

This Week :	05/06 Jan 2019	Week 1		
Ministry	Sat 5pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 5 pm
Music Groups	Sacred Heart	Congregation	Sacred Heart	Sts Joachim & Anne
Readers	Mick G	Fred B / Ruby	Andrew / Lina	Mabel A
Ministers of Holy Communion	Tea / Petronella	Steve / Francisca	Janey	Teresa A / Alda
Acolytes	John	Peter	Yuve	Victor
Altar Servers	Eaven/Alison/ Nicholas S	Gabriel	Colin/Ariel/Kayla	Monica

Next Week:	12/13 Jan 2019	Week 2		
Ministry	Sat 5pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am	Sun 5pm
Music Groups	David & Co	Congregation	St Augustine	David & Co
Readers	Louella / Diane	Edna / Pat B	Candice/ Anne	Diane
Ministers of Holy Communion	Mick G / Christine D	Anne H / Aivi	Latu/Bernadette	Alda
Acolytes	John	Peter	Yuve / Carolyn	Victor
Altar Servers	Eaven / Jessica/ Samantha	Gabriel	Caitlin	Thashalia

Children's Liturgy 2018	Possums	Koalas	Kangas
NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY TILL NEW SCHOOL TERM BEGINS IN 2019 The Children's Liturgy Team wish you all a Holy Christmas & a Blessed New Year			
Rosters	5th Jan 2019	12th Jan 2019	
Altar Society	NUSPAS	Bernadette	
Church Cleaner	ARC	ARC	

LET US PRAY FOR:

Recently Returned to the Father : P.Badolato

Death Anniversary: Bienvenida Valderama, William Cuddy, Alwyn Matthews, **In Loving Memory of:** deceased members of the Keating family, Mary Willis, Dominic Wang, Maria Huang, Jimmy & Winnie Acton, Dawn M Roll, Maria Eric McGuire, Clemente Nilo Sr & Lourdes Nilo, Mary-Anne, Anthony & Hugh Mulligan, Antonia, Jose, Imelda, Teofila & Catalina Ronan, Grace Detera

NB: Please let the Parish Office know when circumstances change


Sick & Infirm: Bishop G. Robinson, Fr Graham Kings, 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, Eva Abarientos, Julia Obias, Cristina Olvina, Lui Jimenez, Necefora Gutiera, John K Empap

Thanksgiving: Fernando & Elizabeth Cortes & family

Birthdays: Eulalia Tamayo, Devinah Baodo, Hermenigildo Valderama

Saint of the Week

7th Jan—St Raymond of Penyafort - St. Raymond of Penyafort, Patron Saint of Canonists (Feast day - January 7) Born in Spain, St. Raymond was a relative of the King of Aragon. From childhood he had a tender love and devotion to the Blessed Mother. He finished his studies at an early age, and became a famous teacher. He then gave up all his honors and entered the Order of the Dominicans. Once he went with King James to the Island of Majorca to preach about Jesus. King James was a man of great qualities, but he let himself be ruled by passions. There on the Island, too, he was giving bad example. The Saint commanded him to send the woman away. The King said he would, but he did not keep his promise. So St. Raymond decided to leave the Island. The King declared he would punish any ship captain who brought the Saint back to Barcelona. Putting all his trust in God, Saint Raymond spread his cloak upon the water, tied up one corner of it to a stick for a sail, made the Sign of the Cross, stepped onto the cloak, and sailed along for six hours until he reached Barcelona. This miracle moved the King. He was sorry for what he had done, and he became a true follower of St. Raymond. St. Raymond was one hundred years old at the time of his death.

 **Holy Rosary:** The next Rosary gathering will be on 15th January. Please call Daisy on 0433 544 431 if you would like to host the next Rosary. Alternatively you can write your details on the sheet placed before our Lady's altar.

