

Prepare the Way



2nd RITE OF RECONCILIATION FOR ADVENT Wednesday 21 December at 7.30pm Infant Jesus Church

You are invited to join your parish family for this communal Rite of Reconciliation as we come together to listen and reflect on the Word of God, to express our sorrow for the times we have failed and to praise our God, whose forgiveness is unailing.

In the words of Pope Francis, "The Sacrament of Reconciliation calls us back to God, and embraces us with His infinite mercy and joy. May we allow his love to renew us as his children and to reconcile us with him, with ourselves and with one another." Please come and join your parish community for this life-giving and healing celebration.



PERPETUAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

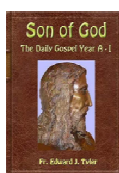
Please join in our novena each Wednesday evening in the church, **7.15pm** til 8.15pm. Please note that there will be no novena on 21st December due to the 2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Advent.



VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL THIS WEEKEND 17th/18th DECEMBER AT ALL MASSES

SON OF GOD

This e-book, which may be downloaded free of charge to a computer or e-reader/ tablet/ iPhone, offers the Gospel for every day of this coming Liturgical Year A-1 (Sundays Year A, weekdays Year 1), together with a reflection of some 750 words on each daily Gospel. This Liturgical Year A-1 began on the First Sunday of Advent 2016 and will continue till November of 2017. It may be passed on to friends or acquaintances as desired. It carries the Imprimatur of Archbishop Anthony Fisher of Sydney, given to this publication when he was Bishop of Parramatta. Son of God: The Daily Gospel Year A-1 may be accessed at the following URL address: www.catholic-thoughts.info/ebook/



Dear Parishioners,

This weekend, Saturday 17th December, Fr. Tadgh celebrates his Golden Jubilee of priestly ordination. We congratulate him and thank him for his continued dedication to serving the Lord.

Today we celebrate the 4th Sunday of Advent, which means that Christmas is close at hand. Are we prepared to welcome Christ? We are all aware of the story of the nativity, with all its joyful aspects: excited shepherds, hosts of angels singing praise, the blessed and holy parents and child. But are we as familiar with the other stories that surround the birth? The stories we have heard in the readings over Advent are strange and challenging. John the Baptist is a powerful and demanding figure. His call for repentance is unequivocal and his warning that "one is coming" can be unsettling. Christmas is a time of joy, but also a time to make sure that we have made straight all that is crooked in our lives. I hope to see you all on Wednesday at our communal Reconciliation service. —Fr. Sunny



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve: Saturday, 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: Sunday, 25th December

Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am (carols at 9am), 11.30am (Italian) and 6pm.

Feast of the Holy Family: Friday, 30th January

Masses at 7am and 9am. Exposition 9.30am-10.30am and 7.30pm-8.30pm

New Year's Eve: Saturday, 31st December (Mary, Mother of God)

6.30pm—Vigil Mass; 11.30pm Adoration, 12 Midnight Mass of Thanksgiving
Please join us for a light supper after.

PLEASE BRING A PLATE AND HELP TO CLEAN UP.

New Year's Day: Sunday, 1st January (Mary, Mother of God)

Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian) and 6pm.



Christmas Closure

for Parish Office and Parish Centre



The Parish Centre will be closed to all groups from Friday, 23 December 2016 until Monday, 23 January 2017. The parish office will close over the same period.

**PLEASE NOTE. NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT
SUNDAY 9.30AM MASS DURING
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

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.**

Important
DATE!

To Do:

WHAT'S HAPPENING

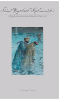
Don't
Forget!

Reminder!

