

Dear Parishioners,

Our **First Reading**, like that of last week, features a classic expression of messianic hope from the prophet Isaiah (11:1–10). Isaiah writes that the redemption of the people will come through a particular person, a leader from the house of David, who will be anointed to bring peace and justice and so inaugurate the messianic age. There will be harmony between people and in the world of nature. It is a reversal of the Fall and a restoration of Eden. The country will be filled 'with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.' That is, the knowledge of God associated with the anointed leader will radiate out from him to the whole of society and even to the animal world. It is an ecological vision of redemption and holiness.

The **Second Reading**, from Romans 15:4-9, has Paul addressing differences among Gentile believers in Rome. Whatever differences in community living may arise, they are to 'accept' ('welcome') one another. In the words of Isaiah quoted in Matthew's Gospel (12:21) Jesus is the Messiah in whose name 'the Gentiles will place their hope' (Isa 42:4). The acceptance Gentile believers have received from God and the hope that it has brought into their lives should lead them to be accepting and tolerant of others.

Today's **Gospel**, Matthew 3:1-12, presents us with the appearance and preaching of John the Baptist. John's message, 'Prepare a way for the Lord', is the overall theme of Advent. John was a fierce preacher of the end of the age and the need for conversion. Jesus also calls for conversion, but his tone is different. The 'way' to God's love is love. The true 'knowledge of the Lord' that Jesus will impart must be prepared in the human heart. The good news will then find a receptive and fruitful hearing. The greatest obstacle to conversion of heart is complacency – especially that which stems from a privileged status. This complacency undermines our ability to live with self-awareness and integrity, with love and hope.

Pope Francis on the Meaning and Importance of the Nativity Scene

On Sunday 1 December Pope Francis travelled to Greccio, where St Francis set up the first Christmas Crib. There he signed an Apostolic Letter with his reflections on the Christmas Crib. It is a brief and beautiful meditation. I think it would make excellent reading for us this Advent. Search: "Francis Admirabile Signum" or go straight to <https://press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/it/bollettino/pubblico/2019/12/01/0953/01938.html#en>

Blessings, Greg



WELCOME! ACYF Pilgrims to Our Parish

It is wonderful to be celebrating our Saturday 6pm Mass with the visiting pilgrims from Bunbury and NSW who will be attending the Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2019 held at the Perth Convention Center from 8–9 December. All are invited to the BBQ dinner in the parish centre after Mass. For more information on the Festival visit <https://youthfestival.catholic.org.au/>



Archbishop Tim Costelloe SDB warmly invites all members of the Catholic Community of Perth to join him and the bishops of Australia, and thousands of young Catholics from across the country, as they celebrate the Closing Mass of the Australian Catholic Youth Festival on Tuesday, December 10, on the oval of Trinity College, 2 Trinity Avenue, East Perth.

The Mass will commence at 6.30pm and will be preceded by a time of spiritual preparation from 6pm onwards.



Holy Hour of Grace Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary Monday 9th December 12 noon -1pm in the Church followed by lunch in the Parish Hall

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

Please bring a small plate for a shared lunch.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN— COME AND SING!

6pm Sunday Choir group would like to invite children of the parish to join and sing with the choir for Christmas Carol and Mass singing on the 24 December 6pm Mass. If you are interested in involving your children, please call Faith on 0426 092 321 or email ijsacramental@gmail.com for more details.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL TOY APPEAL

Help our chapter of the SVDP spread some joy this Christmas by donating a new toy. These will be given out to the children of families coming to collect their Christmas hamper. Toys need to be donated by Thursday 12 December and can be passed to the priests, or dropped off at the parish office.



VINNIES XMAS APPEAL so far has reached \$3147.60 and climbing! Heartfelt thanks to all. *Morley-Dianella Conference*

2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Advent Wednesday 11th December at 7pm Infant Jesus Church

Prepare a way for the Lord—Prepare yourself for the Christmas season by joining 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 unfailing.

