

Please pray for our sick, especially Arthur Haddad, Norman Hay, Wendy Bridges, Margaret Farrugia, Nick Hurst, Pat Little, Dorothy Reid, Patrick Dallen Graham Meyer and Marin Sardelc.

In Memoriam

Thomas James Cronberg, Bill Bates, Meg Burgess, Laurina Annie Freeman and Raymond Clarence Maher.

There are Planned Giving flyers at the church entrance. Please feel free to fill one in.

Also, if you are registered for the Envelope Giving, please ensure you have picked them up. If your details have changed, please contact the office.

Our first **Mercy Mass** is to be held 14 February 11.30am at St Marys Erskineville. It will be followed by a BBQ.

COVID update

Masks are **no longer compulsory** in our Masses. We are allowed 1 person per 2sq meters. Please scan in using the QR code – this is the preferred option. Or sign the Attendance sheet at the front of the church.

February 8th Feast of St Josephine Bakhita

World Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action Against Human Trafficking.

Today, people all around the world are celebrating this powerful saint and joining in prayer and action against human trafficking.

Josephine Bakhita was born in Southern Sudan in 1869, and during her life experienced kidnapping and slavery in both Sudan and Italy. After gaining her freedom Josephine dedicated her life to sharing her story and to supporting the poor and suffering. She eventually became a Canossian Sister and was canonised in 2000.

In the words of Pope Francis, "She is charged with showing to all the path to conversion, which enables us to change the way we see our neighbours, to recognise in every other person a brother or sister in our human family, and to acknowledge his or her intrinsic dignity in truth and freedom . . . This saint, who lived at the turn of the twentieth century, is even today an exemplary witness of hope for the many victims of slavery; she can support the efforts of all those committed to fighting against this open wound on the body of contemporary society, a scourge upon the body of Christ."

We invite you to join us today in praying for all victims of human trafficking and for those working to bring an end to this "open wound" on our society. St Josephine Bakhita, pray for us and our world today. ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) is the organization in Australia doing important and committed work in this area. They need our support and prayers. Visit their website @ www.acrath.org.au

Pearson Lincoln Kim was Baptised on Sunday 7 February 2021. Congratulations to Pearson and welcome to the Christian family. Please keep Pearson and his family in your prayers as Pearson embarks on his faith journey.

Companions Matter

An information session for those interested in becoming a volunteer companion. 18 February 2021 at 7.30pm via zoom. Register at peter.carroll@catholiccare.org

Ash Wednesday is 17 February and our masses are 9.15am and 6pm

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 9390 5810 or 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.

Mass Times Saturday 6pm Sunday 9am and 6pm Wed., Thurs. and Fri. 9.15am Parish Administration: Ph 95163542	Sacraments Baptism and Marriage please contact the office to book a date and time with Fr Tan Email is: admin@stmaryserskineville.org.au Website: www.stmaryserskineville.org.au/ Fr Tan Nguyen msc
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