

**Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary time
Year C. 17th Nov 2019**

Entrance Ant : The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First reading : from the Book of Malachi 3 : 19 - 20.

Responsorial Psalm : The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

Second Reading : from 2 Thessalonians 3 : 7 - 12.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand. Alleluia!

Gospel : according to Luke 21 : 5 - 19.

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

Sydney Archdiocese News

Annual Lourdes Day Mass - 7 December 2019

The Annual Lourdes Day Mass of the Order of Malta will be celebrated by His Grace, Archbishop Fisher and the Chaplains of the Order on Sat 7 December at 10am in St Mary's Cathedral. This is a very special event in our calendar, to offer Charism to the sick, the elderly and frail. There will be a Blessing from the Archbishop and Chaplains, and vials of Lourdes water will be distributed. A reserved area for those in wheelchairs or needing assistance is set aside and access to the Cathedral for wheelchairs is from St. Mary's Rd. Family and friends are welcome. Parking for the general congregation is in the Enacon Car Park adjacent, at the end of Cathedral St.

For any enquiries or should you need assistance please contact the Order at: info@smom.org.au; macolmi@bigpond.net.au or phone 9331 8477.

Send a Seminarian Home for Christmas

Please contact the Seminary on 9726 8114 for details on how to buy raffle tickets or visit our webpage seminary.org.au/raffle to help send an overseas born Seminarian Home for Christmas with his family. The draw will take place at Redemptoris Mater Missionary Seminary, 106 Gurney Rd Chester Hill on 24th November 2019.

Annual Walk with Christ

The annual Walk With Christ procession will be held on the Feast of Christ The King on Nov. 24. Parishioners from the Sydney Diocese are invited to attend. There is a "Prayer Book" on the table at the back of the Church that we are invited to fill out and present to the Blessed Sacrament at St. Mary's Cathedral during the Liturgy. Please see posters in the foyer for details.

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The Day of the Lord was believed to be the time when God would come in majesty and power to set all things right. We must remember that the descriptions in today's readings are metaphoric or symbolic in nature. As with all metaphors or symbols, we miss something of their profound meaning if we merely understand them literally. It is not helpful to relate elements of the description with particular aspects of the contemporary world. Belief in the Day of the Lord is a way of testifying to our faith in the righteousness of God. Although the narrative readings for today concentrate on the disruptions that will accompany the coming of God, they also contain hints of the salvation that will finally arrive. Malachi speaks of the sun of justice that comes with healing rays; Luke promises that the faithful disciples will escape without a hair of their heads being destroyed. Just as the descriptions of the upheavals should not be understood literally, neither should these descriptions. It may be that the faithful followers of Jesus will suffer terrible agonies. The point here is that even in the midst of their pain, they will be protected. The healing rays of justice and the rescue of the lives of the upright are references to salvation. God does not come at the end to condemn, but to save. Furthermore, the suffering that precedes the end is intended for purification

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Parish News

Parish Pastoral Council fundraising news

Bunnings BBQ - We have been allocated another Bunnings Airport Bankstown BBQ on 7th Dec19 from 8am – 4pm. As some of the Parish Council Members are not available on the day it would be appreciated if we could have some volunteers for the day, whether it be an hour, two or all day as we are expecting it to be busy given the proximity to Christmas. Thank you to all who have volunteered to help already, however, we are still in need of assistance in the afternoon between 12pm and 4pm. All funds raised go towards refurbishing our Church (eg. replacement of the current lighting system.) If you are able to assist in any way please register your details on the form near the piety stall or let Helen Carter know on 0418 403 842.

Liturgy Committee - Planning to form a Liturgy Committee to enhance our Eucharistic Celebrations is in the process of formation. There are 5 Ministry groups in the Parish that will be included: Acolytes, Choirs, Flowers, Rosters and those responsible for the Altar Linen. Fr Xiang would like to invite each group to nominate one or two parishioners from their group to a meeting in Dec. Date T.B.A. Parishioners who are also interested in becoming part of this Ministry are very welcome. The Liturgy Committee will be responsible for the planning of the Liturgical Year of the Parish, eg., preparation of the Church and liturgy including hymns for Advent, Lent, Easter and Christmas etc. Please contact Fr Xiang on 9825 1679 if you would like to join be involved.

New Microphones - **FOUR OF THE SIX microphones are now out of action due to the docking mechanism being damaged. To all those using the microphones, please take care when removing and replacing them on their docking stations. The broken units are awaiting repair.**

Parish Hall - There has been a delay with the demolition of the hall. When works begins, the area will become a construction site and we ask all parishioners to be patient and take care in the affected zone and parking area.

Hedge Trimming - The hedges surrounding the Church are becoming very overgrown and it would be appreciated if we could have a few volunteers (with hedge trimmers) to do this. Wearing of safety equipment will be compulsory.

For Sale - The piano from the hall is looking for a good home. If any parishioner is interested please contact the Parish Office on 9825 1679.

November Mass Offerings and the Book of Remembrance

All names provided have been printed in the Book of Remembrance. The list is contained in the table at the front of the Altar. There will be no Individual Mass intentions published in the Church bulletin this month.

Volunteer / Minister required

We are immensely thankful to all who volunteer their time and skills in helping minister to our Church community. The ongoing running of our Parish would be impossible without support. At present we are looking for anyone who would be willing to go on the church cleaning roster. We are also looking for expressions of interest for Catechists in 2020. Please contact the parish office if you can help.

Mass Times

Weekends :

Saturday Vigil 5:30pm
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am

Weekdays :

Tuesday - Friday 7:00am

Adoration : Friday 7:00pm

Reconciliation : Sat 4:30 pm.

Baptism, Marriage, Anointing of the Sick & Funerals

By appointment. (No Baptisms on 3rd Sunday)



SAVE THE DATE

ST. CHRISTOPHERS ANNUAL
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday 8th December
From 5.00pm

Saints of the Week / Feasts

Thur 21st Nov - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 22nd Nov - St. Cecilia

Sat 23rd Nov - St. Clement I, St. Columban

We Pray For The Sick

Peter Wanchalerm Srirattana, Brian Cooney, Cyril Ferriere, Lise Ferriere, Anne Enriquez, Frank Ilankovan, Sofia Abener, Johny Price, Jeffery Crouche, Steven Aboud, Baby Sierra, Kerry Stark, Patricia Crowley, Robert Williams



Anniversaries

All intentions included in the Book of Remembrance

Recently Deceased

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them
May they rest in peace. Amen.*