

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19

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

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,  
shine forth from your cherubim throne.  
O Lord, rouse up your might,  
O Lord, come to our help.

**Response.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted.

**Response.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,  
the man you have given your strength.  
And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.

**Response.**

**SECOND READING:** Hebrews 10:5-10

**A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**  
*I am coming to do your will.*

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:

You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation,  
prepared a body for me.  
You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin;  
then I said,  
just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book,  
'God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.'

Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** Luke 1:38

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**I am the servant of the Lord:  
may his will for me be done.  
Alleluia!**

**GOSPEL:** Luke 1:39-44

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**  
*Why should it happen that I am honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?*

Mary set out at that time and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went

into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

**READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:**

**1 Sam 1: 20-22,24-28;**

**1 Jn 3: 1-2,21-24;**

**Lk 2: 41-52**

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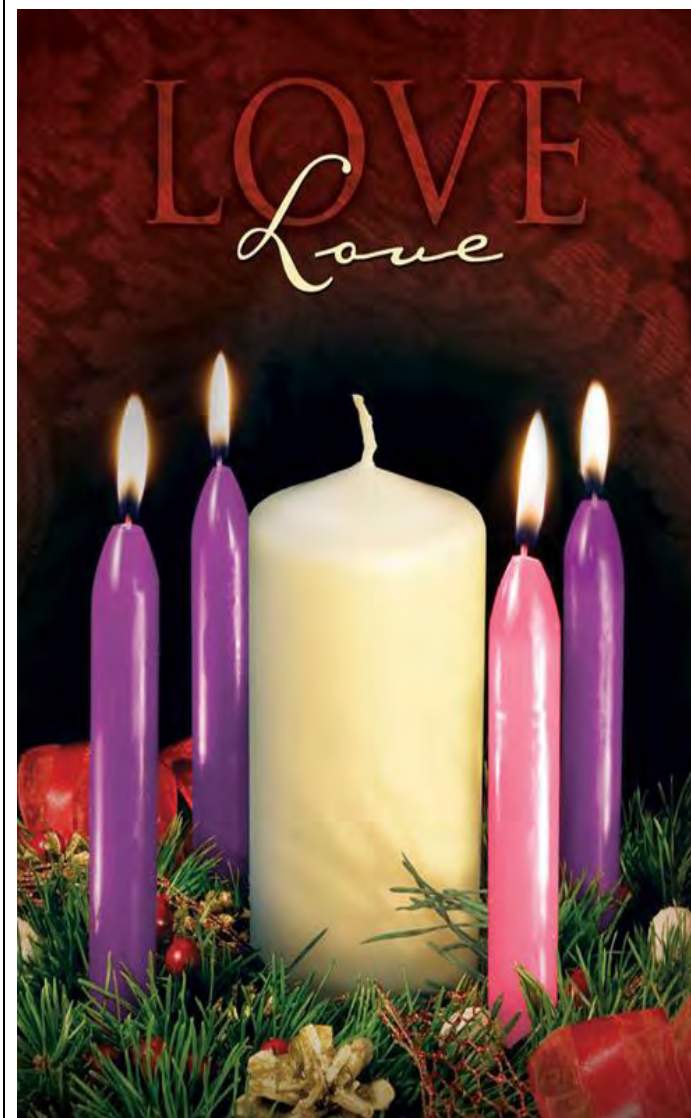
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### MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10 am.
MONDAY:	No Mass.
TUESDAY through to SATURDAY:	9.00 am Mass.
FRIDAY:	9.00 am Mass. Exposition & Benediction every Friday after Mass.
RECONCILIATION	Saturday 5pm – 5.45pm or by appointment.
Baptism:	Every Sunday at 11.30am. Please contact Parish Office.
Marriage:	By appointment.
Anointing of the sick:	Please give names to Father Roberto Castillo.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C) 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> December 2021



### **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:**

**Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.**

**FIRST READING:** Micah 5:1- 4

**A reading from the prophet Micah**  
*Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.*

The Lord says this:

You, Bethlehem Ephrathah,  
the least of the clans of Judah,  
out of you will be born for me  
the one who is to rule over Israel;  
his origin goes back to the distant past,  
to the days of old.

The Lord is therefore going to abandon them  
till the time when she who is to give birth gives  
birth.

Then the remnant of his brothers will come back  
to the sons of Israel.

He will stand and feed his flock  
with the power of the Lord,  
with the majesty of the name of his God.

They will live secure, for from then on he will  
extend his power to the ends of the land.


