

MASS TIMES

	BERKELEY	WARRAWONG
Monday 9/12	<i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, solemnity</i>	
Tuesday 10/12	<i>Tuesday of the 2nd week of Advent</i>	
	9:45am (St Mary's retirement village)	9:00am (followed by Novena to St Anthony)
Wed. 11/12	<i>Wednesday of the 2nd week of Advent</i>	
		9:00am
Thurs 12/12	<i>Thursday of the 2nd week of Advent</i>	
		9:00am
Friday 13/12	<i>St Lucy, virgin, martyr</i>	
		9:00am
Sat. 14/12	<i>St John of the Cross, priest, doctor</i>	
1st Saturday of the month		8:00am
Vigil Mass	5:00pm	6:00pm
Reconciliation	4:30-5:00pm before Mass -weekly	After 8:00am Mass on 1st Saturday of the month only.
Sun 15/12	<i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	
	8:30am	10:00am

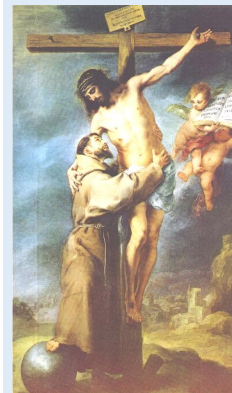
BAPTISMS: NO BAPTISMS BERKELEY.
Warrawong only celebrated on first Sunday of every month at 11:30am
(Baptism bookings require at least 2 months notice through Parish Office. Information session MUST be attended for baptism of 1st child only).
Weddings: By appointment only with at least 6 months notice. *(A pre-nuptial program must be attended).*
NOVENA TO ST. ANTHONY: Warrawong Every Tuesday AFTER 9:00am Mass
Holy Hour: Berkeley 6:00 pm, first Thursday of every month.
Order Secular Franciscans: Warrawong after 10am Mass 4th Sunday of each month. Contact Lucy 0418211203.
Couples for Christ (HOLD): Meet every 2nd and 3rd Sunday at 11:15 am. Church prayer room.
Legion of Mary: Thursday at 5:30pm in Church prayer room.
Mass of Anointing: Warrawong 9 am first Wednesday of every month.
Devotion to the Divine Mercy: Warrawong 5pm every Monday in Church.
Prayers for the Sanctification of Priests: Warrawong 5:00 pm first Friday of month.
Benediction: Eucharistic Adoration with Our Lady to pray for vocations. Every Thursday after 9am Mass.
Italian Prayer Group: Warrawong every Friday after 9am Mass.
Rosary: Warrawong: Prayed daily 30 minutes before Mass.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER WARRAWONG

Readers		Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	
6:00 pm	Tina Chicharo & Aida Bill	6:00 pm	Mandy Madaschi
10:00 am	Maria Borg & Mariano Ramiscal	10:00 am	Filomena da Silva & Caning Schurr
CLEANING GROUP: 12th December: Angela, Rosa, Bianca, Angelina			
Children's Liturgy: Tina Chicharo & Aida Bill			

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER BERKELEY

Readers		Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	
5:00 pm	J & E Thomson	5:00 pm	Greg
8:30 am	I Thomas & A Chatham	8:30 am	C Green
Altar Society	K Hadden	Counters	Srs Anna, Mary & Elizabeth



Welcome to the Parishes of

St Francis of Assisi, Warrawong

and

St Mary of the Rosary, Berkeley

Under the pastoral care
of the Order of Friars Minor Conventual



Parish Priest: Fr Martin Mai OFM Conv.

Parish Secretary: Mrs Magdalen Duarte (Tues, Wed, Thurs)

Pastoral Associates: Mrs Patricia Davis (Friday)

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School Information: 42743386

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St Francis of Assisi Friary: 15 Oxlade Street, Warrawong. Fr Leonard Testa OFM Conv. (Retired)

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT—8TH DECEMBER 2019—YEAR A

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11: 1-10

Isaiah provides a messianic vision of a reign of truth and justice. It is a vision of an age where the downtrodden are particularly favoured and of a world free from enmity of any kind.

SECOND READING: Romans 15: 4-9

St Paul calls us believers to give God glory by living in harmony with each other. Jesus Christ has set the example of this in his welcoming spirit. We are to follow this example.

GOSPEL: Matthew 3: 1-12

The coming ministry of Christ is anticipated by John the Baptist's activity in the wilderness. He preaches that Jesus is the fulfilment of the promises of old. We can prepare for such promises through a sincere and repentant heart.

