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MASS TIMES AT ST COLUMBKILLE'S CORRIMAL

TUES 23 DEC 10AM ITALIAN MASS

WED 24 DEC CHRISTMAS EVE
7:30PM VIGIL MASS
11PM VIGIL MASS

THUR 25 DEC CHRISTMAS DAY
9:30AM MASS

SAT 27 DEC 5:30PM CONFESSION
6PM VIGIL MASS

SUN 28 DEC – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY YEAR A

9:30AM MASS COUNTERS: A WEBER, M GALE-EARLE, P RIORDAN
11AM ITALIAN MASS WITH FR ANGELO

We thank Fr Angelo for his special ministry to our Italian community in Corrimal. He will be returning to Italy at the end of 2025.



MASS TIMES AT ST JOSEPH'S BULLI

WED 24 DEC CHRISTMAS EVE
3PM RECONCILIATION
4PM CHRISTMAS CAROLS
5PM VIGIL MASS
6:30PM CHRISTMAS CAROLS
7PM VIGIL MASS

THUR 25 DEC CHRISTMAS DAY
8:30AM MASS
NO EVENING MASS

SUN 28 DEC- FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY YEAR A

8:30AM MASS | READERS: L AH TONG, H WITHERIDGE | GREETER: C MCKIRDY | ACOLYTE: P LOCKHART
PPPOINT: M HORNE

5PM: RECONCILIATION | **5:30PM MASS**

READERS : C DEEMING, S BIONDINI | GREETER: PEREZ | ACOLYTE: C GILES | POWERPOINT: PEREZ





A BIG THANK YOU... To all who helped at last Sunday's Christmas gathering at St Joseph's. I appreciate all the work to set up and clean the hall and courtyard before and after the event. Also thank you to all who brought a plate to share as it was a wonderful celebration of Christmas spirit with our parish and School Community.

God Bless you all and your families. *Fr Patrick*

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2025

CORRIMAL

CHRISTMAS EVE, 24TH DECEMBER

7:30PM VIGIL MASS
11PM VIGIL MASS
NO MIDNIGHT MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY, 25TH DECEMBER

9:30AM MASS

BULLI

CHRISTMAS EVE, 24TH DECEMBER

3PM RECONCILIATION
4PM CHRISTMAS CAROLS
5PM VIGIL MASS
(ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN)
6:30PM CHRISTMAS CAROLS
7PM VIGIL MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY, 25TH DECEMBER

8:30AM MASS
NO EVENING MASS

N.B. CHILDREN CAN DRESS AS SHEPHERDS & ANGELS FOR BULLI 5PM CHRISTMAS VIGIL

BULLI CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS Flowers such as Christmas Bush or Hydrangeas are needed, **please bring them to Church on Christmas Eve (Wed) from 8:00am till 10:00am.**



CHRISTMAS GREETING 2025

Fr Anthony and myself wish you and all your family a blessed and safe Christmas. We all stand with humility at the manger, where Jesus Christ—the King of Kings is born in poverty. **He is Emmanuel: God is with us.** We will hold you in prayer at this special time. Peace, Joy & Love to you all, ***Fr Patrick***

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH PASTORAL 2026

Thank you for your interest in joining our Council. The first meeting of 2026 is **WEDNESDAY, 25th January** at **7:15pm**. If you are interested in joining us please call the Parish office (02) 4284 3000.

BAPTISMAL PREP MEETINGS

BULLI & CORRIMAL

NEW DATES ARE NOW ON THE WEBSITES.
MEETINGS OUR HELD 11AM SATURDAYS AT ST JOSEPH'S PARISH. EACH DATE IS LIMITED TO 5 FAMILIES.



PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS HOURS Parish Office will re-open Tues, 6th Jan 2026)

Wednesday	Dec 24	9:30am - 12pm			
Thursday	Dec 25	CLOSED	 Friday	Dec 26	CLOSED
Tuesday	Dec 30	9:30 - 3pm			
Wednesday	Dec 31	9:30am - 12pm	 Friday	Jan 2	CLOSED



VOLUNTEER 2026 This is a fantastic opportunity to share your gift of service & connect with others. Please call the Parish office on 4284 3000 to find out how you can get involved.

SETTING UP THE CRIB AND CHRISTMAS TREE - ST COLUMBKILLE'S : At the end of 9:30am Mass on Sunday, 22 December, we will set up the Crib/ Manger and Christmas Tree in the Church. Any children, or young at heart, who would like to be a part of this are most welcome to join in.

