



Welcome to the Parishes of
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St Mary of the Cross - Pray for Us



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3rd Sunday of Advent Yr A

Weekend 14/15 Dec 2019

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MASS TIMES for ST COLUMBKILLE'S CORRIMAL

Tues 17th Dec 10AM Italian **MASS** | 6PM **MASS**
Wed 18th Dec (*Angelus*) 12 Noon **MASS**
Thurs 19th Dec 5:15PM *Adoration* | 6PM **MASS**
Fri 20th Dec 9AM *Rosary* | 9:30AM **MASS**
II Rite of Reconciliation | 7PM (FRI)
Sat 21st Dec 6PM **MASS (Vigil)**
SUNDAY MASSES: 9:30AM **MASS** | 11AM *Italian MASS*
RECONCILIATION: THURS 5:15PM AND SAT 5:15PM



St Columbkille's ROSTERS: 21/22 Dec

6pm EMHC: S. Pitt (A), A. Weber, B. Zen
6pm Readers: G. O'Dea & Raine
9:30am EMHC: M. Hira (SAS), P. Purdie, G. Glover
9:30am Readers: T. Smith & A. Rizzo
Linen: G. O'Dea
Brass: J. Wylie, Y. Heard, B. Burton
Counters: K. Glen & M & L Brookhouse

MASS TIMES for ST JOSEPH'S BULLI

Tues 17th Dec 5:30PM **MASS**
Wed 18th Dec 5PM | *Rosary & Exposition* | 5:30PM **MASS**
II Rite of Reconciliation | 7PM (WED)
Thurs 19th Dec (*Angelus*) | 12 Midday **MASS**
Fri 20th Dec 9:00am | *Rosary & Exposition* | 9:30am **MASS SUNDAY**
MASS TIMES: 8:30AM | 5:30PM RECONCILIATION: FRIDAY 10:00 AM and SUNDAY 5:00PM



St Joseph's ROSTERS: 22nd Dec

8.30am MASS
READERS: M. Baxter & P. Moore
EMHC: K. Kennedy & S. Boater
5:30pm MASS
READERS: J. Deutscher & D. Philippa
EMHC: E. McAlpine & M. Hall
ACOLYTE: C. Hadley

Church Cleaning: Griffiths & Nutt Families
Counters: M & P Hall
Linen: D. Neilsen
Flowers: No Flowers ADVENT
Children's Liturgy: School Holiday resumes Feb 2020

We acknowledge the Dharawal people, their country and their Elders, past and present.

NB: PLEASE NOTE THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 16th DECEMBER & ON THURSDAY 19TH DECEMBER THEN FROM MONDAY 23RD DECEMBER 2019 UNTIL THE THURSDAY 2ND JANUARY 2020. IT WILL RE OPEN ON FRIDAY 3RD OF JANUARY AT THE USUAL OFFICE HOURS. 9:30AM TO 3PM



NEXT BAPTISMAL PREPARATION FOR PARENTS:

- * Corrimal, Sat 21st December , 3pm in Parish Centre
- * Bulli, Sat 8th February 2020, 3pm in Narthex

NB: Please attend the Church where you would like your child baptised.



The Bulli SVdP Giving Tree: A huge **thankyou** to all you have provided donations under the Giving Tree. This **Sunday, 15th of December** is the last weekend for all hamper donations. Hampers will be put together on Monday 16th December in the courtyard of the Church.

If anyone can **help putting together the hampers and delivery of Hampers** to those in need please call: **Tony Metcalfe 0410 321 738.**

Thankyou for your support



2020 Calendars are still available in the narthex of the Church. **Calendars \$9** all proceeds go to **SVdP**.

To St Joseph's Parish: *"Thank you to all parishioners who have helped with their time and gifts this year. May Jesus bless you and your families. It would be good to establish a **social committee** in 2020. Any interested parishioners can contact our office."* **Fr Patrick**

St Joseph's Over 50's Social Group: Over 50's are welcome to join us for dinner on **Tuesday 17th December at 6:30pm** in the Jade Court Restaurant, down stairs at Collegians Club, Balgownie. **PH: 42082454**

Lectio Divina for Advent WEDNESDAY'S UNTIL 18TH DECEMBER ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH, BULLI | 7PM START

St Columbkille's Catholic Parish Update

What's on in St Columbkille's Parish Centre

Italian Prayer Group: Monday's 10am

Legion of Mary: Meetings are every Tuesday, at 4:45pm
call Robin Walker 0408 746 994

Catholic Women's League: 10am, 1st Wednesday of the month. Interested? Call 4284 5137

All Ladies Welcome

Luncheon Club: after the 12 noon MASS on the last Wednesday of the month.