Please pray for the sick and those unable to attend Mass

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE



This week we pray for: Rita Delia; Joe Agius; John Galea; Jose Manuel Ribeiro; Maria Mercés Pereira; Luigi LaVolpe; Maria Isabel; Aires Rodrigues; Concetta Villano; Albertino Perri; Maria Iera; Rosaria & Federico Ruperto; Osualdo & Sammy Sacco; Giuseppe Giorgio; Mary and Johnny Kolbergo; Giuseppe Cristiano; Manuel Azevedo; Jose Gregorio Fernandes; Gerardus Menzen; Souls in Purgatory; dec Parishioners

COMBINED PARISHES' NEWS

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION ADVENT 2019

PARISH	DAY & DATE	TIME
Wollongong Cathedral	Friday 13 December	11:00am
Shellharbour City	Tuesday 17 December	7.00pm
Dapto	Wednesday 18 December	7.00pm
Kiama	Thursday 19 December	6.00pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24/12/19

6pm: St Francis of Assisi Warrawong
(Children's Pageant 5.45pm)
6pm: St Patrick's Port Kembla (outdoor)
6pm: St Mary of the Rosary Berkeley
10pm: St Francis of Assisi Warrawong
(Carols 9.30pm)
MIDNIGHT: St Patrick's Port Kembla

Christmas Day

8am: St Mary of the Rosary Berkeley
8.30am: Holy Family Catholic Church Windang
9.30am: St Francis of Assisi Warrawong
10.30am: St Patrick's Port Kembla

LIVE CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

The Neo-Catechumens will present a live Christmas Nativity on Friday 20th December from **8:00pm-10:00pm** in the school grounds. This is a time to walk the Christmas journey and a time for spiritual renewal. All welcome! Invite friends from other parishes to join us.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



One combined Parishes Mass will be celebrated on Monday 9 December at 9am at Warrawong. We warmly invite parishioners to attend Mass on this day to celebrate in union with the whole world our faith and belief that Mary was **full of grace** and free of sin from the first moment of her existence.

"O God, who by the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, did prepare a worthy dwelling place for Your Son, we beseech You that, as by the foreseen death of this, Your Son, You did preserve Her from all stain, so too You would permit us, purified through Her intercession, to come unto You. Through the same Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen".

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT: When did you last go to Confession? Will you go this week in preparation for Christmas?

MASS INTENTIONS BOOKINGS 2020: If anyone would like to register Mass Intentions for 2020 please take a copy of the "Mass Intentions Booking 2020" form located in the entrance foyer of the church. Please take care to print the name(s) and Mass date and time clearly and return to the Parish Office.

VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Christmas Hampers: There are baskets in the church foyers for the collection of non-perishable Christmas goodies and also toys for girls and boys up to 12 years of age. Please don't wrap the toys, as that makes it easier to sort them out. Your generous support is so much appreciated.

MINISTRY ROSTERS FOR 2020: Rosters are currently being reviewed and updated for 2020. If you would like to be included in a roster for Reader of the Word, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Children's Liturgy or Cleaning please register your name on the appropriate sheet located in the entrance foyer of the Church.

BUS TRIP FUNDRAISER: Thank you to all who contributed to this year's factory bus trip fundraiser: all who helped organise it, parishioners who donated raffle gifts and cash donations, wonderful shoppers on the trip. Through all your combined efforts were raised \$2401.25 to go to the Sisters of the Visitation Orphanage in Vietnam.

WARRAWONG NEWS

SCHOOL NEWS LITURGY: Next **Friday 13th December**, students from K-Year 6 will be attending the end of year Mass to give thanks to God for the blessings of the school year. New captains will also be inducted.

PRAYERFUL SYMPATHIES: Returning to God our Father: **Rita Delia**. We offer our respective condolences to her family and friends.

SENIORS AND HELPERS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON: We would like to invite our Parish Seniors and Parish Helpers/Volunteers to our annual Christmas Luncheon to be held on **Wednesday 11th December** in the Church/School hall commencing at **11am**. For catering purposes please write your name and number of people attending on the sheet provided in the entrance foyer of the Church. **This Sunday is the last day for registration for anyone who wishes to attend.**

CHRISTMAS CHOIR: Parishioners are invited to join our Christmas Choir. Practice is Monday 16 December at 5:45pm in Warrawong Church.

ADVENT MORNING PRAYER: You are invited during Advent, to celebrate morning prayer (Lauds) in the Church **each weekday** morning, **Mon-Fri: 6am - 7am** (from **Mon 2 Dec - Tues 24 Dec**). This traditional practice of the Church (the Divine Office) is encouraged for all Parishes and all members of the Church and includes singing of the psalms, listening to the Word of God and prayer. Brothers and sisters, of the Neocatechumenal Way in our Parish, will be happy to help anyone who wishes to participate, but is unfamiliar with the Divine Office. Please feel free to just "sit-in" or to contact Mario on arrival if you would like assistance. Everyone is welcome.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: The Piety Stall is running a Christmas raffle consisting of 3 prizes: a baby Jesus and 2 hampers. Tickets are on sale from this weekend and will be drawn on Sunday 22nd Dec at the conclusion of 10am Mass. Tickets \$2.00 each/3 for \$5.00

100 CLUB: Draw No 7 Winning no: 73 Winner: L Teixeira

BERKELEY NEWS

LOTTO	No: 29	No: 24
GAME 1		
GAME 2	S Whitfield	P Eady
GAME 3	G Tobin	