

Dear Parishioners,

Today in the bulletin we are calling for help in a number of ways for the Christmas Masses: the youth need someone to control the powerpoint at Midnight Mass, we need one or two people to take charge of the hospitality after the New Year's Eve Mass and an elderly lady is looking for transport to and from Midnight Mass. At the same time that we reach out to the wider community at Christmas, we also need to care for our own community members, so I hope that we can find the help we need amongst ourselves.

With only a few days to go until the great Feast of Christmas, I encourage you to spend more time over the next days preparing your hearts for the season. Try to find a time each day for prayer and reflection and do not allow yourself to become overwhelmed by the secular fuss which always surrounds our very special holy day.

I am pleased to announce that the winner of our free raffle, held last week and sponsored by Catholic Church Insurances, was Wally Bamford, with ticket number 046237. I hope the Bamford family enjoy their prize of a Christmas hamper. A similar hamper was kindly donated to each parish by Catholic Church Insurances. - Fr. Sunny

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR YOUNG TEENS** - Intensive preparation classes for baptism for young teens 12-16years will be held in the parish in late January. It is envisioned that the classes will be held over two days during the second last week of the school holidays. If you wish your young teen to be prepared for this Sacrament, you must register with the parish office on 92768500 or speak to Fr. Sunny personally.

### LETTERBOX DROP FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

More leaflets have been printed, for a last big effort at inviting people in our parish to Christmas Masses.



Jesus was always inviting people to join Him and often His simple invitation was enough to completely change their lives. The invitation you drop into a certain letterbox might just do the same!

Let's try and get all the leaflets into letterboxes by Christmas eve. A great effort from everyone, thank you.



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A big "thank you" to Catholic Church Insurances for their gift of a free hamper, which we used as the prize in our free raffle last week, and congratulations to Wally Bamford, our winner.

### CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR THE HOUSEBOUND

Ministers to the Sick and other parishioners are invited to collect a Christmas card from the Sacristy to take, on behalf of the parish, to anyone who is unable to attend Mass.

### PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMME

Our program for the year had ended and I would like to thank all the Catechists, for their dedication and love for the children. My thanks also extends to the many parents, grandparents, guardians and friends who diligently bring the children to the classes. Lastly but not least, to our dear children who come weekly during term to learn about and love Jesus, your teachers and I would like to wish you a happy, Christ-filled holiday. We look forward to seeing you back at PREP on **12 Feb, 2014**.

**ENROLMENTS FOR 2014 (Pre-Primary to Year 6)** will take place on 12 February 2014 at 4.30pm after the children are gathered into their classes. There will be a short information session at 4.30pm, followed by the actual enrolments of the children.

Please bring along their Birth Certificate, Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist certificates if the sacraments **were not** received at Infant Jesus Church.

**Sacramental Preparation Years are: Reconciliation—Year 3, Communion—Year 4, Confirmation—Year 6.** If you wish your child to receive any of these Sacraments and they are not in the correct school year, please phone Linda Yapp on 92768500.

Please also note that children require 2 years of preparation prior to receiving any of these Sacraments (as set down by the Archdiocesan Catechist Service).

For any enquiries, prior to enrolment day, please contact Linda Yapp at the Parish on 9276 8500.  
email: ijprep@gmail.com.



### NEW YEAR'S EVE ADORATION AND MASS

A few willing people are needed to offer hospitality after the New Year's Eve Mass at midnight on 31st December. A simple cup of tea is all that is required. If you can lend a hand, please contact the office on 92768500.



The youth choir is seeking a volunteer to operate the powerpoint / projector at the Christmas midnight Mass with carols starting at 11:30pm.

The powerpoint will already be put together and projector already set up. If you are interested or able to assist, please contact Lenny on 0423 180 478.

### HELP NEEDED—LIFT TO MIDNIGHT MASS

An elderly lady has responded to the invitation to Christmas Mass and would love to come to Midnight Mass—if only someone could call past and pick her up on their way. She lives very close to our church in Camboon Road. Can you help? Call Angela at the office on 92768500.



### PARKING AT CHRISTMAS

With many visitors expected for the Christmas liturgies, let's extend some warm hospitality by making room for them in the car-park! We can do this by:

- Carpooling to Christmas Mass with family and friends
- Choosing to walk to Mass
- Using the alternative parking behind the house at 45 Wellington Rd
- Using the alternative parking at the Morley Rec
- Parking by the school and enjoying the short walk

Please also remember to leave the emergency access free immediately outside the church and along the curbing. Please respect any "NO PARKING" notices and refrain from parking on the neighbours' verges.