Choir Practice: Thursday's 6:30pm in Choir Loft

Josephite Associates: For those drawn to the life of St Mary of the Cross (*Mackillop*) Enquiries: Lois 0408 712 355

Wrap with love Working Bee: 2nd Wednesday of the month 10am - 1:30pm



Corrimal Catholic Women's League will be holding their **Annual Christmas Raffle** in December. Tickets will be available for 3 weeks and drawn after the **9:30am Mass** this **Sunday 15th December**. All proceeds going to Corrimal St Vincent de Paul and drought relief.



Readers, Extra Ordinary Ministers etc (St Columbkille's) Please let me know if you are available to assist at Christmas Masses. Thanks. Peter Riordan (4284 5137)

Prayer for Rain and those affected.

Eternal God, In wisdom and love you created our earth to sustain us and give us life. We turn to you now in faith, hope and love, asking you to look with favour on our drought- stricken land, on our starving animals, on our failing crops. Strengthen, sustain and give a new heart to our farmers and to all who are affected by drought; be with those who support them. In your loving providence, send an abundance of rain and restore our parched earth. Father of all compassion, hear our prayer through Jesus Christ you Son, in whom the promise of new life has dawned, and through the power of the Holy Spirit the Lord the giver of life: Renew your faithful people; Renew the face of the earth.

Our Lady of the Southern Cross, Mary help of Christians pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Pray for us



CHRISTMAS 2019



II RITE OF RECONCILIATION - THIS WEEK

ST MICHAEL'S THIRROUL: TUESDAY 17TH DECEMBER AT 7:30PM

ST JOSEPH'S BULLI: WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER AT 7PM

ST COLUMBKILLE'S CORRIMAL: FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER AT 7PM

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

*ST COLUMBKILLE'S CORRIMAL: 24TH DECEMBER | CHRISTMAS EVE | * 7PM VIGIL MASS
* MIDNIGHT MASS

25TH DECEMBER | CHRISTMAS DAY | * 9:30AM MASS

*ST JOSEPH'S BULLI: 24TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE | * 6PM VIGIL MASS | * 9PM VIGIL MASS

25TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY | * 8:30AM MASS

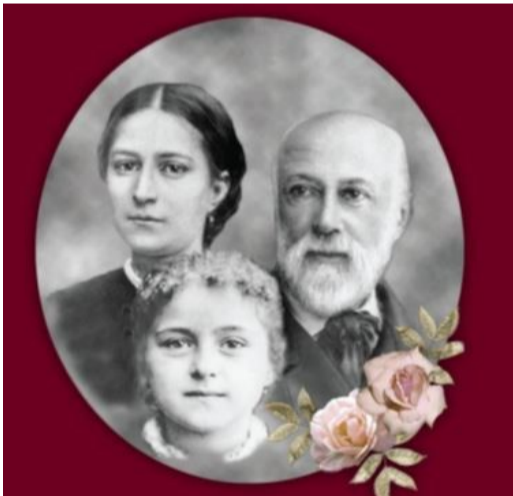
NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS NIGHT

*ST MICHAEL'S THIRROUL: 24TH DECEMBER | CHRISTMAS EVE | *6:30PM VIGIL Mass (SCHOOLGROUNDS)

25TH DECEMBER | CHRISTMAS DAY | * 9AM MASS



PLEASE NOTE: At St Joseph's Bulli for Christmas 9PM Vigil MASS we need a reader and Special ministers of Holy Communion. *Thanks for your help.*



The Relics of much-loved Carmelite Saint, St Therese of Lisieux and her parents, **St's Louis and Zelig Martin** are coming to Australia for a national tour in 2020. They are coming to Varroville for a visit from **22 January until 1 February 2020**, when the official tour begins. The relics will be in the Parish Church at **Our Lady of Mt Carmel**, from **Saturday 25 January until Tuesday 28 January 2020**, for public veneration and all are most warmly invited to attend.

