

Dear Parishioners,

This week's Gospel is about Mary's great "Yes" to God.

By now, in the fourth week of the Advent season, our hearts should be ready to offer that same kind of "Yes!" to Him. In saying "I am the handmaid of the Lord", Mary was offering her whole life to God, just as, in her day, the whole life of a servant was subject to the will of his or her master. This is an act of complete trust: Mary was willing to subject herself to God in all things, knowing that His desire is always for her to receive joy and life to the full.

The result of this act of trust was the miracle of the birth of God-made-man: Mary and the world would never be the same! If we, too, were willing to follow His will for our lives, what miracles might we see? What a great Christmas gift it would be if we were able to offer our Lord a "Yes" such as this. - **Fr. Sunny**

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

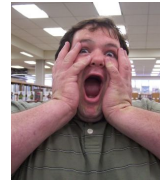
Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am (carols at 9am) and 11:30am (Italian)

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.



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.**

Parish Office and Parish Centre Christmas Closure

The Parish Centre will be closed to all groups from Thursday, 25 December 2014 until Monday, 19 January 2015. The parish office will close over the same period.



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES

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.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN - CHILDREN'S 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 and join the celebration of the birth of Jesus.



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 at the Morley Rec
- Parking by the school and enjoying the short walk.

Please also remember to leave the emergency access clear 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 enjoyable.

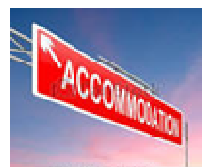


A big "thank you" to Catholic Church Insurances for their gift of a lovely Christmas hamper which we used as the prize in our "LifeLink Raffle" last weekend. **Congratulations** to our winner, **Wency Ferreira**.

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.



Important
DATE!

To Do:

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Don't
FORGET!

Reminder!

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Vera Rose Woods, Pietro Natalotto and Ray Kennedy;

Anniversaries: Rafaele Colangelo, Joe Scacchia, Nicola & Maria Scafetta, Suor Franceschina, Paul Dunning, Vincenzo Caccamo, Gracy Ramunni, Stanley Gordon Demasson, Bibiana Scully, Jack Demasson, Bayly Demasson, Stanley Demasson, Carmela Gallucio, Carmela Spiccia, Lidiya Natalotto and Shirley Le Faucher;

The Sick of the Parish: Maria Stillitano, Lisa Delaney, Priscilla Grainger, Nola & Scott Leckie, Tracey Demasson, Margaret Kent, Kim Scott, Elaine Wallace 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"*

PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The PREP year has come to an end and it has been a very productive and enjoyable year. Thank you to the children who all have been wonderful with their good behaviour and work attitudes. To parents, grandparents and guardians, you are fantastic for your commitment to bringing the children along each week. To our Catechist teachers who dedication and huge commitment to the children in passing on your love of God, are very much appreciated by us all. I pray that baby Jesus bless each of you with a Christmas filled with His love, peace and joy in all your families. I look forward to seeing you again next year when classes start on **Wednesday 11 February at 4:15pm.**

THE PREP ENROLMENT DAY 2015

Families who wish to enrol their children for the Parish Religious Programme classes for 2015 are required to please attend the enrolment day at ONE of the below times:

WEDNESDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2015

2:30pm - 3.30pm OR 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Classes are for the children attending non-catholic schools who family wish them to receive religious instruction and prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Communion or Confirmation. Please bring a copy of your child's Baptism and any other Sacraments certificates. For any enquiries, please contact Sue Goodwin on 9276 8500 or email to ijprep@gmail.com

Thank You
So Much

Last Saturday 13 Dec was The Shopfront Christmas Luncheon for homeless people and those struggling in life. To the many wonderful people who donated the goods and the hardworking people who came on

Friday morning to help making the salads for the luncheon. THANK YOU. May God bless you and your families for your generosity and kindness.
-Sue Goodwin



PILGRIM STATUE: This week in the home of Mr & Mrs D Nathanielsz, 18 Cardwell Ave, Noranda. Ph: 9276 5048

Calendar of Saints

23 Dec: St John of Kanty, Priest (1473AD)

25 Dec: The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas Day

26 Dec: St Stephen, The First Martyr

27 Dec: St John, Apostle and Evangelist

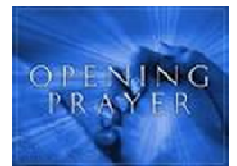
28 Dec: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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.



LINE DANCING NEWS

Tuesday Class will close for Christmas on Tuesday 16 December 2014 and class will recommence on Tuesday 20 January 2015.

Thursday class will close for Christmas on Thursday 18 December 2014 and class will recommence on Thursday 22 January 2015.



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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