10/03	8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 5:00pm Mass
Mon 11/03	9:00am Mass / Rosary
Tues 12/03	9:00am Mass
Wed 13/03	6:00pm Transfer of BI Sac / Rosary 6:30pm Novena 7:00pm Mass 7:30pm Legion of Mary
Thurs 14/03	9:00am Mass
Fri 15/03	9:00am Mass 6:30pm Stations of the Cross
Sat 16/03	4:00pm Confession 5:00pm Vigil Mass

#### Pope opens Lent with call to avoid 'clutches of consumerism'

(BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS)

ROME - Pope Francis has urged Roman Catholic faithful to free themselves from the "clutches of consumerism and the snares of selfishness" as he marked the start of Lent, the period of prayer and fasting before Easter.

Pope Francis led a procession and then cele brated Ash Wednesday Mass at the basilica of Santa Sabina, one of Rome's most beautiful. In his homily, Francis said the 40-day period of Lent is a "wakeup call for the soul" to rediscover the direction of life. He said: "We need to free ourselves from the clutches of consumerism and the snares of selfishness, from always wanting more, from never being satisfied, and from a heart closed to the needs of the poor."

Lenten Concert - 'Ashes to Easter': with Peter Kearney - Holy Tuesday 16th April @7pm in St Joachim, Lidcombe. Entry by donation. Light refreshments will be served in the hall after the Concert. Peter Kearney is an Australian Catholic songwriter and singer/guitarist whose hymns and songs include 'Fill My House', 'The Beatitudes' and 'Where Is Your Song, my Lord?'. His concert weaves songs and stories and reflections on Lenten themes and looks ahead to Holy Week and Easter. "Ashes to Easter creates a prayerful and spiritual atmosphere ... a worthwhile part of the Lenten journey".



# Heartbeats from your priest Fr Eduardo

We begin our Lenten journey in the wilderness. In the 1st reading. Moses reminds the people of Israel of the story of how they became a mighty nation. He tells of their years of slavery in Egypt, and how the Lord heard their cry. God's people were led through many trials in the desert to the promised land. The Psalm is a song full of confidence in the power of God, to

help us endure the difficulties of life. We can imagine Jesus taking comfort from praying this psalm when he was led by the Spirit into the wilderness. And yet it is a verse from this very same psalm that the tempter in the desert uses to test Jesus's trust in God. The psalm reminds us that God is always with us, whatever trials we may face. Luke's Gospel account of the testing in the wilderness sees Jesus being tempted to use his divinity for his own needs, and of the possibility of seizing earthly power. Jesus shows that true power comes from centring your life on God. The 2nd reading reminds us of this teaching, and tells us that the Word of God is close to us. It is deep within our being for all who believe in the saving love of Christ. We are all equal in that love, and we are called to proclaim this message of love in our lives. When we call on the Lord for help in our daily struggles, God will be with us. Let us hold each other in prayer and pray too for our communities, that we may grow in our trust in God and deepen our prayer life in the coming weeks of Lent.

The past week has left the Church's people, especially here in Australia, grieving and sorrowful. The conviction of Cardinal Pell for historic sex abuse has left many of us feeling lost. We acknowledge Cardinal Pell maintains his innocence and his legal representatives have lodged an appeal against the conviction. The reality of that conviction, however, has left many shocked and saddened. We grieve with all the victims and survivors of sexual abuse and their families. We pray they find healing and justice. We are sorrowful beyond measure for all victims. We are also sorrowful for those whose vital work in social justice, healing, education and other fields is denigrated, not because of what they do but who they work for. It seems fitting then that in the first week of Lent the readings focus on being lost in the wilderness.



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