



## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION AND ST. PAUL OF THE CROSS

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**Bishop Richard Umbers DD VG (Bishop in Residence)**

**Fr. Andrew James (Parish Priest), Deacon Rev Louis Azzopardi**



The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph/ A

29 December 2019

### The man from Nazareth

Repeatedly, the angels of the Lord lead Joseph into strange behaviour. He is asked to take to himself a young woman who is already with child by the Holy Spirit. He is further asked to flee his homeland and set out for Egypt- a traumatic journey for a first century Jew. Joseph does so on the basis of a command from an angel of the Lord. The ways of God must have seemed strange to this "just man" but, through his obedience, the Christ is born into the world.

Today's Gospel tells of the journey of Joseph, Mary and the child Jesus back from Egypt to the Promised Land. This is not just a memory of something that had happened in the story of the infant Jesus. Jesus is repeating the experience of Moses- another significant moment in God's saving plan. The flight into Egypt was also accompanied by a parallel experience in the life of Moses-the massacre of many innocent Hebrew boys (Ex 1:15- 2:10). Jesus, who surpasses all that Moses has been and done, comes out of Egypt after the death of Herod. The words of Hosea, originally recalling the experience of the Exodus, now apply to Jesus: "I called my son out of Egypt" (Hos 11:1).

Joseph responds happily to a further divine intervention and leads his family back into their own land...but again he is warned in a dream. There can be no returning to his home in Bethlehem. Along with Joseph and Mary, Jesus is to be a wanderer, unwanted and persecuted by the powers in the land but responding with unfailing trust to the ways of God. Indeed, the experiences of the adult Christ are already foreshadowed in his infancy.

Throughout his life, Jesus will be known as Jesus of Nazareth. At his death, his final act of obedience, a sign will be placed on the cross: Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. In this way, the words of the prophets are fulfilled. To be family, Joseph, Mary and Jesus had to accept so much that was difficult, from flight to crucifixion. It is this all too common aspect of suffering in our family life that we also must be prepared to accept in some way as part of God's presence in our lives.

From 'The Holy Family' **This is the Gospel of the Lord Year A** pp 76-77 Francis J Moloney SDB 1992 St Paul's Publications Sydney

Deacon Louis

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### With St Paul of the Cross we pray ...

#### For the sick

Lourdes Tee

Fr Jim Duggan

Paul Weber

Kevin Russell

Pat Allport

Cardo, Zennie, Ian, Pat

Martin Welfare

Frank Katra

Francheska Bechara

#### Recently Deceased

Aliete Madeira

Victoria Hammouch

Anna Pezzuto

Robert Anderson

#### Death Anniversary

Teresa & Juan Romon

Compos

#### For the Souls

Anastacio Pereira De

Oliveira

Maria & Luis da Silva

Isabelo Corpus

Richard Paquim

All forgotten Souls and Holy  
Souls in Purgatory

#### Special Intentions

Raimondo & Raffaella Dolce

Nina, Olga and family

The O'Shea family

Mary & Thomas Duggan

Ian Pinto

Rian Galliot

#### Parish Office

Maria - Mondays

Cecilia - Wed-Friday

9.30am - 2.30pm

#### Parish & Hall enquiries

9558 3257

#### Mass Times

**Sat:** 5:30pm (Vigil)

**Sun:** 8am & 10am

**Mon to Fri:** 9:00am

**Sat:** 9:30am

#### Family Mass with

#### Children's Liturgy

3rd Sunday of the

Month 10am Mass

#### Family Rosary & Morning

**Tea** - 2nd Sunday of the

Month after 10am Mass in

the Church Hall

#### Filipino Mass

1st Sun 11:30am

#### Il Gruppo di Rosario

#### Italiano

Il gruppo di

preghiera Italiano, si

raduna ogni giovedì alle

ore 10 nella sala

parrocchiale.

#### Sacraments

#### Confession

Sat 8:30-9:20am, 4:45pm

or any time by

appointment

#### Baptism

Every 2nd, 3rd and 4th

Sunday 11.15am

#### Marriage

At least 6 months notice

required

#### Anointing of the Sick

Any time on call

#### Devotions

#### Holy Hour & Rosary

Sunday - Friday

before morning mass

#### Rosary & Benediction

Sat 8:30-9:30am

#### Elsa George Rosary

**Group** Second Saturday

of the month at 2.30pm

9716 6676 All welcome

#### Novena to Our Lady of

#### Perpetual Help

Wednesday 7pm



#### St Joseph Enfield Healing Mass

#### Friday 3rd January 2020

Celebrant: Father Tony Alex MGL

Rosary: 7:00pm Reconciliation: 7:00-8:00pm

Prayer and Praise: 7:30pm Mass: 8:00pm

Exposition (after Mass) & Prayer Ministry

#### **Visit Of The Relics Of St Therese Of Lisieux and Her Parents**

The National Pilgrimage of the Relics of Saints Therese, and her parents, Louis and Zelig, will visit the Archdiocese of Sydney in February and March. The full itinerary is on the parish noticeboard so that parishioners are aware of where and when they can take this opportunity to venerate the relics of one of the Catholic Church's most popular saints and her parents who helped nurture her faith.