THEY WILL BE COMING TO HELENSBURGH PARISH AND CORRIMAL PARISH EARLY NEXT YEAR. (Dates to be confirmed)

Catholic Weekly: Supporting St Vincent de Paul

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**WA Death Squad * Medevac move slammed * Sheen beatification called off* Movie Review: The Two Popes
* A home for the homeless* A blessing for Westconnex.*

Please pray for: *All in our hospitals and Nursing homes*

Our Sick: Eunice Michaleff, Bernice Murrie, Michael Fogarty , Susan Hughes, Annette Miller, Leslie Harding, Sue Daniels, Mark Murphy, Brian Brennan.

Our Recently Deceased: Pat Tobin, Angela Lynch, Sr Gemma O'Keefe, Mary Caruana, Judith Corrie, Mary Dickson, Aida Marcolin, Russell Sciberras, Peter Taylor, Andrew (Andy) Brookes, Lorrie Shelton.

Our Deceased: James Cox , Desmond and Sylvia Trainor, Tony Arts, Carl Rope, Jim Cox, Pauline Cox, Jeanette and Neville McRae, Betty Cox, Margaret Cox, Peter Davies, Ruth Cox - Keane, Socrates and Ida Lomnau, Fredrick Howson & Beulah D'Castro, Noura Assad, Joe Davis, James Rigby, Ellen Quinlivan, Bertha Cox, Jack Cox, Daniel Zulian, Rene Tosi,

Siro Rostirolla, Francesco Giovanna Manera, Luigi Ganassin and Ganassin Family, Zanetti Family **and all the Holy Souls**

Baptisms: Veira James Gardiner and Chloe Rasaei (St Joseph's)

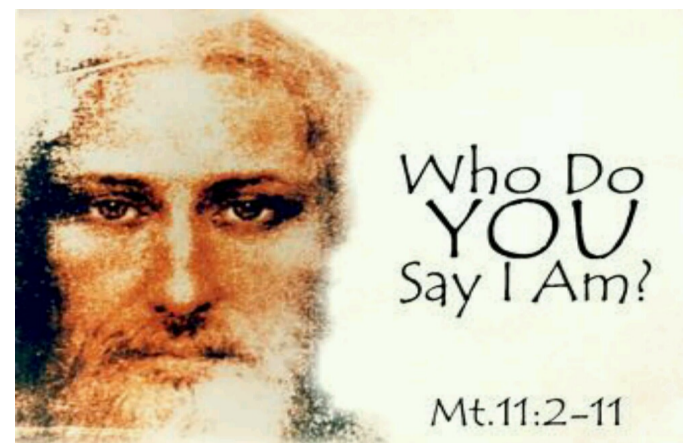


Responsorial Psalm: Lord come and save us.

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me: he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia.*

Gospel Reading: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go



back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.' As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

Communion Antiphon: Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear, behold our God will come, and he will save us.

Next weekend's readings Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A: Is 7: 10-14; Rom 1: 1-7; Mt 1: 18-24



GOSPEL REFLECTION: In today's letter from St James the *metaphor of waiting for rain* is given to us as a way of *understanding what it was like to wait for Christ*. It is a potent image for Advent. In this season each year we remember that humanity waited through a long, dry and exhausting period for the sign of new life in Jesus. For generations people looked to the heavens every day for a sign that today would be the day when God's salvation would come. Then, one night, in a way no one could have ever imagined, *a child burst forth* into the world and established the *final reign of God's love*.

Advent is not the time when we pretend that Jesus hasn't come into our world and that we are the first to anticipate his coming at Christmas. *It is the time when we recall what it was like before he came and how much we need him to keep coming again and again in our daily lives.*

The First Reading and the Gospel make it very clear that farmers never down tools just because the rain comes. *We're told that as a result of being soaked in the love of God we are called to do all we can for those in our world who are lame, blind, deaf, lepers, poor and for any one left for dead.*

This is a vital message for us to hear today because there are some in our country who tell us that all we have to do is look after 'our own back yard'. This line is many things, but it's not Christian. Advent reminds us that by welcoming Christ we have an obligation to care for all his children. *Everywhere is our back yard because that's where our brothers and sisters live.* May we gain from Christ this Christmas the *generosity* to see that the desert is meant to bloom for all people everywhere, not just a few of us lucky to live in an oasis.

We are ridiculously generous to others because God in Jesus has been lavishly good to us and our goodness remains a most powerful sign of God's salvation that is always seen in deeds not words.

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As Christmas 2019 approaches, in these last days of ADVENT, let us prepare for His coming by prayer and celebrating Reconciliation (Penance). We are called to have our hearts open to Jesus's love for us.