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WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5pm
 Sunday: 8am, 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASS TIME:

Mon. 7.00am Tues 7.30pm
 Wed. 9.00am Thurs 7.00am
 Fri 9.00 am Sat 9.00am

HOLY HOUR: Saturday 8-9.00am

Confession: 10 mins before Mass
 and Saturdays 8.00 – 8.55am
 Tuesday 6.45pm – 7.25pm

BAPTISMS: at 9.30am Mass

BAPTISM Prep Thurs. 6th Dec. 7pm

WEDDINGS: By appointment.

ANOINTING MASS: 5th / 6th Jan 2019

DIVINE MERCY Tues. 6.30pm

Our sick: May Kenny, Carmen Camilleri, Jan Gurba, Mary Carmen Borg, Norma Cook, Ida Dimeglio, Josefa Dabu, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Lonza Busuttil, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Thea Van Gastel, Josephine Marinilli, Joan Hagley, Amy Zuschmann and all dear friends from Mildred Symons House & house bound.

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www.vocationcentre.org.au
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 EWTN-Kids (catechism for Kids)

Catholic News Service,
 Catholica; Zenith News; **Fish Eaters**
<http://www.liturgy.sydneycatholic.org/>
www.catalystforrenewal.org.au
<https://www.cruxnow.com>
 The Catholic Thing

Sat: 9am: +Tony & Angela Pandolfino; **Vigil 5pm:**+ Hanna Borysiewicz; **Sun: 8am:**For Souls in Purgatory ; **9.30am:** Pro Populo; **Mon:+** Marie Hage ; **Tues:** Alois & Michael Choi ; **Wed:** Les & Daphne Clarks; **Thurs:+**Marie Hage.; **Fri:** + Fr Jim Maloney CM.



On 26th Nov. "Thank you" get together; Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Acolytes.

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thess. 5:16-18). Amen.

Christmas Get Together: Sunday 16th December after the 9.30am Mass. BYO Picnic basket, some soft drink provided. Visit from Santa. Performance of Christmas carols in different languages. Live singing or prerecorded.

Pope Francis' new book: **Embrace of Hope, Compassion in Times of Illness** is filled with the pope's insight and inspiration for all who face the test of sickness and illness. Pope Francis shows how hope is found in seeing and experiencing illness in the light of the Good News of Jesus Christ. He reveals how grace grows in times of illness when: 1. Christians bring the peace of Christ to the sick through service and care. 2. Difficult moments become the path to forge stronger relationships with family, communities, and with Christ. 3. Men and women in science cultivate and apply God's gift of creation for the treatment and cure of diseases, setting free the oppressed. 4. Christ sets one free, helps one endure, and allows suffering for the sake of a greater joy yet to come.

At the beginning of this new " Liturgical Year C" we look with hope and trust that days, weeks and months ahead of us will be abundantly blessed by God. Every favour from Him is so much needed in our life. With God only we can overcome fear of unknown and move forward to accomplish our mission in this world by being attentive to the needs of others, raising families on the foundation of God's commandments and being inspiration for others to follow Jesus Christ. May this new year in our faith journey not be squandered by wrongdoings but be an opportunity to grow in holiness.

Word of encouragement: please follow daily reading from the blue book of reflection for Advent and Christmas seasons. Those who received the Word of God for every day, please do not hesitate to be guided daily by the Word.

The John Franklin Christmas Lunch at Sutherland Entertainment Centre
 Free for all. 25th December from 11.30am to 2.30pm.

All Church Wardens, Volunteers for Linen, Gardening and Church cleaning, are kindly invited for cuppa at 7pm on 3rd Dec. in the hall.

Great and Merciful God, through the maternal love of the Blessed Virgin Mary, you inspired your servant Eileen O'Conner, to care for the sick and dying poor and to serve your Church through spiritual and corporal works of mercy. Listen graciously to our prayers, and grant that Eileen may be raised to the glory of your altar. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

It is uncertain as to when exactly the celebration of Advent was first introduced in the Christian church. Some sources say that Advent began on November 11 (St Martin's Day) at some time in the fifth century in the form of a six-week fast leading to Christmas. Advent was reduced to its current length at some stage in the sixth century and the fasting was later no longer observed. Advent is originally a time to reflect and prepare for Christmas similarly to how Lent is in preparation for Easter. Advent has sometimes been referred to as the Winter Lent. The restrictions that Advent brings to Christians have become more relaxed in recent times. The term "Advent" derives from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming" or "arrival". It refers to the period immediately before Christmas, during which time one might prepare for the symbolic birth of Christ each year.

1. Prophecy Candle
2. Bethlehem Candle
3. Shepherds Candle
4. Angles Candle
5. Christ Candle



Purple is the main color used for Advent because it reflects penitence, fasting, and the color of royalty to welcome the Advent of Jesus Christ. The focus of the entire season is the celebration of the birth of Jesus the Christ in his first Advent, and the anticipation of the return of Christ the King in his Second Advent. Some churches use other colors in recent times. For example, some churches mark the third Sunday of Advent with pink or rose, colors that represent joy. Many Protestant churches use blue to distinguish the Season of Advent from Lent. Advent wreaths are symbolic of Advent.

Advent Prayer Father in heaven, our hearts desire the warmth of your love and our minds are searching for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Saviour and give us the strength to grow in love, that the dawn of his coming may find us rejoicing in his presence and welcoming the light of his truth.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.