#### SAINTS OF ITALY

Explore the famous shrines and sites of Italy during this 14 Day pilgrimage led by Fr. Chris Obiekwe that features Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Siena, Assisi, Loretto, San Giovanni Rotondo, Sorrento, Montecassino and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$6490 + Tips. The fare includes International Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfast & Dinners + English speaking professional guides. Depart on **7 th June 2020**. 5 seats left. For inquiries & bookings call **03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561** or email [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au)

#### **The Epiphany Pilgrimage 2020 - Cancelled**

Because of the current fire situation the 2020 Epiphany Pilgrimage has been cancelled.

**2020 Columban Art Calendar  
On Sale \$10.00**

#### **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 at (02) 9390 5810 or [safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org). 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.

#### **SOLEMNITY/FEAST/SAINT of the WEEK (30 Dec 2019– 5th Jan 2020)**

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|-----|-------|---|
| Tue | 31/12 | St Sylvester I, pope  |
| Wed | 1/1   | MARY, the Holy MOTHER OF GOD                                |
| Thu | 2/1   | Sts Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops, doctors |
| Fri | 3/1   | The Most Holy Name of Jesus                                 |
| Sun | 5/1   | The EPIPHANY of the LORD                                    |



*Mary, the Holy Mother of God*

As we begin another year, we draw inspiration from the selfless love of the Theotokos "God-bearer" who never hesitated to do the will of God. *O Mary, Mother of God, pray for us!*



The scriptural foundation of the **Epiphany** of the Lord is found in Matthew's beautiful story of the Coming of the Magi, that we read each year on this day. They come from the East, guided by a magical star, to adore the newly born Jesus and offer their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

#### **Campion College Summer Program 5-9 Jan 2020**

Young people aged 16-20 interested in history, literature, philosophy and theology are invited to register for Campion College's five-day Summer Program and get a taste of a Catholic tertiary education in the liberal arts. Free to attend thanks to Campion's generous donors (including meals, activities and accommodation on campus in Toongabbie). Spaces are limited! Find out more and register at: [www.campion.edu.au/summer-program](http://www.campion.edu.au/summer-program)

#### **March for Life Pilgrimage: January 2020**

Bishop Richard Umbers Invites you to join him for the March for Life Pilgrimage, from Mexico to Washington and culminating in New York. This pilgrimage is an opportunity to grow closer in relationship with Our Lord and witness first-hand the life-giving movement of the prolife mission. Be truly uplifted by journeying through the Marian Shrine of Guadalupe in Mexico, participate in the March for Life in Washington D.C., and serve alongside the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal and the Sisters of Life in New York. For more information, visit <http://www.harvestjourneys.com/pilgrimages/our-pilgrimages/pv7420> or call (02) 9307 8152 or email [chris.lee@sydneycatholic.org](mailto:chris.lee@sydneycatholic.org)

#### **Love, joy and peace at Christmas**

The CatholicCare family wish you a happy, holy and peace-filled Christmas. May the birth of our Lord renew you with love, joy and peace this Christmas time. For help finding help, call CCareline 13 18 19  
[connect@catholiccare.org](mailto:connect@catholiccare.org) open 8am – 8pm  
Monday – Friday

#### **PARISH WEEKEND MASS ROSTER 4 & 5 Jan 2020**

|                  |                                    |                          |
|------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Acolyte</b>   | 5:30pm                             | Philip                   |
|                  | 8:00am                             | Ian                      |
|                  | 10:00am                            | Andre                    |
| <b>Readers:</b>  | 5:30pm                             | J Sullivan<br>J Murphy   |
|                  | 8:00am                             | N Dudley<br>M Portell    |
|                  | 10:00am                            | R Nagendra<br>P Marshall |
| <b>Music:</b>    | 5:30pm                             | Justine & Choir          |
|                  | 8:00am                             | Beauti & Choir           |
|                  | 10:00am                            | Sri & Choir              |
| <b>Flowers:</b>  | Filipino Community                 |                          |
| <b>Counters:</b> | Sherlin N, Elsa George, G Turnbull |                          |

#### **Choirs' Holiday Break**

After Midnight Mass, the 3-weekend choirs (Sat 5:30pm, Sun 8am & 10am) will be on holidays and will return on 1st February 2020.