

2020 Sacraments Program

We are very pleased to announce that our Sacrament of First Holy Communion will go ahead. There will be restrictions to ensure the health of our children and their families.

Please keep the children and their families in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey.

First Holy Communion - Sunday 1, 8 and 15 & 22 November at 11am

Contact the Sacramental Coordinator for further information
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Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday of Advent

The church is kept open for private prayer at the following times

Days	Morning	Evening
Mon, Wed, Thur & Fri	7.30 am to 10.00 am	5 pm to 7 pm
Tuesday		5pm to 8 pm
Saturday	7.30 am to 9 am	3.15 to 6.15 pm
Sunday	8.30 am to 10.30 am	4.15 to 6.15 pm



Silver Circle Results – Week 9

1st Prize	No. 8	\$100.00	Alan Borg
2nd Prize	No. 11	\$ 50.00	Lores Borg

Sunday Masses: Sat Vigil 5pm, Sunday 9.30am & 5pm
 Live-streamed Mass: Sat Vigil 5pm. You can participate from your home online & receive the Spiritual Communion.

Weekday Masses: 9am Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri (or Fri 9.15am school Masses)
 Tuesday evening 7.30pm

Saturday **8.00am** Devotions to Our Lady of Lourdes

Saturday **8.30am** Mass

Reconciliation: Sat 3.30 – 4.30pm

Adoration: Mon & Fri 6-9pm, Tues 5.45pm – 7.15pm,

Sat 3.30 - 4.30pm, Italian Cenacle: Mon 9.30am

Holy Hour & Cenacle: Wed after 9am Mass, Fri 9.30am

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month at **11.30am** by appointment.

Weddings: by appointment. Contact Parish Office.

The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Yr A), 22 November 2020



1st reading: Ezekiel 34:11–12, 15–17

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 23:1–2, 2–3, 5–6 / 1

2nd Reading: Cor 15:20–26, 28

Gospel: Mt 25:31-46

The Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Happy Solemnity of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe! This is the last Sunday of the Church year which means we focus on the final and glorious things to come! It also means that next Sunday is already the First Sunday of Advent.

When we say Jesus is a king, we mean a few things. First, He is our Shepherd. As our Shepherd He desires to lead us personally as a loving father would. He wants to enter our lives personally, intimately, and carefully, never imposing Himself but always offering Himself as our guide. The difficulty with this is that it's very easy for us to reject this kind of kingship. As King, Jesus desires to lead every aspect of our lives and lead us in all things. He desires to become the absolute ruler and monarch of our souls. He wants us to come to Him for everything and to become dependent upon Him always. But He will not impose this sort of kingship upon us. We must accept it freely and without reservation. Jesus will only govern our lives if we freely surrender ourselves over. When that happens, though, His Kingdom begins to become established within us! And through us in the world.

Additionally, Jesus does wish for His Kingdom to begin to be established in our world. First and foremost, this takes place when we become His sheep and thus become His instruments to help convert the world. However, as King, He also calls us to establish His Kingship by seeing to it that His truth and law is respected within civil society. It's Christ's authority as King that gives us the authority and duty as Christians to do all we can to fight civil injustices and bring about a respect for every human person. All civil law ultimately gains its authority from Christ alone since He is the one and only Universal King.

But many do not recognize Him as King, so what about them? Should we "impose" God's law upon those who do not believe? The answer is both yes and no. First, there are some things we cannot impose. For example, we cannot force people to go to Mass each Sunday. This would hinder one's freedom to enter into this precious gift. We know Jesus requires it of us for the good of our souls, but it must still be embraced freely. However, there are some things that we must "impose" upon others. The protection of the unborn, poor and vulnerable must be "imposed." The freedom of conscience must be written into our laws. The freedom to practice our faith openly (religious liberty) within any institution must be "imposed" also. And there are many other things we could list here. What's important to point out is that, at the end of all time, Jesus will be returning to Earth in all His glory and He will then establish His permanent and unending Kingdom. At that time, all people will see God as He is. And His law will become one with "civil" law. Every knee will bend before the great King and all will know the truth. At that time, true justice will reign and every evil will be corrected. What a glorious day that will be!

Reflect, today, upon your own embrace of Christ as King. Does He truly govern your life in every way? Do you allow Him to have complete control over your life? When this is done freely and completely, the Kingdom of God is established in your life. Let Him reign so that you can be converted and, through you, others can come to know Him as Lord of all!

