

Dear Parishioners,

This week we will have an extra collection for the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal. I hope that you found time to read his letter during the week, in which he told us about just one or two of the many works going on in our own diocese to help the poor and marginalized in our own community. We sometimes have an image of the poor as only being those in desperate circumstances in developing countries; but we have people living among us who can also suffer real hunger, real trauma and real disease. Mother Teresa famously reminded us that there is more than one way to be poor in this world - spiritual and emotional destitution can be as harmful as physical poverty. Through our Church agencies, we look at these sad, forgotten and lost ones in the eye with our Lord's compassionate face.

We hear so much bad news about our Church just now, but the work of the Archbishop's agencies is proof that the kingdom continues to be built by the children of God. Another piece of good news for us, as Catholics, is that this year, in the Archdiocese, we have 13 new priests in training. These men will be ordained at the end of the current academic year and will then continue the work of ministering to all God's children. Two of the Western Australian born men to be ordained are brothers - proof that we still have strong Catholic families who nurture their children in the faith and give them freely back to the Lord. Let us be truly grateful for being part of a Church which continues the work commenced by Jesus so long ago. Thanks be to God! - Fr. Sunny

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR LIFELINK



The Archbishop's LifeLink Christmas Appeal is being held throughout the Archdiocese this weekend.

If you did not collect Archbishop Costelloe's personal letter at Mass last weekend, **please collect one as you leave** and read his message, **or**, use one of the **special giving envelopes** which have been provided on the

pews for you today.

We urge you to give generous support to help the work of our Archdiocesan social service agencies and help people in need. You can mail your Gift in the Reply paid envelope provided or return your envelope and donation to the parish any time in the coming weeks.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY MEETING

This Monday, 17 November at 7pm

All parishioners are encouraged to come along to our community meeting to discern the past year and look toward the future. Reports from our groups and ministries will be available in the foyer this weekend. You are welcome to take them home and read them before the meeting, so that you can bring your questions or concerns to the community. Reviewing what we do and planning what we will do is an important part of being a healthy parish and so we should all be there to share in the work. After the meeting there will be a light supper and time to catch up with old friends and new.

Are You Ready For Advent?

LECTIO DIVINA FOR ADVENT

Once again, Broken Bay Diocese are offering a Lectio Divina style reflection booklet for Advent, which are available on line at: <http://www.dbb.org.au/news/dsp-default.cfm?loadref=373>

A few hard copies are also available from the bulletin stands in the foyer. You can use these as an individual faith resource, or form a small group to study and pray it together.



ADVENT PIETY STALL

29/30 NOVEMBER AT ALL MASSES

Please mark the date in your diary now for the Advent Piety Stall at all Masses on the weekend of 29/30 November. A selection of Advent Reflections, family resources for Advent, children books and bibles, advent calendar, St Vincent de Paul's Christmas Cards, gifts and ornaments and much more..... Great gift ideas for everyone.

The **2015 Columban Art Calendar** is now available at the Piety Stall for \$7. When you purchase the calendar, you are participating in God's Mission and assisting Columbans in meeting the needs of the poor.

Redeem has arrived in the Parish Office - Daily Advent & Christmas Reflection 2014 (\$4). It is a beautifully presented full-colour 68 page pocket size resource containing short daily reflections from beginning of Advent through to the Epiphany. Also available **The Little Blue Book for Advent**(\$4).



Lion's Christmas Cakes and Puddings

Available from the Parish Office

Cakes: Large \$16.00, small \$12.00. Puddings: \$12.00



ADVENT REFLECTION GROUP

With Advent approaching, we invite parishioners wishing to prepare for the Christmas season to be part of a four week Advent study and discussion group, studying the Gospels and considering Pope Francis' vision for our Church.

"It is not enough, in fact, to hear the Word; it is not enough to proclaim it; it is necessary to live it.

...in parish communities you come together in small groups to reflect upon the Word of God; part of this also involves the sharing of your daily experiences. This allows you to discover the community dimension of the Good News."

- Pope John Paul II

Sessions begin in the week commencing Monday 24 November on a day or evening to be decided by the group. There is no charge involved. The group(s) will meet in the parish centre or in parishioners homes, if that is what a group prefers. If you would like to be part of one of these groups, or to lead a group yourself, please register your interest on the sheet on the large A-frame in the foyer. Phone the office on 9276 8500 for more details.