Visiting Rome? Stay at Domus Australia. Domus Australia is a 32-room Boutique Pilgrim Guesthouse established by the Australian Catholic Church, welcoming travellers to Rome seeking comfortable accommodation and an ideal base from which to explore historical and cultural sites of the Eternal City. Centrally located with a magnificently restored Chapel featuring daily Mass in English, Domus Australia is the perfect oasis in the heart of Rome for Aussie pilgrims. Enquiries: reservations@domusaustralia.org

Do you need help connecting with professional care services? Christmas can be a difficult time for families. CCareline helps Sydneysiders navigate the maze of social services and makes referrals to counsellors, therapists and case managers across Sydney. Call **CCareline on 13 18 19**

Pray for the Plenary Council Across Australia, Catholics are gathering to pray, talk and listen to one another about our experiences of faith and the Church. Many parishes within the Archdiocese have commenced their journey towards the Plenary Council 2020, sharing and reflecting on the future of the Catholic church in Australia. Please continue to pray for the community of the Sydney Archdiocese that we will respond well to the call of the Holy Spirit, by engaging in the preparatory phase of the Plenary with open and humble hearts, listening to what the Spirit is saying to each one of us as we share our experiences of faith towards the preparation of the agenda of the Plenary Council. The Plenary Council Prayer: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/pray/> Want to know more or on how to become involved, please contact 9390 5147 or email plenarycouncil@sydneycatholic.org

Bereavement Support Reflections Mornings. Third Wednesday of Every Month 10.00am – 1.00pm. For family and friends who grieve and their companions. Understanding and managing life's changes in Loss, Grief & Bereavement. Morning tea provided. For further information please contact Bereavement Support Ph: (02) 9646 6908 / bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

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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. **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.

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (C) THEME: HUMBLE SEARCHING FOR GOD AND GIFTS FOR THE LORD 6TH JANUARY 2019

Mass Schedule at St Joachim	
Sun 06/01	8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass 5:00pm Mass
Mon 07/01	9:00am Mass / Rosary
Tues 08/01	9:00am Mass
Wed 09/01	6:00pm Transfer of BI Sac / Rosary 6:30pm Novena 7:00pm Mass 7:30pm Legion of Mary
Thurs 10/01	9:00am Mass 11:00am Funeral
Fri 11/01	9:00am Mass
Sat 12/01	4:00pm Confession 5:00pm Vigil Mass

Heartbeats from your priest
Fr Eduardo



Reminiscence: "Great joy for all the people" (Lk 2:16) We are in the New Year 2019. I wish all a **Prosperous and a Grace-filled New Year!** I hope that you started the new year well and good.

The old year is gone, and we are given a new beginning. New beginnings hold PROMISE for those who live in HOPE. God promises to make all things NEW. For those in difficulty and those who live in darkness and hardships the birth of Jesus in the manger is cause for REJOICING. For the rest, we are challenged to LET GO of attachments, to leave our old SINFUL selves, and follow where God is leading us.

On this 1st Sunday of the New Year, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord (manifestation, revelation). This feast highlights 2 things: first - God takes the initiative to reveal Himself to the world and, secondly, to point the importance of our humble searching for God that leads to an ENCOUNTER with him. God has designed a salvific plan that goes beyond the borders of Israel. He is the God of creation; the Father who loves all his children from various nations and cultures, and wants them to share in His very own life. This is why the birth of Jesus, the beloved Son of God, does have a universal significance. It has not only brought LIGHT and HOPE to Israel, but to all peoples in the world. Jesus is the LIGHT of the world through whom all things came to be. Certainly, His becoming man affects the whole cosmic reality, and those whose hearts are attuned to God's will are able to read the SIGNS that the Lord is giving about His human PRESENCE among humankind. The magi had a pure and humble heart that searched for God in their lives. They were open to and longed for GOD's SURPRISES. How about our hearts? Even when we have received the GIFT of FAITH, may we continue to HUMBLY seek and long for the Lord. Finding Him, let us BOW and GAZE at Him who alone is worthy of our ADORATION, our LOVE and SERVICE. Amen!

NOTA BENE: I am going to the Holy Land this weekend - from the 5th of January to the 19th, leading a group of 21 pilgrims to the holy places we have heard and listened to in the Holy Scriptures during Advent and Christmas Season, and going up Jerusalem to visit other holy places where Jesus lived, walked, ministered and offered His life for the salvation of us all. We begin our holy pilgrimage from Jordan (baptism site of Jesus...Petra) to Galilee, and finally to Jerusalem (and to Rome, for some). Please remember us in your prayers. I will lift all your prayers and intercessions in the Holy Land.

IN LINE FOR CONFESSION

A Few Suggestions:

-  Turn off your phone
-  Go through your sins
-  Talk to the Lord
-  Say the Rosary
-  Read a spiritual book
-  Meditate on the Gospel of the day



