

All Hallows' Five Dock



4th Sunday of Advent | Year C | Sunday 19th December

Parish Mission

We, the people of this place,
live and celebrate a love of faith.

We share this faith in a
spirit of service,
that creates a sense of
God's presence among us.

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A Message from Fr Richard

Dear Parishioners,

The story of Mary's visit to Elizabeth resonates with the beginning of this time of holidays. During this time, many people travel to catch up with family and friends. I believe people do so simply because family is important. Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth long ago, simply because family was important.

The angel was hardly gone from the little house at Nazareth when she went with haste to see her cousin Elizabeth. Her reason for going was pure charity. Mary knew that her visit would bring joy to Elizabeth. Her own heart was all but breaking with the joy of the Angel's message. She simply had to share it. The mystery of the Visitation was to be especially for them the feast of the sharing of joy.

In these final days of Advent, the closeness of the expectant Mary makes us leap with joy like John the Baptist in his mother's womb. As we long for the Lord's coming, we know that in Mary's maternal presence our prayer is already being answered. Our Saviour, who "shall be peace," comes to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord.

In the mystery of the Visitation, we are reminded that God reaches out to us. God comes to abide with us. God chooses earth as his dwelling place to remain with us as our source of joy. Therefore, earth is no longer only "a valley of tears", rather, it is the place where God himself has pitched his tent. It is the meeting place of God with man, of God's solidarity with us. By Christ's incarnation, we have become part of God's family. God has visited his people!



With best wishes -

Fr Richard.

Sacramental Life

Holy Mass:

Saturday: 8am & 5.30pm Vigil

Sunday: 8.30am, 10am and 5pm

Monday - Friday: 8am

Reconciliation:

Saturday:

8:30am-9am / 4:45pm - 5:15pm

Or any time by appointment.

Sick Calls:

Any time - day/night.

Baptisms:

Every Sunday.

Weddings:

Contact the parish office.

This Week:

Sunday 19:

4th Sunday of Advent

Youth Group // Will resume in February 2022

Wednesday 22:

3pm - Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration

Sunday 25:

Christmas Time - The Nativity of the Lord

Sunday 26:

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
Youth Group // Will resume in February 2022



Notices from Bishop Danny

Christmas Mass times

Please note the change in Mass times this Christmas to allow three Masses on Christmas Eve: 5.30pm (Family Mass at the school, children invited to come dressed as angels or shepherds and be involved in the Gospel); 8pm; Midnight Mass; on Christmas Day, there will be only one Mass at 9.30am.

Christmas Day is a Saturday. There will be the vigil Mass as usual at 5.30pm. (No choir). On Boxing Day, a Sunday, Mass times will be as normal also: 8.30am, 10am and 5pm.

Childcare Centre

As I indicated a couple of weeks ago, we are considering commencing a childcare centre here at the parish, using the parish hall. We had a meeting on Tuesday this week – the PPC and finance committees with the representatives of Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services. Preliminary plans will be drawn up and placed in the foyer for comment. As mentioned, we see a childcare centre as being good for parents at the school, the parish's evangelical outreach and it will assist us financially. Of particular concern is that the residents of the retirement village are not disturbed by the centre and that there be a parish room available to us at all times.

Parish Moves

I would expect a new parish priest to arrive around February next year, with Fr Richard staying on as assistant priest. I expect to stay myself until about April or May, so there will be three of us for a while. However, nothing is particularly certain at this stage.

St Vincent de Paul

Christmas Cards & Columban Calendars

These are on sale until sold out.

Cards - \$6.00 per pack of 10 cards

Calendars. - \$8.00 (Only 15 left for sale)



Gift Cards

Due to Covid restrictions we will not be accepting presents this Christmas. Instead, we are asking for "GIFT CARDS" from Coles, Woolworths, K-Mart, Westfields etc. The value will be left up to your generosity. These cards can be placed in an envelope and left with our members who are selling the cards and calendars at each Mass.

Thank you for your support.

Caritas Australia

Last minute Christmas gifts that make a lasting impact.

You can make a big difference to the lives of people living in poverty this Christmas.

While it has been a difficult and burdensome year for communities around the world, the season of Advent prepares us for the coming of Jesus Christ; a time of celebration, joy and hope.

Despite the challenges this year has brought, we hope that you will consider purchasing a Global Gift this Christmas – a gift that makes a real difference to the lives of people living in poverty.

A Global Gift is a gift that delivers twice the joy, and packs double the impact. Through the Global Gifts website, you can purchase digital Christmas cards for your family and friends, with the proceeds going towards supporting the world's most vulnerable.

This Christmas, please consider buying a gift that changes lives. A Global Gift can provide life-changing essentials like clean water, nutritious food and an education to those doing it tough this year.

Visit www.globalgifts.org.au or call 1800 024 413 toll free to browse our range of Global Gifts today.



Please remember in your Prayers:

Sick:

Silvana La Selva
Joseph Cacnio
George Malouf
Norman Merlino

Recently Deceased:

Joyce Shaw
Vito Pinto
Tony Michael
Francis Cornelius
Twomey
Pasquale Ardore
Mary Shelpot
Thea Bettridge
John Cammareri
Giuseppe Princi

Anniversaries:

Giuseppa & Giovanni
Fonti
Letteria & Giuseppe
Lucadonato
Michael Newin
Monica Moschella
Vincenzo Spagnolo
Carmela Filippone

For the Souls of the Faithful Departed:

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May all the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.



