

Dear Parishioners,

Advent has commenced and the weeks until Christmas will pass quickly. We should all desire to use this time well, to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child. In the Divine Office this morning the closing prayer was; *"let our every thought, word and deed aim at doing what is pleasing in Your sight"*. During Advent we should be making an extra effort to keep Jesus at the forefront of our thoughts and listening to him, rather than the world. Instead of browsing the myriad of catalogues that will pour into our letterboxes, let us put them aside and take a passage from the bible or our Advent booklet to reflect on. While we are planning gifts for our family and friends, let us not forget our gifts for the poor and to make time for the lonely. Let us start and end each day with a few moments talking to and listening to God. Let these actions be our Christmas gift to him. —Fr. Sunny



Active Waiting

Waiting is essential to the spiritual life. But waiting as a disciple of Jesus is not an empty waiting. It is a waiting with a promise in our hearts that makes already present what we are waiting for. We wait during Advent for the birth of Jesus. We wait after Easter for the coming of the Spirit and after the Ascension of Jesus we wait for his coming again in glory. We are always waiting, but it is a waiting in the conviction that we have already seen God's footsteps. Waiting for God is an active, alert-yes, joyful waiting as we wait we remember him for whom we are waiting, and as we remember him we create a community ready to welcome him

when he comes.—Henri Nouwen

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve: Thursday, 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: Friday, 25th December

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

NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

New Year's Eve: Thursday, 31st December

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

2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION IN ADVENT

Wednesday, 16 December 7.30pm - 8.30pm

Mark your diary now. 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 individuals 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.



ADVENT PIETY STALL THIS WEEKEND 28/29 NOV AT ALL MASSES

Please come and have a browse at our Advent Piety Stall at all Masses on next weekend. 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.



SPREAD THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE LETTERBOX DROP FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

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 families and as Christian communities, to "prepare a way for the Lord" (Matthew 3:3). 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 boundary.**



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.

TUESDAY 8 DECEMBER 12PM TO 1PM

Please bring a plate for a shared lunch afterwards.

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 16 December due to the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Advent.**



SPECIAL MOVIE DAY "The Life of St. Augustine"

On Wednesday, 9th December at 10am in the Parish Library. All welcome

CHILDREN AND INFANTS MEMORIAL GARDEN APPEAL

The appeal launched last month is progressing. **\$4,475.60** has been raised so far and we thank the four donor families for their generosity. This is a good



start toward the **\$39,418.95** target. Please consider helping us reach our goal with a donation from your family. See the display in the foyer and take a flier, which will give you all the information you need.



Lions Christmas Cakes

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



Catholic Women's League

Reminder to all members that our last meeting for the year is next Tuesday, 8th of December in the Parish Library after 9am Mass and Rosary. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea. Ladies of all ages are welcome.

Important
DATE!

To Do:

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Don't
FORGET!

Reminder!

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Eric John Sivwright;

Deceased: Michael Filose and N. Ledic and Thomas Choo;

Anniversaries: Alfredo De Filippi, Dina De Filippi, Bertrand D'Costa, Peter and Maria Nguyen;

The Sick of the Parish: Salvatore Belardo, Pina Palermo, Hung, Priscilla Grainger, Bernard Spiers, Patricia and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

"When Christ comes, may He strengthen your hearts in holiness"

MISSION PARTNERS MORLEY UPDATE

The recent Battle of the Voices Contest raised \$600 with approximately sixty people attending. The "Editor@the.record.com.au" has kindly offered to publish an article with photos promoting further contests other parishes in WA culminating in one regional contest-dinner and a large monetary prize.

New members, sound equipment operators, promotional officers etc are needed for this project so why not join me in forming a new Battle of the Voices parish committee. Please meet on Sunday 13th December in the Parish Centre over a cup of coffee after the 9.30am Mass or contact me on 9272 8263 or margaretbox7@bigpond.com

Our first **RESTORE CHRISTMAS STALL** is on Sunday 6th December after all Masses when my short mission CD will also be shown after Communion. Cakes, small Christmas gifts for friends, families and office members will be available to purchase. Please support this worthy cause.

Celebrating Advent—Healing Mass

Led by **F Varghese Parackal VC and Fr Rojan George VC**
On 19th December at 9am to 1.30pm
Infant Jesus Church

Experience the love and healing graces of our Lord that will bring hope, transformation and fulfilment into Advent of our lives. All welcome.

GIANT GARAGE SALE: We are collecting all kinds of Household, shed and garden items: bric a brac, Manchester, linen, ornaments, china, kitchenware, homewares, jewellery, personal care (makeup, etc), toys, children's clothing in good condition, games, DVD's, lamps, tools, camping, sporting etc.

Items we cannot use are: audio visual, DVD players, microwaves, clothing which is not in as-new condition, furniture.

HELP NEEDED:

- Can you count? We need volunteers who have time at home to count puzzle pieces, so that we can sell puzzles in good conscience, knowing they are complete.
- Do you have some free time on Mondays or Thursdays to help sort and pack? We would love to hear from you! Please call the office.
- We are still collecting all kinds of packing materials: bubble wrap, tissue paper, plastic zip bags from blankets, sheets etc. (No loose foam pellets or beans, thanks.)



PILGRIM STATUE: This week is in the home of S Haney
2 Richards Pl, Noranda
Ph: 0412 589 461

Calendar of Saints

- 29th Nov:** Blessed Denis of the Nativity, Martyr (1638AD)
- 30th Nov:** **ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE**
- 3rd Dec:** St. Francis Xavier, Priest (1552AD)
- 4th Dec:** St. John Damascene, Poet (749AD)

UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES

BOWLING—For all Year 6 to 12

AMF Bowling in Morley, Sunday night 29 Nov at 7.30 - 9pm If you need a lift, please meet at Parish centre at 7pm. Cost is \$16.90 for one game or \$23.90 for two games. If you are under 14 years of age, the cost is \$14.90 and \$21.90 respectively. Please contact Emma on 0419 094 433 for more information.



CHRISTMAS PARTY—For All in Year 5 to 12

Friday night, 18 Dec from 7 to 9pm in the Parish Hall. Come for a night of live music, games, activities and more! Please bring a plate of food to share, and a wrapped gift to the value of no more than \$5 to go towards prizes. Come and celebrate the birth of Jesus in a whole new way! Invite your friends. Contact Emma for more information.



YOUNG LADIES RETREAT on Wed 30th Dec. Come for a day of Prayer, Reflection, as well as food, and hanging out at the beach. This retreat will be held all day for young ladies, 14 to 25 years old, and is a chance to finish the year with a focus on God, as well as thinking about our goals for the year 2016. This will especially be good for those who are heading out of year 12 into the world and would like the opportunity to seek God's guidance in their decisions. But will also be good for all of us as we reflect on our life, and where God might be leading us. If you are interested please contact Emma on 0419 094 433.

SUMMER SCHOOL—For those aged from 16 to 35

8 Days of Inspiring Talks, Seminars, Mass, Adoration, Rosary, Reconciliation, Games, Pool Time, Powerful Night Sessions, Live Contemporary Christian Music, Lazer Tag and More. Early Bird Prices close on 30 Nov for a really cheap \$250 for the week including all food and accommodation at Camp Wattle Grove. You can register online, pick up a flier from the back of the church or contact Emma 0419 094 433.

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 & 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 9.30 - 10.30am and 7.30 - 8.30pm

Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments:

Please contact the Parish Office.

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