

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday we begin a new church liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent using the Scripture readings of Year B which use Mark's Gospel. The Australian Bishops have identified the liturgical year of 2018 as a national **Year of Youth**. The Year of Youth invites the church into dialogue about the importance and life-giving presence of young people in the Church and society. It calls for dialogue and active engagement focused on the reconnection and renewal of a new generation of young people in the life of the Church.

The Year of Youth aims:

- prayerfully discern the Australian Bishops' vision for ministry with young people, given in the document *Anointed and Sent* (<http://youth.catholic.org.au/anoointed-and-sent>);
- authentic and personal engagement by Church leaders in the challenges and success in young people's lives;
- acknowledging the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of young people, and young people acting upon the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church; and
- upholding the dignity of young people, ensuring a safe environment from physical, emotional and spiritual harm.

The Year of Youth is focused on local renewal and engagement. It is my intention that we take this focus as an opportunity for conversation with young people to hear their hopes for the future of the church. Clearly the first step is for us to listen to one another and to reflect together to reach an understanding of what we can do as a Christian community, then we will act. If you are interested please contact me by email- gregburke247@gmail.com—*Every Blessing, Fr. Greg*



2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Advent WEDNESDAY, 13th December at 7pm Infant Jesus Church

Prepare yourself for the Christmas season by joining your parish family for this communal Rite of Reconciliation as we come together to listen and reflect on the Word of God; to express our sorrow for the times we have failed and to praise our God, whose forgiveness is unending.

Be Still and know that I am God.

None of us know when Jesus will come again in glory, nor do we know the day when we will die. Yet God continues to enter our lives in unexpected ways.



When we take the time to stop, listen and be conscious of God's presence in our lives, a new dimension of prayer will open up for us. We will hear God's quiet voice of peace and begin to see his saving hand in our lives.

Lord God, help us to be still and know that you are God and that you are constantly entering our lives to keep us "steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord, Jesus Christ." (1 Cor 1:8)

Extract from CHOSEN, Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections: 1st Sun of Advent—Bishop Peter Ingham.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Saturday 23 December: Vigil Mass at 6.30pm – Mass of the Sunday.

Sunday 24 December: Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am & 11.30am (Italian Mass) – Mass of the Sunday. Mass at 6.30pm – **Christmas Vigil Mass** with children's nativity story. Carols from 6.00pm. Mass at 12.00pm – **Midnight Mass**. Carols from 11.30pm.



Monday 25 December: Christmas Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am & 11.30am (Italian Mass). Carols 30 mins before each Mass. **NO EVENING MASS.**

Tuesday 26 December: Boxing Day – Mass at 8.30am.

Saturday 30 December: Vigil Mass at 6.30pm – Feast of the Holy Family.

Sunday 31 December: The Feast of the Holy Family - Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian) & 6pm. Mass at 6pm – Vigil for the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.

Monday 1st January: Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. Mass at 8.30am.

Tuesday 2nd January: Public Holiday. Mass at 8.30am.

Saturday 6th January: Vigil Mass – The Epiphany of the Lord.

Sunday 7th January: The Epiphany of the Lord. Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian) & 6pm.

AVAILABLE NOW FROM THE PIETY STALL

A range of Christmas gifts, advent calendars and children's books, Columban Calendars, Majellan Christmas cards and St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards, Advent reflection booklets, Lions Christmas cakes (Large \$17, small \$13) are available in the Church's piety stall and parish office.

IMPORTANT NOTICE CHANGE TO MASS TIMES

Following the recent survey of Mass attendees at the Saturday Vigil Mass, I have decided to change the start time of this Mass to **6pm**. This change will start from **Saturday 13th**



January. Also, in future, when there is a **public holiday**, there will not be two morning Masses. We will have only **one morning Mass at 8.30am.**

—Fr. Greg



**Holy Hour of Grace
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
of Mary
Friday, 8th December 12 noon—1pm
IN THE PARISH HALL**

All are invited to an hour of Grace in honour of this great Feast Day. Please bring a small plate for a shared lunch.

Important
DATE!

To Do:

WHAT'S HAPPENING



Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Perla Cabrera;

Deceased: Giovanni and Antonia Vesnauer, Renzo Franzinelli, Pat O'Sullivan, Tan Duy Nguyen, Deceased families of the Conier, Bouquet, Bru and Robert Merredew, Bibiana Scully and Johnny Wee Tiong Hoo;

Anniversaries: Charlie Miranda, Victor Raphael, Kevin Hodgkin, Alfredo De Filippi, Eric Pegrum, Tran Thi Hoan Maria, Nguyen Duc Tuyen John, Flora Monteiro and eil Robinson;

The Sick of the Parish: Mary O'Sullivan (Ireland), Tom Collins, Wayne Martino, Matilda Alessandrini, Carlos and Josef, Pietro Colli, Denise and Clem Bendotti; Priscilla Grainger, Ossie Gonsalves, Bernard Spears, Howard Tennent, Savannah Moncries, Michael Reeves, Lou Welleans and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

"I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life."



PILGRIM STATUE: This week in the home of Sandra Haney; 2 Richards Pl, Noranda. Ph: 0412 589 461

CALENDAR OF SAINTS

7 Dec: St Ambrose, bishop, doctor

8 Dec: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED



The parish office and parish centre will be closed from **Friday 22nd December, 2017 until Monday 22nd January, 2018.**

The phone answering machine will be attended regularly, but in an emergency, please call the priory directly on 9276 8497.

LETTERBOX DROP FOR CHRISTMAS

We are called to bring the "Good News" to everyone. Help invite your neighbours to our Christmas liturgies, where they will hear and experience the Good News brought to us by the birth of Christ by being part of our parish letterbox drop.

Please take some fliers and deliver them to the streets around you, cross off the streets you will deliver to from the lists in the foyer and please do not deliver to streets outside our parish boundaries (only streets in our parish are listed).

This is one easy way to be the missionary disciples we are called to be, and a good excuse to go for a walk!



St Vincent de Paul Society



The Morley/Dianella Conference will conduct its CHRISTMAS APPEAL today. Please support them as you leave Mass. There will be collectors at the church entrance or you may use the envelopes in the pews. Please return the envelopes the following weekend or by post. Once again, we thank you for your continued, generous support and may God bless you and all your loved ones this Christmas.

DON'T THROW THAT AWAY!

As the school year comes to a close, please remember the parish when you are cleaning up your unwanted school supplies: pens, pencils, textas and stationery are all useful. What we cannot use, we will pass on to where it is needed. 2nd-hand primary uniform items also very welcome. Please drop your donations to the parish office or into the Church foyer.



INFANT JESUS PARISH 24:7 MORLEY YOUTH GROUP

We had an epic night last Friday with a few super intense rounds of the game bopper and the ninja game of chop, hayah! Our awesome leaders, Roger, Steph and Elizabeth talked about some of the saints such as St Marcellin, St Augustine and St Maria Goretti, and of the call to holiness. This call does not have to be for when you are grown or be something particularly heroic or amazing, but it starts now and with ordinary everyday things.



Next week we will be having a Year of Youth Launch party! Bring a friend and join us this Friday 1st December from 6 to 8pm. If you would like to find out more please call Roger 0434 988 711 or Elizabeth 0410 554 393.

In Our Church

Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon-Fri, 6.40am; Sat 8.00am

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 Sundays)

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

Perpetual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:

Wednesday 7.00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30 - 10.30am & 7 - 8pm

Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.

Our Parish Team

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