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Patricia Williams and Enrico Brunini;**Deceased:** Phyllis Joan Barras;**Anniversaries:** Paul Christopher Dunning, Gracy Ramunni, Vincenzo Caccamo, Bibiana Scully, Carmela Spiccia, Maria Grillo and Arnold Cabrerros;**The Sick of the Parish:** Ross Smith, Paul de Largie, Denise Bendotti, Ossie Gonsalves, Priscilla Grainger, Bernard Spears and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.*"Let the Lord enter; He is king of glory"***Vietnamese Translation for Sunday Readings:** Có các bài đọc Tiếng Việt cho ngày Chúa Nhật – Quý vị xử dụng và mang về nhà –Sr. Madeline Pham**PILGRIM STATUE:** This week in the home of Mr and Mrs D Nathanielsz 18 Cardwell Avenue, Noranda. Ph: 9276 5048**CALENDAR OF SAINTS****21 Dec: St Peter Canisius, Priest (1597)****23 Dec: St John of Kanty, Priest (1473)****Saint Raphael Kalinowski**
(Apprenticed to Sainthood in Siberia)

The dramatic story of St. Raphael, by Fr. Tadgh, is now available from the piety stall and Parish centre, price \$19.95. St Raphael is only the second male Carmelite Saint after St. John of the Cross.



Parish Ministries Roster

17/18 December—4th Sunday of Advent

Ministry	Sat 6.30pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes	J Nicoletto	B Vertannes	E Delaney	C Yapp
Altar Servers	Marc, Ethan, Brian and Aaditya	Bao Nguyen	Conan, Kevin and Lyn	Tin Pham and John Lopez
Proclaimers	C Andrews and G Nayar	S Chrimes-Kluck and N Huynh	C Reincastle and J McManus	M Hunt and S Palmer
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	C Andrews, W Chan, J Tomczak, T Tierney, L Sutedjo & T Nguyen-Le	M Foley, F Saliba, A Davini, A Colonico, L Delaney and B D'Amico	M Collopy, M Dique, D Miranda, J Reincastle, P Mooney and E Wittensleger	I Byrde, R Pinto, M McKenna, M Hunt, L Yapp, L & G Dhue
Hospitality	S Filose and B Wong	N de Largie and M Boog	S Menezes and J McManus	J Byrde and F Palermo
Church Cleaning	Team D			

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange for someone else in your Ministry to take your place.

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:

- Car pooling to Christmas Mass with family and friends
- Choosing to walk to Mass
- Using the alternative parking at the Morley Recreation Centre
- Parking by the school and enjoying the short walk.

**Please also remember to leave the emergency access outside the Church and along the curbing clear. Please respect any "NO PARKING" notices and refrain from parking on the neighbours' verges.**

Together we can make our Christmas services safe and enjoyable.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Has your child (or grandchild) ever expressed an interest in helping the priests at Mass? The Altar Server Ministry is looking for dedicated children who have received their First Communion and would like to take part in one of the most sacred parts of our faith, the Mass.

Training for new Altar Servers will begin soon. Parents who wish to have their children trained can pick up an Expression of Interest Form from the church foyer and return the completed form to the Parish office as soon as possible.

**FRANKLY MAGAZINE—LATEST ISSUE OUT NOW!**
ONLY \$4.00 From Piety Stall**THE RECORD MAGAZINE****NEW ISSUE AVAILABLE TODAY FROM THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**

MISSION PARTNERS MORLEY

A big "thank you" to everyone who helped to raise \$800 for the restoration of a poor Indian family's village hut. It will be like winning Lotto for them.



The \$800 raffle was provided by our Catholic Women's Group which also contributed \$90. First and second prizes were won by retired parishioner Pauline Cornelious and Aileen Budge.

When I spent ten days in India recently I was treated like a queen. I am encouraged to do more for Indian people on the lowest financial rung, surviving on \$2 per day.

I can be a guest speaker in homes, or wherever interested people might gather. They could bring a plate or donate morning / afternoon tea and bring family and friends. A short video is available.

I have spoken with success at two Catenian Men's meetings, in churches and on a number of other occasions.

Again, many thanks to everyone for your prayers and help over many years.

Maggie Box, President of Mission Partners, Morley (established in 1981). For more info please call 9272 8263 or email margaretbox7@bigpond.com