

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
sacraments@stambrose.org.au



Congratulations to Toriarnah, Sharice and Gabriel who we recently welcomed into our faith community through the Sacrament of Baptism.

Please keep the children and families in your prayers.



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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.

32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Yr A) 8 November 2020

We welcome Fr Chaminda Wanigasena as the newly appointed Parish Administrator of St Ambrose Parish.

We wish Fr Chaminda God's blessing and guidance as he fulfils his appointment here with us at Concord West.



PARISH SAFEGUARDING POLICY:

Please take note that this Safeguarding Policy introduced by Fr. Brian is a directive of the Archdiocese for the purpose of ensuring that all volunteers in any way connected with our Parish Masses... namely, acolytes, Eucharistic ministers who serve at Mass, at home or at hostel, collectors, youth choir ministers and Lectors are required to complete the **FOUR steps outlined in all the literature published in the past eight months in the Parish Bulletin to enable them to continue as **REGISTERED PARISH VOLUNTEERS**. There are **75** volunteers.....only **35** have completed what is necessary to qualify as a Parish Volunteer.**

1st reading: Wis 6:12–16

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 63:2, 3–4, 5–6, 7–8

2nd Reading: 1 Thes 4:13–18 or 4:13–14

Gospel: Mt 25:1–13

Ready for the Lord

“Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

[Matthew 25:13](#)

Imagine if you knew the day and hour you would pass from this life. Of course, some people do know that death is approaching either due to illness or age. But think about this in your own life. What if you were told by Jesus that tomorrow is that day. Are you ready?

Most likely there would be many practical details that would come to mind that you would want to take care of. Many would think about all their loved ones and what impact this would have on them. Set that all aside for now and ponder the question from one perspective only. Are you ready to meet Jesus?

Once you pass from this life there is only one thing that will matter. What will Jesus say to you? Just prior to this quoted Scripture above, Jesus tells the Parable of the Ten Virgins. Some were wise and had oil for their lamps. When the groom came late in the night, they were ready with lamps lit to meet him and he welcomed them. The foolish ones were not prepared and did not have oil for their lamps. When the groom came, they missed him and heard the words, “Amen, I say to you, I do not know you” ([Matthew 25:12](#)).

The oil in their lamps, or the lack thereof, is a symbol of charity. If we are to be prepared to meet the Lord at any time, on any day, we must have charity in our lives. Charity is much more than a passion or emotion of love. Charity is a radical commitment to love others with the heart of Christ. It is a daily habit we form by choosing to put others first, offering them all that Jesus asks us to give. It may be a small sacrifice or a heroic act of forgiveness. But whatever the case may be, we need charity in order to be ready to meet our Lord.

Reflect, today, upon those in your life whom God wants you to love. How well do you do this? How complete is your commitment? How far are you willing to go? Whatever comes to mind in regard to your lacking of

this gift, pay attention to this and beg the Lord for His grace so that you, too, will be one who is wise and ready to meet the Lord at any time.

Lord, I pray for the supernatural gift of charity in my life. Please fill me with love for others and help me to be abundantly generous in this love. May I hold nothing back and, in so doing, be fully prepared to meet You whenever You call me home. Jesus, I trust in You.

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Silver Circle Results – Week 8

1st Prize	No. 36	\$20	Nicky Antonio
2nd Prize	No. 24	\$10	Trish Ambrose

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!

Parish Announcements



Speaking the truth in love
Eph 4:15

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22 October 2020

Dear Fr Chaminda

Following consultation, I am pleased to appoint you as Administrator of the Parish of St Ambrose, Concord West. This appointment will take effect from 3 November 2020 and is pro tem.

Visitation to the sick of our parish

Fr Chaminda would like to visit the sick of the Parish especially during the season of Advent and give the blessing of the sick.

If you are taking Holy Communion to the sick of our parish, please let Fr Chaminda or the parish office know who you are visiting as Fr Chaminda would like to accompany you on a pastoral visit and impart his blessing.

Reconciliation or Confessions

Fr Chaminda will be available to hear confessions in the church at the following times. Parishioners are also invited to contact the parish office to make an appointment for confessions and any pastoral guidance outside of the listed times.

Monday	8.30am - 8.50 am
Tuesday	6.00pm - 7.00pm
Wednesday	8.30am - 8.50 am
Thursday	8.30am - 8.50 am
Friday	8.30am - 8.50 am & 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Saturday	3.30pm - 4.30 pm
Sunday	8.45am - 9.15 am & 4.15pm - 4.45pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Silent Prayer

Monday	5.15pm - 7.15pm
Tuesday	5.15pm - 7.15 pm
Friday	5.00pm - 7.00 pm

COVID Marshals

Volunteers are required be COVID Marshals. They are expected to count the number of people entering the church for mass (our current number is 86 based on the square meter rule) and encourage them to sanitize their hands and sign the attendance sheet. It is essential that COVID Marshals be in the Church at least 45 minutes before the mass. We will be drawing up a roster for our COVID Marshals.

Anointing of the Sick

For our elderly or terminally ill parishioners, Fr Chaminda would be happy to visit them personally and minister the sacrament of the anointing of the sick. Fr Chaminda will be available on Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10.30am – 3pm for this Ministry. If these hours are not suitable for you, alternate arrangement can be made. Please phone the parish office and leave us a message if we are not available. Alternatively, you could email the parish office.

Holy Communion to our Elderly

The COVID Pandemic has prevented many elderly parishioners attending the holy mass and receiving communion. Fr Chaminda is happy to bring Holy Communion to our elderly, housebound parishioners or organise a minister of Holy Communion to do so. Fr Chaminda will be available on Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10.30am – 3pm for this Ministry. If these hours are not suitable for you, alternate arrangement can be made. Please contact the parish office to book a date and time.

Our Parishioners in Concord Hospital

Concord Hospital has a full time Catholic Chaplain on duty. He is on call to care for the patients of the hospital. Call the hospital on 9767 5000 and ask for the catholic chaplain or request the ward staff to contact him on your behalf.



**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: Terry Murphy, Yao Yu Lan (Taiwan)

Anniversaries: Lorraine Bonanno, Vincenzo & Agata Rodi, Harry O'Hara, Anna D'Silva, Joseph William & Mary Catherine Cahill, Norman Klein,

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 Weinfroe, Ivy Ross, Dr Siri Kannangara, Maria Rosa de Angelis, Frank Zappia, Cecily Culligan



**Live streaming services at St. Ambrose Church are available for
funerals, weddings and special services.
Terms and conditions apply.
Please contact
Sean on 04 06339011**

**The Summer Edition of Australian Catholics is now available. Thank you
to our St Vincent de Paul Conference for providing this resource.**

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.