Together we can make our Christmas services safe and stress free.

Important  
DATE!

To Do:

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

Don't  
FORGET!

Reminder!

## Parish Prayer Concerns

**Recently Deceased:** Derek D'Souza, Bosco Lu;

**Anniversaries:** Enid McDonald, Antonio Panizza, Bibiana Scully, Tung Van Le, Garth Vears, John Lagan, Vincenzo Caccamo;

**Deceased:** Paul Mellows, Malcome Peck, Violetta Rico, Bro. Leo Vaz, Tony Barlow, deceased of the Czekalowski family;

**The Sick of the Parish:** Lisa Delaney, Joe Corbett, Ida Macri, Antonietta Cecchele, Philomena Taylor, Howard Tennent, Nola and Scott Leckie, Tracey Demasson, Joan Galin, Elaine Wallace, Margaret Kent and all who are in need of our prayers.

*"Let us pray, as Advent draws to a close,  
that Christ will truly come into our hearts"*



**PILGRIM STATUE:** This week in the home Of Mr. & Mrs. D. Nathanielsz, 18 Cardwell Ave,

## Calendar of Saints

- 23 December: St. John of Kanty, Priest (1473AD)
- 25 December: THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
- 26 December: St. Stephen, Martyr (36? AD)
- 27 December: ST JOHN, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST
- 28 December: Feast of The Holy Innocents
- 29 December: FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

## Christmas Mass Times:

### Christmas Eve: Tuesday, 24 December

**Family Mass**—Carols at 6pm, Mass at 6.30pm

*Children are invited to join in the Christmas spirit and come dressed as angels or shepherds. There will be an enactment of the Gospel by the children.*

**Evening Mass:**

Carols at 9pm Mass at 9.30pm

**Midnight Mass:**

Carols at 11.30pm, Mass at 12.00 midnight with the Youth Choir. Stay for Christmas cake.

### Christmas Day: Wednesday, 25th December

Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am (carols at 9am) and 11.30am (Italian)

**NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY**

### New Years Day: Tuesday, 31st December

11.30am - Adoration, 12 midnight- Mass of Thanksgiving.

*Please join us for a cuppa after.*

**Confession Times:** Saturdays at 10am—11am or 5pm—6pm

### **Rental Property available early Jan**

A parishioner has a property soon available in Bennet Springs, partly furnished, Air conditioned. 4 bed, 2 bath. Phone Lyndon 0413278376

### **Please travel safely**

With so many families heading off to other parts for Christmas, we pray for their safe travel and ask Our Lord to

watch over them until they return.



### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Our Children's Liturgy ministry will be taking a break over the school holiday period. Please watch the bulletin for the commencement date in February. We wish all the children and their families a very happy and peaceful holiday.

### **ROSE GARDEN**

Help is needed in attending to the roses in front of the church—fertilizing, pest treatment and dead-heading (not pruning). This is not difficult work, but our roses need regular attention to stay looking as good as they do.

If you can offer some regular time to this task, please contact the parish office on 92768500



### **2013 Lions Club Christmas Cakes**

On sale Now from the Parish Office. Large \$15.00 and Small \$11.00.



### **DON'T THROW THEM AWAY**

As the school year comes to a close, please do not throw away your unwanted pencils and pens.

Instead, drop them off to the foyer of the church or the parish office, where they will be put to good use. *Thank you so much to those who have already donated.*

### **Parish Office and Parish Centre Christmas Closure**

The Parish Centre will be closed to all groups from Wednesday, 25 December 2013 until Monday, 13 January 2014. The parish office will close over the same period.

## In Our Church

**Morning Prayer of the Church:** Mon-Fri, 6.40am; Sat, 7.45am

**Morning Mass:** Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat: 8.30am

**Saturday Vigil Mass:** 6.30pm

**Sunday Masses:** 7.30am, 9.30am (Children's Liturgy during school terms), 11.30am (Italian), 6pm (Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays)

**Reconciliation:** Saturday 10-11am and 5-6pm.

**Perpetual Novena in honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:** Wednesday 7.15pm

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:**

Friday 9.30am - 10.30am and 7.30pm - 8.30pm

**Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments:**

Please contact the Parish Office.

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