Parish Notices



Children's Christmas Eve Mass - Invitation to participate



All families are warmly invited to the Children's Christmas Eve Mass, taking place at 5:30pm, Friday 24 December at All Hallows' Catholic Primary School. (Note at the school and not the church) Carols will precede the mass at 5pm. All children are invited to participate in the celebration. There will be two x 30 minute practices for main roles - 3pm Thursday 9 December and 5pm Thursday 23 December. Please complete the registration form below if your child would like to participate. Registration Form: <https://forms.gle/EAxgcrWisEMgNMK86>

Please contact Frances Cordaro via the P&F with any questions - allhallowspandf@gmail.com



Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion for our Christmas Masses

If you are an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and would like to minister at any of our Christmas Masses, please write your name and contact details down on the sign up sheets in the gathering space.



Counters Roster

The new counters roster for 2022 is now available in the gathering space of the Church. Thank you to those that help in this ministry.



Lights of Christmas 2021, St Mary's Cathedral forecourt, 9-25 December

Join in Sydney's favourite free Christmas tradition, uniting families, locals and tourists with a display of digital storytelling projected onto St Mary's Cathedral.



Find out more:

<https://lightsofchristmas.com.au/>



Supporting our Parish You can support our Parish financially by accessing the BPoint Secure Payment Service on the Parish website or you can use the QR Code printed here. For contributions to the First Collection, please select *Pastoral Revenue* from the drop down menu. For Planned Giving contributions, please select *Planned Giving* from the drop down menu and include your name and your Planned Giving Number (if known). You can also contribute using the Tap and Go devices in the Gathering Space at the entrance to the church.

Safeguarding our Parish

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Christmas Mass times



Christmas Eve

Children's Mass
(in the All Hallows' Catholic Primary School grounds)

5pm Carols

5:30pm Mass

Children please come dressed as shepherds or angels



8pm Vigil

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day

9:30am



Feeling Safe Activity Book

The Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office (Safeguarding Office) along with the Children of the Archdiocese developed the Feeling Safe Activity Book for children between 5-12 years of age. The Safeguarding Office hopes this book will help children to understand their feelings and emotions and seek help when they need it. Copies of this book are located in the gathering space in the Church. Please take one.



Baptisms

We welcome



William Johannes Allen
Liam Giovanni Hoang Tomasello
Charlie Rose Sarina Best
Anthony Christian Macri

Sze Lam Ng

*who are being baptised into our parish
Community of All Hallows' this weekend.*


Children's Corner

The Lord will keep his promise

O O O A U R G R E E T I N G
K N N I O X R U A B A B Y C
S I T H M C A R P V F R M P
A A M X E R W N X E N K L H
J M A C L K W O M A N Z T U
C F R X I F T H A P P Y O R
L X Y W Z D I N N F V C B R
G K Y X A B E L I E V E D I
E H N U B L O U D V T E C E
X W R P E B L E S S E D L D
Z W L B T C R G H P A G K Y
N C M W H O Z O O Q I I B D
M X F E G X B Y A M P R V G
M I A F H P U H N S R Q U Z
W E W R H E A R D M O V E D

Try to find these words:

baby
believed
blessed
Elizabeth
greeting
happy
heard
hurried
loud
Mary
moved
woman

First Reading	Responsorial Psalm	Second Reading
<p>Mi 5:1-4 A reading from the prophet Micah <i>Out of you will be born the one who is to rule over Israel.</i> 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.</p>	<p>(R.) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.</p> <p>1. O Shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne. O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. (R.)</p> <p>2. 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. (R.)</p> <p>3. 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. (R.)</p>	<p>Heb 10:5-10 A reading from the letter to the Hebrews I am coming to do your will. <i>This is what Christ said, on coming into the world:</i> 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.</p>
	<p>Next Week's Readings</p>	<p>Gospel Acclamation</p>
	<p>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 1st Reading: 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28 2nd Reading: 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Gospel: Lk 2:41-52</p>	<p>Alleluia, alleluia!</p> <p>I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done.</p> <p>Alleluia!</p>

Gospel

[Lk 1:39-45](#)
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 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.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

The gospel passages of the second and third weeks of Advent this year featured John the Baptist in his role of preparing the way for the coming of Jesus; the one who announces the arrival of the Christ. In this week's passage, which goes back to an earlier point in the gospel of Luke, we might say that the as yet unborn John is already recognising the presence of the Christ. When Mary goes to visit her cousin, Elizabeth, the child within Elizabeth's womb – John – leaps for joy. At the time of the Annunciation, when Mary was told by the angel Gabriel that she was to give birth to a child, Mary is also told that Elizabeth and Zechariah, although very old, were to also give birth to a child. Mary rushes to visit Elizabeth, not to make sure that the angel was telling her the truth but because the fact that Elizabeth was also pregnant was a sign of confirmation to Mary that she had indeed made the right decision. Elizabeth's unlikely pregnancy confirms for Mary the even greater truth of her own pregnancy. These two women, separated by age and distance, share a common experience of God acting in their lives to bring about unlikely events. The lives of their two children will be inextricably linked such that the one who leapt for joy in his mother's womb will eventually baptise the other and announce the arrival of his ministry to the people of Israel.

The joy expressed by Elizabeth and her child reflects the joy of all people of faith as we draw so close to the celebration of Christmas and the greatest expression of God's love – to enter into the world as one just like us and share our experience.