

Saint Michael's War Memorial Catholic Church

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*"Come to worship
Go to proclaim"*

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1st December, 2019

First Sunday Advent- Year A

Tues 3rd Dec	St Francis Xavier	(Memorial)
Wed 4th Dec	John Damascene	(Optional)
Fri 6th Dec	St Nicholas	(Optional)
Sat 7th Dec	St Ambrose	(Memorial)

FIRST READING:

Isaiah 2:1-5

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9.R. cf.v.1

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord

SECOND READING:

Romans 13:11-14

The time has come, our salvation is near.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,

And grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Matthew 24:37-44

Stay awake, you must be ready.

St. Michael's Parish Notice

Sick: Mona Massoud, Amanda & Stephano Guidone , Joe, Teresita Boekelman.

Mass Intentions: Sat 5pm †Marie Hage, Wed 6pm †Marie Hage
Sun 8am †Marie Hage, Thur 7.30am †Marie Hage
Sun 10am † Thomas & Eva White Fri 9.15am †Marie Hage
Tues 7.30am †Marie Hage, †Margaret Lyons

Christmas Programme

Mass Times: Tues 24th 6pm (Family Mass) and Midnight Mass.
Wed 25th Dec: ONLY 10am Mass

Penitential Services : Wed 11th Dec 7pm - 8pm (3 priests),
Sun 8th, 15th & 22nd Dec 9am– 9.45am

Catechists Needed

“There is an urgent need for three(3) people to volunteer to undertake basic training to become Catechists, before beginning to teach Scripture in Daceyville Public School in February, 2020.

A special appeal is made to retired parishioners, male of female , to seriously consider accepting this challenge.

For enquiries, please contact John Spora, Catechist Coordinator, on: 0419426948, or, jspora24@gmail.com”

Piety Stall

SVdP Christmas cards are now available in the Piety Stall. \$3 for a pack of 5 cards.

Limited stock **“God’s Word 2020”** - \$13.00 per book.

Columban 2020 calendars now available for \$9 per copy.

Christmas Colouring Competition:

There will be a colouring competition for the following categories; *Kindy-Yr2, Yr3-6, High School* and *Open ages*. Competition opens this weekend and colouring sheets can be collected from the church foyer. Entries to be submitted in box located in Church Foyer. Entries will be judged by Fr Phan and winners announced at Parish Christmas Party.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Safeguarding Office

Option 1:

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or by email on: safeguarding-enquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. We will listen to you respectfully, offer support & discuss the options you have available to you.

Option 2.

Contact the Parish via 9349-1292 and please speak to Myrna Sarmiento or Fr Phan who will provide support and guidance.

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



Foley Gardens

Foley Gardens Retirement Village: An upstairs 2-bedroom unit is now available. Please contact R.J. O'Shea Management on 9540 4650 for more terms and conditions.

Parish Christmas Party

Parish Christmas Party will be held on Sat 14th December, 2019 in the Parish Hall after the Vigil Mass. Please obtain a flyer in Church Foyer for more details. (BYO food, drinks and table decorations.).

Advent

The most common Advent candle tradition, involves four candles around the wreath. A new candle is lit on each of the four Sundays before Christmas. The first, second, and fourth candles are purple; the third candle is rose-coloured. A fifth white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and is lit on Christmas Day to celebrate Jesus' birth.

The **first candle** symbolizes **hope** and is called the "Prophet's Candle." The prophets of the Old Testament, especially Isaiah, waited in hope for the Messiah's arrival.

The **second candle** represents **faith** and is called "Bethlehem's Candle." Micah had foretold that the Messiah would be born in Bethlehem, which is also the birthplace of King David.

The **third candle** symbolizes **joy** and is called the "Shepherd's Candle." To the shepherd's great joy, the angels announced that Jesus came for humble, unimportant people like them, too. In liturgy, the colour rose signifies joy.

The **fourth candle** represents **peace** and is called the "Angel's Candle." The angels announced that Jesus came to bring peace--He came to bring people close to God and to each other again.

The fifth candle represents light and purity and is called "Christ's candle." It is placed in the middle and is lit on Christmas Day.

Collections

**1st Collection: \$855.80 2nd collection: \$361.30 Planned Giving : \$410.00
Thank you for your generous donations.**

St Francis Xavier

St. Francis Xavier was a Spanish Jesuit who lived as a Roman Catholic missionary in the 1500s. He was one of St. Ignatius Loyola's closest friends. He was one of the first seven members of the Jesuit order and travelled extensively, particularly in India, Southeast Asia, and Japan, to share his faith. He is the patron saint of Roman Catholic missions. He has been acclaimed as one of the greatest missionaries in history. The relic of St Francis Xavier - his right forearm, with which he baptised many thousands of people came to St Michael's Parish on 2nd December, 2012. Millions have been touched for the good by his work and its legacy over many generations.

Mass Times: **Saturday Vigil:** 5:00pm
 Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 5:00pm
 Weekday: **Monday:** 7:30am Holy Communion Service
 Tuesday: 7:30am
 Wednesday: 6:00pm
 Thursday: 7:30am
 Friday: 9:15am

On Public Holiday Monday, Tuesday or Thursday: 9:15am

2nd & 4th Saturday: 9:30am (Southern Cross Hostel)

Reconciliation

Wednesday: 5:15pm – 5:45pm

Saturday: 4:15pm – 4:45pm



Contact The Presbytery

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

Holy Hour: Wednesday, 5:00pm

Baptisms & Weddings: by appointment.

Baptisms: Sundays after the 10am Mass

Volunteers Roster:

This weekend - 1st December

Vigil: (A) J Haggar, A Yap (R) F Hogan, J Busutil (C) G Hogan (M) Thomas W

8am: (A) G Diab, Andy H (R) G Guerrero, C Yong (C) Sr Bern (M) P Low

10am: (A) N Jenner (R) C Findlay, S Newman (C) L Jenner, S Newman (M) K Chandra

5pm: (A) Mark S (R) S Williams, S Doyle (C) J Irawan (M) Myrna S

Piety Stall: (Vigil) F Wu (Sun, 8am) L Hart (Sun, 10am) C Gunawan

Counters: Jimmy & Hery Chandra (Sun 6pm)

Next weekend - 8th December

Vigil: (A) J Haggar, A Yap (R) A Tjokrosetio, R Williamss (C) F Hogan (M) Thomas W

8am: (A) G Diab, Andy H (R) T Trujillo, Joel Pinto (C) O Sarmiento (M) P Low

10am: (A) N Jenner (R) Sr Terie, H Edge (C) A Balila, A Suriyadi (M) K Chandra

5pm: (A) Mark S (R) Dolby S, Jordan L (C) J Irawan (M) Myrna S

Piety Stall: (Vigil) F Wu (Sun, 8am) I Koeswanto (Sun, 10am) S Wijaya

Counters: Frank Wu & Mona Chock (Sun 6pm)

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