Lord, You are the sovereign King of the Universe. You are Lord of all. Come reign in my life and make my soul Your holy dwelling place. Lord, come transform our world and make it a place of true peace and justice. May Your Kingdom come! Jesus, I trust in You.

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ADVENT PROGRAM



In preparation for the beautiful celebration of the Nativity at Christmas. Advent is a very special time in our Church's liturgical Season.....

There is a very beautiful book, "A D O R E" prepared by the Wollongong Diocese to help us pray and be in the spirit of the four weeks of Advent.....

It is the kind of book that will help you personally.

Sure it would be valuable to use in groups but just for a daily reflection, it is also a valuable little asset.

AVAILABLE NOW AT THE PIETY STORE for \$6 each.



Live streaming services at St. Ambrose Church are available for funerals, weddings and special services.

Terms and conditions apply.

Please contact Sean on 0406 339 011



PARISH SAFEGUARDING POLICY COVERAGE:

ALL VOLUNTEERS, who are in any way, connected with the celebration of Mass in our Parish are required to be covered by the above policy by Sunday, 6th December.

The below volunteers are required to complete the Safeguarding recruitment/induction process:

- Youth Ministers, Workers or Leaders
- Pastoral Associates
- Sacramental Coordinators
- Sacramental Group Leaders
- Catechists in State Schools
- Children’s Liturgy Coordinators
- Children’s Choir Ministry Leaders
- Acolytes and Senior Altar Servers
- Ministers of the Altar
- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Ministers of the Word
- Parish Collectors
- Ministers to the Homebound
- Readers
- Other roles as deemed necessary

The above volunteers need to complete and comply with the below Safeguarding Process to ensure full compliance with Archdiocese of Sydney Policy and Protocols as well as legislative requirements. All new volunteers need to follow steps 1 – 5 whereas existing volunteers need to follow steps 2 – 5.

1. **Interview and Reference check**
2. **Volunteers to provide Parish with a Working with Children Check**
3. **Volunteers to sign the Archdiocese of Sydney Code of Conduct for Working with Children**
4. **Volunteers to complete Safeguarding Induction Training**
5. **Volunteers to sign the Volunteer acceptance form**

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- Once you have completed the first THREE, kindly notify Sr. Judith so as to obtain the website assigned for **ONLINE TRAINING**.
- *FINALLY, volunteers were asked to retain all papers from the above FOUR sections and place them in the **LARGE PLASTIC BOX IN THE PRIESTS’ SACRISTY***

We are ever so blessed in the generosity of our many volunteers who serve so generously.

**“Whatsoever you do to the least of Mine,
I take it as done to Myself.” (Jesus’ own words)**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

TIME	24 TH DECEMBER 2020
5.00 pm	VIGIL MASS
11.30 pm	CHRISTMAS CAROLS
12 MIDNIGHT	SOLEMN CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS
	25th DECEMBER 2020
8 am	Christmas Day Mass
9.30 am	Christmas Day Mass
11.00 am	Christmas Day Mass
	NO EVENING MASS

Parishioners Please Note:

Registration to all our Christmas Masses of 24/25 December will be required. The registration sheets will be available at the side entrance of the church on 13 December, (3rd Sunday of Advent). We need you to record your name, contact number, name of family members or guests attending with you.



**Please remember in your prayers the following
for whom Masses will be offered.**



**During the month of November we pray for all Holy Souls.
Our Holy Souls book is available to list all family and friends
you wish to be prayed for during November.
Recently deceased, anniversaries, special intentions and our sick
will be listed as requested.**

Recently Deceased: Richard Piekarski, Terry Murphy

Anniversaries: Joan Doran, Lorraine Bonanno, Vincenzo & Agata Rodi,
Harry O'Hara, Anna D'Silva

Please pray for the sick especially:

Denise McCaffery, Joe Abbate, Patricia Christosi, Dalton James Bonnici,
Maria Manno, Joseph Borg, Yuan Sheng Ye, Veronica Rutherford, Paul
Dovico, David Bagnato, Angela, Rosaria Natalina Patamia, Felice
Minutillo, Charlie Rossini, Kelly & Ursula, Giuseppina Algozzino, Viru,
Esther Tully, Rosa Mastro, Tanya Greenaway, Gianna, Matthew, Luisa, Zia
Pina, Grace Comare, Elizabeth Esguerra, Juliet Walsh, Barbara Wayne,
Marilyn Deguara, Elijah, Adrian Vanzella, Matthew Chan, John Rodrigues,
Belinda Nicholls, Nan Peters, Carmela Smigliani, Shinta Widzaza, Alan
Borg, Rosa Maria Santos, Bhupinder Tamber, Rebecca Sinclair, Marina
Arasaratnam, Teresa Domalewski, Adel Abraham, Anne Vassily, Gloria
Clark, Kim Long, Bob & Marion Merrell, Stacey Spencer, Joanne Ford,
David, Celia and Gomes Family, Warwick Cook, Louise, James Anthony
Manassa, June Corcoran, Rosina Morson, Celina Shaw, Laurence
O'Connell, Sam Carroll, Dr Bede Muller, Robert Carey, Mario Bianco,
Rochelle Rodrigues, Kevin Desouza, Pat Toohey, Charmaine Yu, Anne
Collins, Anna Viteznik, Adrian Walker, Lauren Wedd, Peter Weinfeoe, Ivy
Ross, Dr Siri Kannangara, Maria Rosa de Angelis, Frank Zappia, Cecily
Culligan

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

The Christmas season is almost upon us. Once again we are seeking your generosity for donations to assist those in need in our community.

If you wish to buy a gift for a child or adult, Giving Tree tags will be available in a basket, at Mass this weekend. Our Giving Tree will be on display next weekend, gift tags will also be on the tree.

Cash/credit card donations for our Christmas Appeal will commence shortly. Envelopes will be available for your convenience. Your assistance to families in need is so greatly appreciated. Without your generosity of spirit and ongoing donations, we would not be in a position to assist families in our community.

Concord West Conference assists singles and families who are struggling to provide for their basic needs.

Families, single men and women who have fallen upon difficult times, through sickness, grief, addiction, mental health issues and domestic violence. The poverty cycle creates barriers, and in itself generates other hardship such as social isolation, exclusion, anxiety and depression.

Our members give generously of their time to assist the disadvantaged, vulnerable and lonely, in the hope that we can help them restore their dignity and place in society.

On behalf of those we assist, we thank you for your care and support of our work.



CHRISTMAS APPEAL - GIVING TREE

Participate in the Giving Tree Appeal and help spread Christmas cheer and excitement, through the gift of surprise!
Even the smallest of gifts are most welcome.

How it works

- Each tag lists a person and age (e.g. Girl 4).
- Take a tag from the tree and buy a new gift for the child or adult on their tag.
- Pop the unwrapped gifts under the Giving Tree.
- Your gifts are then distributed by St Vincent de Paul to families in need, just in time for Christmas.

Giving Tree – Guidelines

- Each tag lists a person and age group e.g. 'Girl aged 4' or 'Adult Female' - a gift should be bought for the person on the tag.
- The value of each gift we would suggest as a guide is \$20 (or whatever you can afford).
- We would ask that all toys/gifts are new – no second hand toys please.
- You can also give a gift voucher for movies/music/book/sport shops etc.

Gift Ideas

Gift ideas for children: Small games, fashion accessories (hair/make items, arts and crafts).

Gift ideas for adults: toiletry items: soaps, creams etc., slippers, socks, hats, sunscreen, sport items, books, gift vouchers.

For health and safety reasons all gifts must be unwrapped. We cannot accept the following:

- Soft Toys
- Small pieces that can be swallowed for the 0-3 age group
- War figures or guns.

ST AMBROSE ROSARY PILGRIM PRAYER WALK

Parishioners and Friends

you are invited to join the parents, grandparents and friends
at St Ambrose Catholic Primary School fortnightly,
Thursday afternoon @ 2pm

to participate in our ROSARY PILGRIM PRAYER WALK.

We begin our rosary outside the school gate on STUART STREET
and then walk around the streets surrounding the school and parish
church for approximately 40 minutes.

As we walk we are invited to individually dedicate each decade to
someone or something.

The gathering is a beautiful way to not only gather in prayer to honour
Our Lady, but also to recognise the significance and beauty of this prayer
form in our Catholic prayer life.

The dates are 22 Oct, 5, 19, 26 Nov & 10 Dec.

ALL PARISHIONERS & TODDLERS ARE WELCOME!

COVID-19 Update - The NSW Government has recommended parishioners wear face masks when attending religious services as an additional safeguard to help combat the spread of COVID-19.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or call (02) 9390 5810 or You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance.
The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



