

Saint Michael's War Memorial Catholic Church

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*"Come to worship
Go to proclaim"*

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3rd December, 2023

1st Sunday of Advent—Year B

Fri 8th Immaculate Conception

FIRST READING:

63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 79:2-3, 15-16, 18-19, R.v. 4

Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING:

Corinthians 1:3-9

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, Alleluia

Lord, show us your mercy and love,

and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL:

Mark 13:33-37

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

St. Michael's Parish Notice

Sick: Vince Buchan, Sylvia Newman, David Low, Jimmy Chandra

Mass Intentions Sat 5pm †Viacheslav Grachoff & **Piera Scafaro (Healing)**
Sun 8am †Vince Travaglia & †Fr Manuel Carracedo
Sun 10am †Emasi Hivapea'ulu

We acknowledge the Gweagal People, the traditional Custodians of this land.

Collection w/e 26/11/23

1st Collection: \$573.95, 2nd Collection: \$342.15, Planned Giving \$1015.00

Thank You for your generous support.

St Michael's Primary Playgroup

When: Thursdays @ 9am during Term 4, 2022. **Where:** Parish Hall. **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 Ma Becina (Family Educator) at ma.becina@syd.catholic.edu.au

Christmas Programme

Mass Times: Sunday 24th (Carols 5.30pm) 6pm (Family Mass) ,
(Carols 7.30pm) 8pm &
(Carols 11.30pm) Midnight Mass 12am.

Monday 25th Dec: 10am

Penitential Services: Sat 16th Dec 4.00-4.45pm
Sun 17th Dec 9.00-9.30am, 11.00-11.30am

Christmas at the Cathedral

Christmas at the Cathedral. Christmas market stalls, food, fun activities for the kids and live entertainment. The event will be launched by Archbishop Anthony Fisher on Thursday 14 December, where he will address all present in the forecourt of the Cathedral, followed by festivities! 14 - 25 December. From 5:30 -10:30pm christmasatthecathedral.org.au.

Electronic Donations

If anyone wishes to donate electronically, please click on the QR code and you will be directed to our donation page on our website.

THANK YOU for your generous support.

It is very much appreciated.



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.*



LISTEN TO THE WORD: Prepare for His birth - Advent Companion 2023

The beautiful Season of Advent is approaching. Let us make the most of this precious time to gather in our parishes and communities to prepare for the coming of Jesus. This free Advent Companion contains Gospel readings for the Sundays of Advent and Christmas, and spiritual reflections by Christian Stephens, Rachel Vala, Milad Khalil, Sr Anastasia Reeves OP, and Fr Matthew Meagher.

Designed for individual or group prayer, either in-person or online. The resources will be available in parishes of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney, and online at

www.gomakedisciples.org.au.

Immaculate Conception

Friday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The feast focuses on the concept that the Virgin Mary was conceived without sin. It is one of the four Marian dogmas of the Catholic Church. Debated by medieval theologians, it was not defined as a dogma until 1854, by Pope Pius IX . 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. Through her special relationship with the Holy Trinity as the Mother of Jesus Christ, Mary is the most powerful saint in heaven. She intercedes for us and guides us to her Son Jesus so that we can know Him and love Him. When we learn about her, we understand her beloved Son better. **Mary always points to Jesus.** It is the joy of her life to lead others to Him. That is why the moon is a symbol of Our Lady. Just as the moon has no light of its own, but reflects the light of the sun, so Mary reflects the True Light of the Eternal Son. **Mass at St Michael's Parish Church will be at 9.15am.**

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.



Safeguarding, Child Protection and Ministerial Integrity Office established in 2015 to raise awareness regarding our responsibility to protect children.

Please scan QR for more information.

Mass Times: **Saturday Vigil:** 5:00pm
 Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am
Weekday: **Monday:**
 Tuesday: 7:30am
 Wednesday: 7:00pm
 Thursday: 7:30am
 Friday: 9:15am

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

Volunteers Roster:

This weekend - 3rd December, 2023 1st Sunday Advent

<u>Vigil:</u> (A) Hartanto, A Yap	(R) G Metternicht, Br Robert	(M) Thomas W
<u>8am:</u> (A) Andy H	(R) Justine, G Guerrero	(M) Patricia L
<u>10am:</u> (A) N Jenner	(R) K Wong, Volunteer	(M) M Sarmiento

Piety Stall: (Vigil) F Wu (Sun, 8am) I Koeswanto (Sun, 10am) L Jenner

Next weekend - 10th December, 2023 2nd Sunday Advent

<u>Vigil:</u> (A) Hartanto, A Yap	(R) F Hogan, M Vassallo	(M) Thomas W
<u>8am:</u> (A) Andy H	(R) Justine, G Guerrero	(M) Patricia L
<u>10am:</u> (A) N Jenner	(R) D Sarmiento, Jordan	(M) M Sarmiento

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!