

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC PARISH

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THE FOUR MASSES NORMALLY FOR THE LORD'S DAY

SATURDAY 5.30 P.M. SUNDAY 8 A.M. 10 A.M. 5.30 P.M.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING TODAY. About 750 B.C., when his territory is threatened, the Jewish King Ahaz does not want to hear what God wants. He pretends that he is too humble to deserve God's guidance, but Isaiah gives him a sign that he should trust in God and not in a military coalition. We Christians see the sign in the light of God coming to us in Jesus: *God with us.*

GOSPEL. This is the story of Jesus' human beginnings from Saint Joseph's point of view. His desire to do what God wants and also his concern for Mary's welfare stand out. His quandary highlights the fact that Jesus truly is *God with us.*



WEEKDAY MASS THIS FOURTH ADVENT WEEK.

MONDAY 8 a.m. TUESDAY 7 p.m. WEDNESDAY 9 a.m.
THURSDAY 7 p.m. FRIDAY 9 a.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confession and Forgiveness)
Our priest will be available each evening this week.
Monday 19th to Friday 23rd from **6.20 to 6.50 p.m.**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOC. thanks you for your donations to SVDP Poor Boxes in the foyer. Also, any offering that you make for a **CATHOLIC WEEKLY** (normally \$2) goes into the Poor Box.

CHILDREN'S AND YOUNGSTERS' RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS 2023

There are **changes** because Cathedral Confirmations are much earlier.

- 1. FIRST RECEIVING OF RECONCILIATION IN 2023**
- 2. FIRST RECEIVING OF HOLY COMMUNION IN 2023**
- 3. RECEIVING OF CONFIRMATION 2023**

THERE ARE **NEW** PAGES UNDER OUR NOTICEBOARD WITH THE DETAILS OF ENROLMENT, PREPARATIONS, AND CELEBRATIONS.

THE FILIPINO FEAST OF THE HOLY NAZARENE will be celebrated here in our grounds and Church on 8th January 2023. The Procession will begin at 11.30 a.m. and the Mass will follow at 12 Noon. Then will follow a communal get together and food and drink in the school grounds.

GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTMAS MASSES

CHRISTMAS EVE (Saturday 24th) **5.30 p.m**

CHRISTMAS EVE (Saturday 24th) **7.30 p.m.**

CHRISTMAS (Midnight Mass) **12 Midnight**

CHRISTMAS DAY (Sunday 25th) **8 a.m.**

CHRISTMAS DAY (Sunday 25th) **10 a.m.**

No Mass here Christmas Night (Sunday)

CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS: is perhaps our oldest tradition of a set Mass time. In 380 a.d. a pilgrim in Jerusalem, Egeria, kept a 3 year journal. She witnessed us celebrating Christ's birth with a **Midnight** vigil in Bethlehem, a torchlight procession to Jerusalem, and a gathering there at dawn. When the Roman basilica called St. Mary Major was built (430 a.d.) Pope Sixtus included in it a chapel, in which was a replica of the Bethlehem cave (stable) of Jesus' birth, and the Pope celebrated Midnight Mass there.

MESSAGE FROM SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE (This will appear regularly).

Child sexual abuse is a **crime**. The appropriate people to deal with crime are the **police**. If you, or anyone you know have been abused, please contact the police. Or there is the Safeguarding & Ministerial Integrity Office 93905810 which has a legal obligation to report crimes to police. Our Parish Safeguarding Support Officer MAJA PETKOVIC is also available through the Parish Office for support and guidance.