

Dear Parishioners,

The message of the Gospel today is very clear: "Stay awake!" It is more than an instruction, it is almost a warning. Jesus is warning us to guard against the complacency of a comfortable life and a lukewarm faith. It has always been true that when we feel we do not need God, we turn away from him and become engrossed in the things of the world. We only remember him when things go wrong! In Australia, our life is more than comfortable and full of things which distract us from the essentials: love of God, love of family, love of neighbour.

Today is the first Sunday of Advent and Jesus warns us, "Stay awake!" What will you do today that will mark this time of Advent as something different from yesterday? How will you "rouse yourself to catch hold of God?". - Fr. Sunny

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: Wednesday, 24th December

Family Mass - Carols at 6pm, Mass at 6.30pm
Evening Mass - Carols at 9pm, Mass at 9.30pm
Midnight Mass - Carols at 11.30pm, Mass at 12 midnight
Please stay for Christmas Cake.

Christmas Day: Thursday, 25th December

Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am (carols at 9am) and 11:30am (Italian)

NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

New Year Eve: Thursday, 31st December

11.30am Adoration, 12 midnight - Mass of Thanksgiving
Please join us for a cuppa after.

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION FOR ADVENT

Wednesday, 17 December 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Please join your parish family for this communal rite of Reconciliation, to express our sorrow for the many ways in which we have failed to live in the light of Christ, both as individual and as a Christian community. If you have not experienced this beautiful Sacrament for some time, then make this your Christmas gift to yourself - peace of mind and freedom of heart. Encourage those you love to come with you.



SPECIAL MOVIE DAY FOR KIDS "On Angel Wings"

Wednesday 17 December at 10am

A brand new Christmas movie to get the children in the Christmas spirit.
Some surprise fun and treats too.

Entry by gold coin donation

RSVP essential to Parish office on 9276 8500



HOUR OF GRACE

*Feast of The Immaculate
Conception of Mary*

All are invited to an hour of Grace in honour of this great Feast Day.

MONDAY 8 DECEMBER 12PM TO 1PM

Please bring a plate for a shared lunch.



PERPETUAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

Please join in our novena each Wednesday evening in the church, 7.45pm til 8.15pm.
Please note that there will be no novena on 17 December due to the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Christmas.



LIFELINK RAFFLE

Thank you to Catholic Church Insurance, who has donated a lovely Christmas Hamper to our parish. Tickets are \$1 per ticket. All proceeds will go to the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for LifeLink. The Raffle will be drawn on Tuesday, 16 December and the winner will be advertised in the Parish Bulletin. **Tickets on sale after all Masses 13/14 December.**



Lion's Christmas Cakes and Puddings

Available from the Parish Office
Cakes: Large \$16.00, small \$12.00.
Puddings: \$12.00



YOUTH NEWS

Our Next Morley Youth Group Night
Christmas Party on Friday, 19th Dec from 7pm-9pm for Year 6 - 12s.

All are welcome and bring your friends!

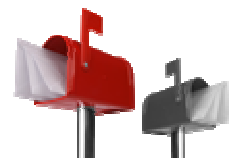
For further details please contact Emma Passmore 0419094433.

SPREAD THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

LETTERBOX DROP FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

(We are hoping to have the invitations available this weekend from the printer. If not, please check in the foyer during the week)

Reach out to your neighbours and friends by collecting a pack of invitations to our parish Advent and Christmas celebrations and delivering them to the letterboxes in your area. Advent calls us as individuals, as Please see the lists in the foyer and cross off the streets you will deliver to. Please do not deliver to streets outside our parish.



ADVENT PIETY STALL THIS WEEKEND AT ALL MASSES

A range 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 will be on sale after all masses this weekend. Great gift ideas for everyone.

WHAT IS ADVENT?

The word Advent derives from the Latin word meaning coming. The Lord is coming. We may reflect that every year at this time we celebrate his coming, so that in a sense we can lose the feeling of expectancy and joyful anticipation, because at the end of the season, everything seems to return to pretty much the same routine. If that is the case, then our preparation may have been lacking and we have therefore been robbed of much of the true meaning of this season. During Advent we recall the history of God's people and reflect on how the prophecies and promises of the Old Testament were fulfilled. This gives us a background for the present. Today we can reflect on the past track record of God and so begin to understand what it means to us now for the sake of what is to come, in our own future and that of our world. -Catholic online



Important
DATE!

To Do:

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Don't
FORGET!

Reminder!

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Grace Angelina Cardaci;

Anniversaries: Alfredo De Filippi, Garth Vears, Kevin Thomas, Rosemary Lewis, Ilona Gilles and Martin Curley;

Deceased: Michael Fernandez, Mr Peter and Madam Mary;

The Sick of the Parish: Lisa Delaney, Kevin Hodgkin, Priscilla Grainger and all who are in need of our prayers.

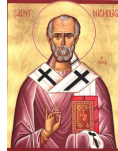
*"As we serve You now, accept our offering
And sustain us with Your promise of eternal life"*

Calendar of Saints

3 December: St. Francis Xavier, Missionary (152AD)

4 December: St. John Damascene, Scholar and Poet (749AD)

6 December: St. Nicolas, Bishop (350?AD)



Congratulations to Yvonne and Bob Gomes who celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary this weekend. Love brought you both together as husband and wife and gave each of you best friend for life. May God bless you on your 40th Wedding Anniversary.



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

ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

Mature parishioner seeks accommodation in granny flat or similar private area. Fully independent, extremely tidy and able to assist with manual tasks. Excellent references will be provided on request. If you can help, please contact Parish office on 9276 8500.



DON'T THROW THEM AWAY!!!

As the school year comes to 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.

INFANT JESUS WALKING GROUP

Feel like meeting some new people and keeping fit at the same time? Join the IJ Walking Group! Every Saturday 9-10am. Meet at the church main carpark for a walk around the neighbourhood. I will be outside the main doors of the church - see you



PILGRIM STATUE: This week in the home of Mr & Mrs Ashley Roze, 4/120 Alfreda Ave, Noranda. Ph: 0407 389 583

OUR SUNDAY LITURGY - Celebrating the Eucharist

We continue to bring you little snippets on the parts of the Mass and hope you find them helpful in your understanding of what we do each week in our worship.

Part 4 - "The Gloria"

While still in the Gathering Rite and now reconciled with God, we join together in a **Morning Song of Praise - The Gloria** saying (or singing) 'Glory to God in the highest...' As the People of God, we praise God and pray to Jesus, the Lamb of God, to hear our prayer and we pray with the Holy Spirit. The Gloria is sung or recited by all the gathered people at all Sunday Eucharistic celebrations, in special Seasons of the Church Year and on special Feast Days.



HOUSE / PET SITTING

Hello I am Suzanne. I am a 55+ age woman and work full time for an agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth. I am seeking accommodation any time after 31 January 2015. I would really appreciate hearing from you should you be going away at any time throughout the year and would like to consider me to take the best of care of your home and precious pet/s. I have experience, references and WACOT Criminal Check. Mobile: 0428 378 517



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.



A little money purse in the pink flower pattern was found in the Church last weekend, Please contact the Parish office on 9276 8500

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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