

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Continued)

RESPONSE: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Response.

SECOND READING: Romans 1:1-7

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.**

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures.

This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Matthew 1:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**A virgin will give birth to a son;
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.
Alleluia!**

GOSPEL: Matthew 1:18-24

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, and said 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid

to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

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 CHRISTMAS:

Night: Is 9:1-7; Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Day: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18.

Safeguarding our community: If you or a person close to you has been abused by someone working or ministering within the Archdiocese of Sydney please call the appropriate authorities OR The Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office on 02 9390 5812 OR **speak with our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer Helen Vaz OR Parish Priest, both of whom will be able to provide support and guidance.**



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MASS TIMES:

SATURDAY VIGIL:	6:00 pm.
SUNDAY:	8:00 am and 10.00 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 A)
17th / 18th December 2022**



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: Isaiah 7:10-14

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The virgin will conceive.**

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your

God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No,' Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.'

Then Isaiah said:

'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Emmanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 23:1-6

RESPONSE: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

Response.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?


The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things.

Response.

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17 / 18 DECEMBER 2022 – 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.00AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
Acolyte	R MORFUNI	D D'MELLO	G MOODLEY
Reader	L SAMONTE	S JAYAMANNE	H VAZ
Offertory	DABBAH FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY	VOLUNTEER FAMILY
Projection	A PLEADIN		B WIDJAYA
Altar Servers	GROUP 3: SOPHIA BERNLEITNER & AMARA LOIACONO & NIARA PAREKELEM	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	GROUP 7: VINCENT & ALYSSA WIDJAYA
Welcomers	A CHAN & P ONG		VOLUNTEER WANTED
Counters	GROUP 9: C DABBAH T DABBAH A STANTON		
Altar Flowers	A NAGANATHAN	DECEMBER ALTAR LINEN: PENNY ONG	

 CHRISTMAS MASSES 24 / 25 DEC	CHRISTMAS EVE 6PM	CHRISTMAS EVE 9PM	CHRISTMAS DAY 8AM	CHRISTMAS DAY 10AM
Acolyte	ROBERT MORFUNI ANTHONY STANTON	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	DAVID ELLIS JOHN RAPER	G MOODLEY
Reader	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	SHERRY JAYAMANNE	YVONNE LEUNG	MAX O'DONOGHUE
Wardens	PAUL BURGE	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	ROBERT LEUNG	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
Offertory	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	PLENO FAMILY
Altar Servers	SOPHIA BERNLEITNER OSCAR BERNLEITNER NIARA PAREKALAM	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	FREDERICK LI	ZAC O'DONOGHUE
Counters	SPECIAL TEAM ESPECIALLY FOR CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS			
Altar Flowers	JAN KEYSER			



THE BIRTHDAY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Join us this year at the Catholic Church of St Therese Denistone to celebrate Christmas.

MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve - Saturday 24th December: 6pm and 9pm

NO CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Day - Sunday 25th December: 8am and 10am

We wish you a wonderful time with family and friends.



PARISH NEWS & NOTICES:

Request for Mass and Prayers.

We pray for those who have recently died especially Antonio Monti. Also pray for those who celebrate anniversaries especially Jan Flaton and Ron Taffa.



Christmas Invitation Drop.

A special thank you to all those who helped deliver our Christmas Mass Times leaflet into the letterboxes of residents living within our parish zone.



Your help and support have enabled us to contact many people who we would not have been able to reach this Christmas. There are still a handful of streets undone, so if you have the time this week we would be grateful if you could deliver some more. Many thanks.

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.



Fr Roberto will be away on the 26th and 27th January – No Masses.

Advent Prayer Reflection – Stay Awake!

The last reflection will be held this Tuesday the 20th December in the St Therese School Hall at 7.30pm.

Catechists team.

Many thanks to Tammy D'Mello who taught and helped for one and half years at Denistone East Public School.

Become a Catechist or Helper in 2023.

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, 2023.



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

CHRISTMAS CARDS are on sale on the paper table at the front of the Church. **A pack of 12 cards costs \$15.** Please put money in the tin provided.

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

St Charles Borromeo, Ryde
7:30pm Wednesday 21st December

St Anthony's, Marsfield
7:30pm Thursday 15th December

St Therese's, Denistone
7:30pm Friday 16th December

Holy Name of Mary, Hunters Hill
6:30pm Tuesday 20th December

Holy Spirit, North Ryde
7pm Tuesday 20th December

St Michael's, Meadowbank
7pm Tuesday 20th December

St Kevin's, Eastwood
7:30pm Thursday 22nd December

Christmas Rosters.

These rosters are being prepared now. If you would like to read the 1st & 2nd readings, present the bread and wine in the Offertory procession or collect the money at the two collections; then please add your name to the list on the paper table at the front of the Church. **Your participation would be greatly appreciated.**



Solar panels for the presbytery.

We are proud to announce that our parish was successful in our application to receive a grant of \$19,500 from the NSW Government to install solar panels on the presbytery roof. This will be a great saving to the parish. We have already made contact with the supplier who quoted, to ensure our quote is still valid and that the installation could occur soon, as required by the government.



No Bulletin and restricted Office Hours 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 in January. Additionally, there will be no set Office Hours throughout January so please call and leave a message and we will call back when we can. To view the current rosters please view the church notice boards.

