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*"Come to worship
Go to proclaim"*

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17th March, 2024

5th Sunday Lent—Year B

Stations of the Cross (Fridays During Lent) - 6pm

Sunday 17th March—St Patrick (Solemnity)

Tuesday 19th March—St Joseph (Solemnity)



FIRST READING:

The days are coming when I will make a new covenant with Israel and I will forgive their iniquity.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Ps 50:3-4, 12-15, R. v. 12

SECOND READING:

He learnt to obey and became for all the source of eternal salvation.

Hebrews 5:7-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;

and where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Jn 12:26

GOSPEL:

If a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it yields a rich harvest.

John 12:20-30

St. Michael's Parish Notice

Sick: Vince Buchan, Sylvia Newman, David Low, Jimmy Chandra, Yustinus Adrianto
Mass Intentions Sat 5pm †Fernandino De Gouveia & †Yvonne Gomes
Sun 8am †Tony Urbiztondo & †Luke Boekelman

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

Bellarmina Rivero

Sincere condolences and deepest sympathy to Carlos & Ade Fernandez on the passing of Carlos' beloved Mother **Bellarmina Rivero**. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

Palm Sunday (24th March)

Any Palm or Olive Branch donations would be greatly appreciated. Please bring to the Parish Office by Fri 22nd March, 2024. Thank You.

History of St Patrick

St Patrick's Day is celebrated across the world on 17th March each year: Patrick is famous for bringing Christianity to Ireland, and remains one of their patron saints today. Whilst St Patrick may be the patron saint of Ireland, he was actually born in Britain, in the late 4th century AD. It's believed his birth name was Maewyn Succat, and his family were Christians: his father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest. Patrick was seized from his family's home at the age of 16, by a group of Irish pirates, who took him to Ireland where the teenage Patrick was enslaved for six years. He spent hours praying and eventually converted fully to Christianity. Chicago dyes its river green every single year since 1962! Until the 1970s, Irish law prohibited pubs opening on March 17 as a mark of respect for this religious day. Times have changed, as on St Patrick's day, 13 million pints of Guinness will be consumed worldwide. Over 600 stadiums, statues, museums, and towers including the Roman Colosseum, Leaning Tower of Pisa, and Sydney Opera House will light up green on St Patrick's day!



**Prayer for the Faithful
by St. Patrick**

*May the Strength of God guide us
May the Power of God preserve us
May the Wisdom of God instruct us
May the Hand of God protect us
May the Way of God direct us
May the Shield of God defend us
May the Angels of God guard us-
Against the snares of the evil one.*

*May Christ be with us!
May Christ be before us!
May Christ be in us!
Christ be over all!*

This day, O Lord, and forevermore. Amen

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St Patrick's Day Mass

Bishop Terry Brady, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus warmly invites you to the celebration of the St Patrick's Feast Day Mass.

DATE: Monday, 18th March

TIME: 10:00am

VENUE: St Mary's Cathedral

LIVESTREAM:

<https://youtube.com/live/AwKkGIA4vak?feature=share>

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.*



Lenten Reconciliation:

Sun 17th March 9.15am – 9.45am
Wed 20th March 6.10pm – 6.45pm



Facts about St Joseph

In 1955, an additional feast day was declared by Pope Pius XII and is celebrated on May 1 as the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker. Symbols associated with Joseph include the carpenter's square and lily. The carpenter's square not only symbolizes Joseph's trade but also the concept of truth. The lily, represents purity and Joseph's celibate marriage to the Virgin Mary. Inside the Chapel of Saint Joseph is an image of a sleeping St. Joseph, a weary traveller fleeing with his family to Egypt – and a replica of one Pope Francis keeps in his room. The pope places notes of special intercession on pieces of paper under the statue. Visitors to the chapel can do the same, placing their intentions under the statue, asking the fatherly saint to intercede to God for a special need. In 1870, Pius IX declared St. Joseph patron of the Universal Church. On the 150th anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church, Pope Francis proclaimed a Year of St. Joseph beginning Dec. 8, 2020 through Dec. 8, 2021. Although we know Joseph as a working carpenter, he is descended from royal lineage, the line of David. According to tradition, Joseph died in the arms of Jesus and Mary, which is why he is the patron of a happy death. The month of March is dedicated to St. Joseph and his primary feast day (Solemnity of St. Joseph, husband of Mary) is March 19th.

Miracle of the Chapel of St Loretto

In 1852, by order of the then bishop of Santa Fe, Jean Baptiste Lamy, the Chapel of Our Lady of Light was built. It was placed under the care of the Sisters of Loretto, who were to found a school for girls. When the chapel was ready, builders found that there was no way to climb to the choir loft on the second floor. When the nuns insisted on building a staircase, the builders told them the staircase would take too much room. Finally, they advised the nuns to demolish the choir. The nuns decided they would pray a novena to St. Joseph, patron saint of carpenters, asking for another solution. After finishing the novena, a man appeared at the door of the chapel, saying that he could build a stairway, under one condition: he be granted total privacy.

The stranger locked himself in the chapel for three months with a saw, a square and a few other simple tools, and disappeared as soon as the work was finished, without ever having asked for any payment for his services. The staircase, which is around six meters high, takes two full turns over its axis until it reaches the choir. It was built without any nails or glue, and lacks any kind of central support. The construction itself is said to be "impossible." The rare wood is not native to the American Southwest." They know he used a type of spruce wood, but no one knows where it came from or how the carpenter got it. As the carpenter left before the Mother Superior could pay him, the Sisters of Loretto offered a reward to anyone who could make his identity known, but no one ever showed up. So, since then, the crafting of the staircase has been attributed to St. Joseph.

Memorare to St Joseph

Remember, O most chaste spouse of the Virgin Mary, that never has it been known that anyone who asked for your help and sought your intercession was left unaided. Full of confidence in your power, I hasten to you, and beg your protection. Listen, O foster-father of the Redeemer, to my humble prayer, and in your goodness hear and answer me. Amen.

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 - 17th March, 2024 5th Sun Lent

<u>Vigil:</u> (A) Hartanto, A Yap	(R) G Metternicht, Br Robert	(M) Thomas W
<u>8am:</u> (A) Mark S, Andy H	(R) A Burke, Justine	(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

Next weekend - 24th March, 2024 Palm Sunday

<u>Vigil:</u> (A) Hartanto, A Yap	(R) F Hogan, M Vassallo	(M) Thomas W
<u>8am:</u> (A) Mark S, Andy H	(R) A Burke, Justine	(M) Patricia L
<u>10am:</u> (A) N Jenner	(R) K Wong & S Newman	(M) M Sarmiento

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

Readers for Passion will be published next week.

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