He himself will be peace.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**



	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	A STANTON	M MORELLI
Minister of HC	NOT REQUIRED YET	NOT REQUIRED YET	NOT REQUIRED YET
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Reader	N MORFUNI	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ
Wardens	L SEETO	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Altar Servers	GROUP 3A: SOPHIA BERNLEITNER & AMARA LOIACONO	NO ROSTERED GROUP	GROUP 7: VINCENT & ALYSSA WIDJAYA
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		
Counters	GROUP 3: D JAYAMANNE	E CONTERNO	M GLEESON
Altar Flowers	A NAGANATHAN	DECEMBER ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

 CHRISTMAS MASSES 24 / 25 DEC	CHRISTMAS EVE 5.30PM	CHRISTMAS EVE 8PM	CHRISTMAS DAY 8AM	CHRISTMAS DAY 10AM
Acolyte	David Ellis George Moodley	Robert Morfuni	John Raper	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>
Reader	Rebecca Dearing	Siobhan D'Mello	Paul Treacy Yvonne Leung	<b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>
Wardens	Paul Burge	<b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>
Offertory	<b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>	D'Mello family	<b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>
Altar Servers	Sophia Bernleitner Adam Callaghan James Dearing	James D'Mello	<b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>	<b>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</b>
Counters	Special team especially for Christmas collections			
Altar Flowers	Jan Keyser			



### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec Vigil:

5.30pm & 8pm

Christmas Day – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec:

8am & 10am

Sunday Masses 26<sup>th</sup> Dec:

8am & 10am

#### Reconciliation is available in our local area at:

- St Therese, Denistone on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> through to Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 9.30am.
- Holy Spirit, North Ryde on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> December at 6pm.



### PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

#### Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died and all the deceased especially Sherwin David. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries at this time especially Ronald Taffa, Janet Flaton and Wartanoosh Artin.



Please also pray for Johanna Bohm who is very sick at the moment, she is a faithful and long standing member of this parish.

#### Christmas Rosters.

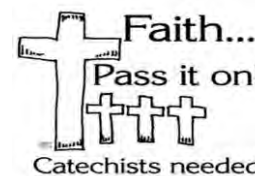
We still need Volunteers for our Christmas Masses!



There is still time to add your name to the volunteer sheet in the front foyer. Thank you in advance for your support at our Masses over the festive season.

#### Become a Catechist or Helper in 2022

Half of Catholic children in Sydney are in public primary and high schools. Share the hope and joy that Jesus brings with them and become a catechist or helper, ready to start in Term 1, 2022.



Find out more about the work catechists do here at <https://ccd.sydneycatholic.org/> or talk with Fr Roberto after Mass.

#### Working Bee.

Many thanks to those wonderful people who came to our working bee on Saturday. Your enthusiasm to help prepare for our Christmas celebrations is so very much appreciated.



#### Church restrictions UPDATE.

Our church now has NO limits on the number of parishioners attending any Mass, wedding or funeral and is open to all – vaccinated and unvaccinated.

Masks are no longer required in most places in NSW. They are also not required when you enter the church, though the government is strongly encouraging them to be used, especially if you are not able to distance yourself from others safely. Covid19 Safe check-ins are still required in churches, so please continue to use your phone and use the QR code displayed on all the doors. Those who don't have a phone must continue to write your name and phone number on the book provided in the main foyer.

#### Lighting of the FOURTH Candle in the Advent Wreath:

(The Priest, or an assistant, lights the fourth candle)

**PRIEST:** Lord Jesus, your coming was proclaimed by the prophet Micah as coming from the house of David and who will rule over all Israel and be peace.

**ALL:** Come, Lord Jesus.

**PRIEST:** Lord Jesus, you make us holy by the offering of your body made once and for all.

**ALL:** Come, Lord Jesus.

**PRIEST:** Lord Jesus, you are the blessed fruit of the womb of she who believed that the promise made to her would be fulfilled.

**ALL:** Come, Lord Jesus.

#### Daily Mass books on sale for \$25.

If you wish to purchase one, then please see Fr Roberto after Mass during the week.

#### Masses and liturgies during Fr Roberto holidays:

Fr Roberto will be taking holidays from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January till 31<sup>st</sup> January inclusively.

- **Weekend Masses** will be celebrated by Fr Kerry Bayada and Fr Terry Bell. Please make them feel welcomed
- **Every Friday during January** (7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>) Fr Roberto will celebrate Mass at 9.30am. No benediction.
- **Communion Services during January** with Deacon Aruna Perera will be held on Tuesday through to Thursday and Saturday beginning on 4<sup>th</sup> January till Saturday the 29<sup>th</sup> January.

#### No Bulletin Throughout January.

In an effort to give our secretary some time to have a holiday, archive files and organise the Parish Office there will be no bulletin whilst Fr Roberto is away. To view the current rosters please view the church notice boards or visit our website at: [www.sttherese.org.au](http://www.sttherese.org.au)



#### OTHER NOTICES:

**LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS 2021, St Mary's Cathedral forecourt, 9-25 December:** Find out more: <https://lightsofchristmas.com.au/>



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- Recover your faith. Says Channel Nine journalist.
- Labor courts faiths.