Thank you, Fr Anthony

THE LIGHT THAT CANNOT BE OVERCOME FROM BISHOP BRIAN MASCORD

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with a heart full of sadness that I write to you in the wake of the tragic events that have unfolded in Bondi on Sunday afternoon. In this season of Advent, a time when we prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of our Saviour, this terrible event weighs heavily on us all. We find ourselves burdened with grief in the face of this senseless loss of life and the pain inflicted on so many. The killings last Sunday in Bondi are a painful reminder of the reality of violence, hatred and fear, all of which were directed at our Jewish brothers and sisters here in Australia and therefore directed at all of us. As your shepherd, I assure you of my continued prayers for you. I ask that you pray for me, for one another, for our Jewish brothers and sisters, and for peace in our world. Yours In Christ.



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“HATRED, ONCE ALLOWED TO TAKE ROOT, DARKENS THE HUMAN HEART AND BLINDS US TO THE IMAGE OF GOD IN ONE ANOTHER. PEACE BEGINS WHEN WE CHOOSE COURAGE OVER FEAR AND LOVE OVER INDIFFERENCE.” (POPE LEO XIV)

CLOSE OF THE JUBILEE YEAR | 10:30AM SUNDAY, 28th DECEMBER
ST FRANCIS XAVIER CATHEDRAL

“ May the power of hope fill our days, as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever.” (Pope Francis, Spes Non Confundit)

You are invited to commemorate the official close of the Jubilee Year of Hope in our Diocese. A special Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Brian Mascord.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA - BE A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS FOR FAMILIES FACING ADVERSITY THIS CHRISTMAS - This Christmas, we are inviting Australians to “be a light in the darkness for families who are living through the trauma of war, displacement, and poverty. The intensity of the conflict in Ukraine has increased and more people are experiencing displacement and poverty. But with your support, we can bring hope to these families. Our partner, Caritas Ukraine are on the ground working hard to prepare food kits, emergency shelter kits and psychological assistance to families facing adversity. **Donate today:** <https://www.caritas.org.au/christmas-appeal/be-the-light-in-darkness/>



LOOKING FOR QUALITY VACATION CARE THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS? CatholicCare offers safe, fun, and engaging Vacation care programs at 11 schools across the Diocese. Children enjoy exciting activities, make new friends & are cared for experienced staff giving parents peace of mind and kids a holiday to remember. **Call (02)4227 1122** or **visit** <http://www.catholiccare.dow.org.au> for locations and enrolment details.

THE JOURNEY
CATHOLIC RADIO PROGRAM

Airs on Sundays 11am on Pulse 94.1 or to register www.jcr.org.au and it will be send to you each week.

AROUND THE DIOCESE : dow.sh/weeklybulletin

IN BOTH PARISHES, THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY NEWSPAPER:	\$2
VINNIES CHRISTMAS CARD:	\$10 (PK OF 10)
COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR 2026:	\$10
THE PROMISE ADVENT BOOK:	\$5
HAND MADE VARIOUS CARDS	3 FOR \$10
(PROCEEDS FROM GO TO CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY)	

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

Responsorial Psalm: Let the Lord enter, he is King of glory.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us. Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

Communion Antiphon:

**Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son;
and his name will be called Emmanuel.**

DECEASED: Joan King, Rose Trunzo, Frank (Pino) Trunzo, Michael Parkinson, Patricia Delbridge, Angelo Barone, Jeanette Elchaar, Michael Bernard O'Neill, Howard McGarry, Jacky Melder, Luigi Belsito, Michael O'Neil, Michael de Rosa, Frances de Rosa, Ettore de Rosa, Sr Martina Sarkis, Wilfred Moon, Grazia (Grace) Ugonotti, Elsie Bell, Daniel Hiew, Margaret Tonna, Bruce Cusworth, Rosina Genua, Michelle Crinnion, Rita Bonaz, Peter Stewart

SICK: Maureen Green, Fr John Pickering OFM, Lucila Montano, Jean McKeown, Joy Raines, Kara McKinnon, Manuela Manzini, Rhian Yeo, Errol Hansell, Colin Lewis, Sara Giannella, Tony Murphy, Robert Heyman, Vincent King, Frank Zompogna, Alessandro & Concetta Di Grazia.

MASS INTENTIONS: Eileen Rudd (4yrs), Dan Van Duin. Milica Nakicen

ARE YOU NEW TO OUR PARISHES AND WANT TO CONNECT?

PLEASE CUT OUT AND LEAVE IN THE COLLECTION PLATES AT THE PARISH YOU ATTEND OR GO ONLINE TO REGISTER:

BULLI: <https://saintjosephsbulli.com/2024/04/10/new-parishioner-information-form/>

CORRIMAL: <https://corrimalparish.org.au/parish-information-form/>