

Saint Michael's War Memorial Catholic Church

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*"Come to worship
Go to proclaim"*

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31st January, 2021

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

Tue 2nd Feb Presentation of the Lord

Fri 5th Feb St Agatha

Sat 6th Feb Paul Miki & Companions

FIRST READING:

I will put my words into the prophet's mouth and he will tell them all I command.

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

If today you hear his voice harden not your hearts.

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, R.v. 9

SECOND READING:

The unmarried woman dedicates herself to the things of the Lord, that she might be holy.

Corinthians 7:32-35

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:16

Alleluia, alleluia

*A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.*

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

Mark 1:21-28

There is a new kind of teaching that speaks with authority.

St. Michael's Parish Notice

Sick: Amanda & Stephano Guidone , Joe, Steve Delgado–Reves, Anita Ruiz & Blanca Jose Vargas Family, Joseph Haggar, Nada Vucetic.

Mass Intentions: Sat 5pm †Corry Sampau, †Freddy Cornelius, †Benny Elias & †Antonius Joseph Suyitno.

Wed 6pm †Bryan Butler

Special Intentions: Sun 8am Paulus Edwandi Fadjar

Sun 10am Juventino & Carmen Delgado

Rosary

Rosary is said before morning Mass at 7.05am on Tuesday and Thursdays.

COVID-19 update

The NSW Government has announced a further easing of COVID-19 restrictions on churches, which are in place this weekend. Places of worship will be allowed to have one person per four-square-metres with no maximum cap. This change only affects St Mary's Cathedral and a few larger churches that are larger than 1,200m². Masks will still be mandatory at places of worship.

Masks are still compulsory and NSW Health can impose a \$200 fine on each individual failing to abide by this rule. Up to 300 people can attend funerals and weddings, providing a four square metre rule is observed.

QR codes are compulsory for churches to ensure there is a record kept for all attendees. However in cases where you have parishioners unable to use a QR code, the parish must keep an electronic record of that person's name and contact details.

COVID-19 Safety Plan

Our Covid-19 Safety Plan (copy available in Church) states :

1. All must be aware of content of Safety Plan.
2. Those with Flu symptoms must not enter the Church.
3. Sanitizing hands and registration strict requirement in order to come inside the Church.
4. Congregational singing prohibited.
5. Required sanitization of the seats before and after mass.
6. Holy Communion on hand. Keep 1.5m distance when receiving communion.
7. Social distancing 1.5 apart (only 100 seats).
Please sit on every second Pew where signs are placed.
8. Strict prohibition of gatherings after the mass, in the foyer or outside the door of the Church.

Sanitizing Church

Please could you take a wet wipe located at back of Church and wipe your seat and back of chair when you enter the Church. Bins located at back of Church. Thank You.

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.***



Annual Catechists Mass at St Mary's Cathedral

The Mass will take place on:

Sunday 7 February

2:30pm

St Mary's Cathedral

Principal Celebrant: Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

Long serving catechists will be acknowledged and awarded for 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50 years of catechetical service. Under COVID-19 restrictions, attendance at the Mass will be limited to no more than 500 people. St Mary's Cathedral will be livestreaming the Mass via its You Tube channel for those unable to attend in person, via this link: https://youtu.be/myqi2nC_SpQ

Catholic Care

Companions Matter is a community program that assists people in reconnecting with the community by offering courses, workshops and social gatherings, at St Mary's Catholic Parish, Erskineville. We are looking for volunteer companions who could commit to supporting attendance at a course, attend morning teas after workshops or seminars, make a weekly phone call, catch up for a coffee and/or walk. For further information, you are invited to attend an online Zoom information session, on 18th February at 7.30pm . To register, please contact peter.carroll@catholiccare.org

St Agatha

Agatha was born at Palermo, Sicily, and was martyred in approximately 251. She is one of seven women, who, along with the Blessed Virgin Mary are commemorated by name in the Canon of the Mass. Agatha was put to death during the persecution of Decius (250–253) in Catania, Sicily, for her determined profession of faith. Agatha came from a rich and noble family. At 15, she made a vow of virginity and rejected the advances of the Roman prefect Quintianus, who thought he could force her to turn away from her vow and marry him. He expected her to give in to his demands when she was faced with torture and possible death. Agatha never lost her confidence in God, even though she suffered a month of rape, assault, and efforts to get her to abandon her vow to God. She was stretched on a rack to be torn with iron hooks, burned with torches, and whipped. Amongst the tortures she underwent was the cutting off of her breasts with pincers. Agatha was then sentenced to be burnt at the stake, but an earthquake saved her from that fate; instead, she was sent to prison where St. Peter the Apostle, appeared to her and healed her wounds. Agatha died in prison, in the year 251.

Paul Miki and Companions

Paul Miki, a Japanese Jesuit, and his twenty-five companions were martyred in Nagasaki, Japan. They were the first martyrs of East Asia to be canonized. They were killed simultaneously by being raised on crosses and then stabbed with spears. Their executioners were astounded upon seeing their joy at being associated to the Passion of Christ.

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

Next weekend - 31st January

<u>Vigil:</u> (A) Hartanto, A Yap	(R) A Tjokrosetio, Volunteer	(C)	(M) Thomas W
<u>8am:</u> (A) G Diab, Andy H	(R) A Burke, T Trujillo	(C)	(M) Thomas W
<u>10am:</u> (A) N Jenner	(R) S Williams, S Doyle	(C)	(M) M Sarmiento

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

This weekend - 7th February

<u>Vigil:</u> (A) Hartanto, A Yap	(R) F Hogan, G Guerrero	(C)	(M) Thomas W
<u>8am:</u> (A) G Diab, Andy H	(R) Sr Bern, T Long	(C)	(M) Thomas W
<u>10am:</u> (A) N Jenner	(R) Dolby S, Jordan L	(C)	(M) M Sarmiento

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