

Dear Parishioners,

Last week, I asked you to read the article below regarding the practice, which is unfortunately prevalent in our parish, of leaving the Mass immediately after receiving communion. I have decided that this issue is important enough to reprint the article again this week, for those of you who may not yet have read it. I feel that this is a bad habit which has developed over the years in this parish and has become an acceptable behavior. I can assure you, it does not happen in every parish. Advent is a good time for us to look at how we live our faith and endeavour to improve the way we live it. Coming to a deeper understanding of the Mass is a very important way of growing closer to Christ and so I encourage you strongly to read the article below and take its message into your heart. Elizabeth Harrington, from the Brisbane liturgy office, is a respected liturgist with a deep knowledge of the theology of the Mass. - Fr. Sunny

**"It's not over 'til it's over!"**

A few (people) mentioned the practice of people joining the communion procession, receiving communion and immediately - or very shortly after - walking out of the church. The impression this gives, said one person, is that these people "got" what they came for so there is no need for them to stay around any longer. Some Catholics don't seem to be phased by people leaving early because they are accustomed to it, but visitors and new Catholics find it very disconcerting because it does not happen in other Churches (except perhaps with the Orthodox where the liturgy lasts around three hours!).

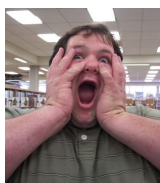
The practice is probably a hangover from pre-Vatican II days when one's Mass obligation was met as long as one was present for the offertory, the consecration and the priest's communion. Hopefully we have grown out of such legalistic behaviour and have a better understanding of why and how we gather for worship as a community of faith.

It is considered to be totally socially unacceptable for someone to get up and leave a dinner party as soon as they had finished eating without any thank-yous or farewells. Walking out before Mass has ended is no less bad-mannered. For a start, there are jobs to be done when Mass is over - tasks like closing windows and tidying up. Those who leave early shirk their responsibility as members of the parish community.

Besides being socially unacceptable, those who leave immediately after communion absent themselves from the last of the four parts of the Mass - the Concluding Rite. The Concluding Rite is the shortest and simplest part of the Mass. According to the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, it consists of: brief announcements (if necessary), the priest's greeting and blessing, the dismissal of the people, and the reverencing of the altar by the priest, deacon and other ministers. (#90)

The fact that the term "Mass" is derived from the dismissal (the Latin *ite Missa est*) suggests that this part of the Mass is very important. The dismissal is not just a way to end the celebration or to say farewell to those who have gathered, although both of these are included. As the General Instruction puts it, the dismissal of the assembly sends us out so that "each may go back to doing good works, praising and blessing God". (#90)

The Concluding Rites of the Mass, though brief, remind us that we are all expected to do our part in carrying on Christ's mission of proclaiming God's word and of serving others. The announcements following the Prayer after Communion offer the assembly opportunities for living out the commitment which Eucharist entails during the coming week, for example, assisting at the food pantry for the needy, gathering for evening prayer on Wednesday, offering transport for the elderly, visiting the sick and housebound. Those who leave early walk away from all of this." - *Liturgy Lines by Elizabeth Harrington 19 October 2014*



**OH NO! HELP US!  
LETTERBOX DROP FOR ADVENT AND  
CHRISTMAS**

SO MANY Christmas fliers are still left in the foyer! We need you to help get more fliers into letterboxes in the parish this week. PLEASE, take a bundle or two home and deliver them during the week—we want to invite everyone! When you take the fliers, please cross off the names of the streets you will be delivering to. THANKS SO MUCH.

**Please do not deliver to streets outside our parish boundary.**



**SPECIAL MOVIE DAY FOR KIDS  
"On Angel Wings"  
This Wednesday 17 Dec at**

**10am**

A brand new Christmas movie to get the children in the Christmas spirit. Some surprise fun and treats for the children. Entry by gold coin donation.

**RSVP essential to Parish office on 9276 8500**



**2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION  
FOR ADVENT**

**Infant Jesus Church - Morley**

Wednesday, 17 Dec 7.30pm - 8.30pm

**Good Shepherd Church - Lockridge**

Thursday, 18 December 7:30pm

**Holy Trinity Church - Embleton**

Friday, 19 December 7pm



**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
LJ YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Friday, 19th December  
7pm-9pm for Year 6 - 12s**

Please bring a plate of Food and a small gift, no more than \$5 for a lucky dip secret Santa... and come dressed in something Christmassy!!! All are welcome

For more info please contact Emma on 0419094433

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY**

Thank you Andrew and Cheryl Davini for organising morning tea last Saturday for the Eucharist Ministers. It was their first social event as a new coordinator for the Eucharist Ministry.

Ministers, please note that there are many spaces which still need filling for Christmas Eve Masses and Christmas Day Masses. Please see the list in the foyer and offer your help as you leave Mass today.

**CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

Come and join our Christmas Choirs for Christmas Eve at 9:30pm and Midnight Masses. Practice time is

**Wednesday 17 December** from 6pm to

7pm. Enquiries to Parish Office on 9276 8500.



Important  
DATE!

To Do:

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

Don't  
FORGET!

Reminder!

## Parish Prayer Concerns

**Recently Deceased:** Kevin Hodgkin;

**Anniversaries:** Bosco Lu, Ray Durel, Derrick De Souza, Carmela Galluccio, Carmela Spiccia, Lidia Natalotto and Br James Groth;

**Deceased:** Salvatore Pugliese and Paul Dunning;

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

*"Lord God, may we your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation....."*

## CALLING ALL CHILDREN - CHILDREN NATIVITY PLAY

Hello parents, the children will be putting on a short item at the Christmas Eve's Family Mass held at 6:30pm. We are calling all children to come and join in. Practice sessions will be held on 20th, 22nd and 23rd December at 4pm in the church hall and should last about just over one hour. Please bring your kids to celebrate the birth of Jesus.



## Christmas Mass Times

### Christmas Eve: Wednesday, 24th December

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

Children are invited to join in the Christmas spirit and come dressed as angels and shepherds.

**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: Wednesday, 31st December

11.30pm Adoration, 12 midnight - Mass of Thanksgiving.  
You are invited to join us for a cuppa after.

## 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.



**LOST:** A pearl and gold bracelet was lost in the church few weeks ago. Please contact Ladette on 9452 7976.



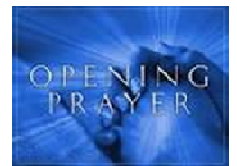
**PILGRIM STATUE:** This week in the home of Mrs Cecilia Khin Si, 12/86 Railway Parade, Bayswater. Ph: 0430 148 090

## 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 5 - "Opening Prayer"

Having prepared ourselves to fully participate in our celebration, the celebrant now invites us to pause for a personal moment of silent prayer... 'Let us pray...' This is a further opportunity for us to be present to God and all those gathered with us and those important to us. The celebrant then goes on to express the theme of this particular celebration [reminding us again why we are gathered] and asks God the Father, through Jesus and the Holy Spirit to hear our prayers.

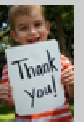


## LIFELINK RAFFLE This Weekend At All Masses

Thank you to Catholic Church Insurance, who has kindly donated a Christmas Hamper to our parish, valued at over \$150. 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.

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank you for all the wonderful toys you donated towards our Christmas Hamper Pack for the families in need. There will be many many little smiling faces rejoicing this Christmas.



## 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.



## 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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