# Saint Michael's War Memorial Catholic Church

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# 4th December, 2022

# 2nd Sunday of Advent—Year A

Thur 8th Dec Immaculate Conception (Memorial)

### FIRST READING:

He judges the poor with justice.

# **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17. R. cf. v. 7

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

# **SECOND READING:**

**Romans 15:4-9** 

Isaiah 11:1-10

Christ, the hope of all people.

# **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Lk 3:4, 6

Alleluia, Alleluia

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:

all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3:1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

# St. Michael's Parish Notice

Sick: Vince Buchan, Nada Vucetic, Eloise Fraser, David Low, Jimmy Chandra, Gina,

Zoila Milani, Carmen Parodi, Steve Zammit, Juancho Del Castillo, Beatriz Visperas.

Petrus Judi Samosir

Mass Intentions: Fri 9.15am †Luke Boekelman

#### Collection w/e 27/11/22

<u>1st Collection</u>: \$612.55, <u>2nd Collection</u>: \$336.80, <u>Planned Giving</u> \$470.00 Thank You for your generous support.

### **Christmas Programme**

Mass Times: Saturday 24th (Carols 5.30pm) 6pm (Family Mass),

(Carols 7.30pm) 8pm &

(Carols 11.30pm) Midnight Mass 12am.

Sunday 25th Dec: 10am

**Penitential Services:** Sat 17th Dec 4.00-4.45pm

Sun 18th Dec 9.00-9.30am, 11.00-11.30am

### Now available in Piety Stall

Limited stock of Saint Vincent De Paul Xmas Cards & Columban Calendars.

#### Christmas at the Cathedral

Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP invites all parishes and parishioners of Sydney to the launch of the Christmas at the Cathedral festival commencing Thursday 8 December, where His Grace will officially launch the 2022 Christmas display. The evening will commence with Mass at 5:30pm at St Mary's Cathedral, followed by festivities commencing at 7pm including live entertainment, food stalls, pop up shops and activities for the kids. The Christmas display will run nightly from 8 December to 25th December, 2022

### St Michael's Primary Playgroup

**When**: Thursdays @ 9am during Term 4, 2022. **Where**: Parish Room (located beside the Marist Brother's home, enter via the brown gate showing Playgroup sign). **Bring along**: Morning Tea for your child. Due to allergies we ask that this be a piece of fruit and water. Parents with babies and toddlers who are not at school yet are welcome.

Please RSVP by emailing Mary (Family Educator) at pollingerm@syd.catholic.edu.au

# The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

Child sexual abuse is a crime. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Or contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390-5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org

# Please observe silence in God's house. Please turn your mobile off or put it on silent.



### Thanksgiving Mass for Auxiliary Bishop Terence Brady

Everyone is welcome to honour Bishop Brady following his recent retirement after almost 40 years of service as a religious, priest and finally bishop.

# Friday 9 December 7pm

St Mary's Cathedral

Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

# **Immaculate Conception**

**Thursday 8th December** is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The feast focuses on the concept that the Virgin Mary was conceived without sin. Special prayers are also made as part of the feast. It is one of the most important Marian Feast of the year and is celebrated worldwide. Mass at St Michael's Parish Church will be at 7.30am.

#### A Choral Christmas Celebration 2022

Featuring St Mary's Cathedral Choir and Sinfonia Australis

### Friday 16 December

Two Concerts (11am and 7pm)
Book now at <a href="https://www.cathedralchoir.sydney/accc">www.cathedralchoir.sydney/accc</a> or (02) 9220 0481

### **Advent Prayer**

My loving Jesus, I choose You, this Advent, as my King and my God. I abandon myself to You and seek to put all my trust in Your tender care. Draw me close to You and free me from my sin so that I may love You with a pure and holy heart.

### **St Ambrose**

St Ambrose was a successful lawyer prior to becoming a bishop. He is one of the four original doctors of the Church. He is the Patron saint of Milan. He is credited with composing the "Antiphonal Chant," which is a method of chanting where one side of the choir alternatively responds to the other. It is believed by many, that when St Ambrose was an infant, a swarm of bees landed on his face and left behind a drop of honey. His father saw this as a sign, that Ambrose would become someone great and have a wonderful sense for speaking. His feast day is 7th December, the date of his ordination.

# STAY AWAKE! Prepare for the Coming of Christ Advent Companion 2022

Let us come closer to Jesus this Advent! Let us stay awake! Let us set aside time to pray, to reflect on His Word, and to avail ourselves of the Sacraments, so that when we celebrate His birth at Christmas, we can offer Him the gift of hearts and lives truly transformed.

ADVENT COMPANION, produced by the Sydney Centre for Evangelisation, is available for download at <a href="https://www.gomakedisciples.org.au/">www.gomakedisciples.org.au/</a>

Mass Times: Saturday Vigil: 5:00pm

**Sunday:** 8:00am, 10:00am

Weekday: Monday:

Tuesday: 7:30amWednesday: 7:00pmThursday: 7:30amFriday: 9:15am

Anointing of the Sick: 4th Sunday of December @ 8am

4th Sunday of January @ 10am 4th Saturday of February @ 5pm.

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday: 9:30am (Southern Cross Hostel)

Marian Devotions: 7:00am on Tuesdays & Thursdays

### Reconciliation

**Wednesday:** 6:15pm – 6:45pm **Saturday:** 4:15pm – 4:45pm

# **Contact The Presbytery**

Parish Office Hours: Thurs & Fri 9:00am to 2:30pm

Holy Hour: Wednesday, 6:00pm

**Baptisms & Weddings:** by appointment.

**Baptisms:** Sundays after the 10am Mass

#### This weekend- 4th December

<u>Vigil:</u> (A) Hartanto, Adrian (R) <u>Volunteer</u> (M) Thomas W

8am:(A) Andy(R) A Burke, G Guerrera(M) Thomas W10am:(A) Nathan, Mark(R) D Sarmiento, M Lam(M) Myrna

Piety Stall: (Vigil) F Wu (Sun, 8am) J Busutil (Sun, 10am) L Jenner

#### Next weekend - 11th December

**Vigil:** (A) Hartanto, Adrian (R) F Hogan, M Vassallo (M) Thomas W

8am: (A) Andy (R) Justine, G Guerrera (M) Thomas W

10am: (A) Nathan, Mark (R) K Wong, A Suryadi (M) Myrna

Piety Stall: (Vigil) C Lan Kam (Sun, 8am) I Koeswanto (Sun, 10am) L Jenner

Parishioners wishing to apply for any of the Ministries, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you!