LOOKING FOR AN ADVENT MINI COURSE?

Maranatha Centre for Adult Faith Formation is offering a minicourse on the **Infancy Narratives in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke**. The presenter is **Sr Shelley Barlow** and the mini course promises to be a wonderful entrée into the Advent season. The mini-course will be offered at two time-slots. You can choose between **three consecutive Monday evenings between 7-9pm on 10, 17 and 24 November OR three consecutive Thursday mornings between 9.30am to 12 noon on 13, 20 and 27 November**. For further information or to enrol call 9241 5221.

Important
DATE!

To Do:

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Don't
FORGET!

Reminder!

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Annetta Sgro;

Anniversaries: Rosario Midiri, Tran Thi Hoan Maria, Nguyen Duc Tuyen John, Trevor Burnaby, Bertrand D'Costa, Brenda Platt and Gino Perlini;

Deceased: Emma Jolly, Damaso Micalat Jr, Oronte and Maria Tognari, Cesare and Clarice Colli;

The Sick of the Parish: Lisa Delaney, Hester Wittensledgger and all who are in need of our prayers.

"Help us to drink of Your truth and expand our hearts with the joys of Your promise"

ST. VINCENT DE THE PAUL SOCIETY'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Annual St Vincent de Paul's Christmas Appeal will be held on the next weekend 22/23 of November at all Masses. Please support us in helping a family in need.



TOYS WANTED FOR MORLEY CHAPTER

The Morley Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society requires donations of toys (in good condition) for Christmas hampers for needy families. Please drop them into the Parish Office Mon-Thurs from 9am to 12.30pm or place them in the boxes in the Church foyer after weekend Masses. Your generosity is much appreciated!



THE STATUE OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL IS BACK

The refurbishment of Our Lady is completed and she is back now in the shrine in the Church. Thank you to ALL who have been so generous in contributing to this refurbishment.

- Fr Sunny and Fr Tadgh

Stay and Have a Cuppa on Sunday. You are all very welcome to stay and have a cuppa after 9:30am Mass every Sunday at the Parish Centre.



PARISH LIBRARY is opened every Sunday after 9:30am Mass. Come and browse various selection of catholic DVDs, books and magazines.



A heart-felt thank you to the Infant Jesus parish for your support for this year's Mission Concert with the Walker Trio held last Sunday afternoon. 142 people attended and \$1,367.20 was raised for Catholic Mission as a result. The tremendous warmth and hospitality of the Infant Jesus community was mentioned by many of those who had come from outside the parish. The missionary heart of your community is certainly alive and thriving. -Francis Leong



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

Calendar of Saints

- 17 Nov: St Elizabeth of Hungary, noblewoman (1231AD)
- 18 Nov: The Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles
- 19 Nov: St Raphael Kalinowski
- 21 Nov: The Presentation of Blessed Virgin Mary
- 22 Nov: St Cecilia, Martyr (3rd century)
- 23 Nov: CHRIST THE KING

ST RAPHAEL KALINOWSKI

November 19th is the feast of St. Raphael Kalinowski who was the second male Carmelite to be canonised after St. John of the Cross. This makes him an important model for Carmelite Friars in our time. Born of Polish parents in Vilnius, Lithuania, he was canonised by fellow Pole, Pope John Paul 11 in 1991.



YOUTH NEWS

It was so wonderful to see the numbers doubled last week for the second night as more teenagers are becoming interested! Please mark these dates in your diary for our Next Morley Youth Group Night

- Friday the 28th of Nov from 7pm-9pm for Year 6 - 12s. Feel free to invite your friends!
- Also, don't forget: Thursday 20th November, dinner for 16yr+. All welcome to attend, please bring a plate. 5.30pm.

For further details please contact Emma Passmore 0419094433.



HOSPITALITY MINISTRY MEETING

Saturday, 22nd November at 9am in the Parish Hall

CAN YOU PROVIDE A LOVING HOME?



A parishioner, a young woman who is seriously ill, can no longer care for her two beloved cats. One is an indoor pet, the other lives outdoors. She will soon need a home for both. Are you a cat lover who would be willing to provide a home? Please phone Billie or Angela at the parish office—92768500

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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