The second form of the sacrament of penance is a communal liturgical celebration from beginning to end. It begins with the community listening to the word of God. The homily emphasises our need for repentance and the infinite mercy of God. During the examination of conscience, the assembly reflects together on where and how they have fallen short of their baptismal commitment to follow Christ. The individual confession and absolution that follows is communal too in that the penitents approach the confessors in full view of all present.

The priests sit at appropriate points around the worship space in such a way that penitents can be seen but not heard by others. This is easily arranged in most churches. Those who wish to confess their sins approach one of the priests. While no restriction is placed on the individual's confession, good manners and common sense dictate that people limit the time they spend with confessors. More time for integral confession and spiritual guidance is available at the first rite.

It is a moving experience to witness fellow Christians humbling themselves by publicly approaching a confessor for forgiveness. As they do, we pray for them, that they will know the fullness of God's grace and mercy.

RAISE YOUR VOICE, BE HEARD! PLENARY COUNCIL COMMUNAL DISCERNMENT SESSION 3



Monday
9th December - 7pm
Parish Centre

THEME FOR THE EVENING: *Prayerful and Eucharistic – How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is prayerful and Eucharistic?*



THE WAY Advent and Christmas Daily Reflection 2019

Available now for only \$4 a copy
from the Church Piety Stall or parish office.



Jesus is *“the way”* — the short, spiritually rich daily reflections in this slimline pocket size book provide a wonderful opportunity to learn from Jesus the way of trust in our heavenly Father, to grow in holiness and also to allow him to be the lamp unto our feet and a light for our path as we journey towards the mystery of the Christmas miracle and through the many mysteries in our lives.

Don't delay—stay awake, keep watch, take heart ... come take a walk with Jesus from now till 12 January 2020 and discover the abundant blessings that God wishes to give to those who walk in his ways.

Also available for Christmas and the New Year:

- Lions Christmas Cakes: Small 1kg \$13, Large 1.5kg - \$17
- 2020 Columban Calendar: \$8
- Majellan Christmas Cards: \$7 for 10

LETTERBOX DROP FOR CHRISTMAS

“The light shines in the darkness and the darkness shall not overcome it.”



Bring the light of Christ to your neighbours by inviting them to our Christmas liturgies, where they will hear the message of hope that is the Christmas story. Be part of our parish letterbox drop and take some fliers to deliver to the streets around you. Please cross off the streets you will deliver to from the list of our parish streets in the foyer. Please do not deliver to streets outside our parish boundaries (only streets in our parish are listed). This is one easy way to be the missionary disciples we are called to be, as well as a good excuse to go for a walk!



PILGRIM STATUE: The Pilgrim Statue will be in the home of Sandra Haney; 2 Richards Pl, Noranda.
Ph: 0412 589 461

CALENDAR OF SAINTS

- 09 Dec:** Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- 13 Dec:** St Lucy
- 14 Dec:** St John of the Cross

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently deceased: Doug Bolton, Melvyn Fredericks, Jack Reardon, Bernadette D'Amico;

Deceased: Gerald Yeo, members of Minh Pham, Chi and Chin families;

Anniversaries: Giosue D'Alessandro, Settimio D'Alessandro, Filomena Zappacosta, Vincenzo Masciulli, Rosario Masciulli, Andrew Pow, Giocondo Colantonio;

The Sick of the Parish: Alan Summersett, Lucas Bendotti, Priscilla Grainger, Trudy Berghuber, Margaret Tindale, Glen and Agnes McGuinness, Peter Green, Mary Byrne, Loretta Hicks, and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

*“May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.”*

All are also invited to join in and support the many other pre-Christmas celebrations being held in Perth (more details on the foyer boards)

Chisholm Carols by Candlelight —Tuesday 17 Dec 6.30-8.30pm, college oval. Sausage sizzle available for purchase or BYO picnic

A Voice For Her – Christmas Reflection In Word and Music, hosted by Catholic Mission - Thursday 12 Dec 7pm – 8.30pm, St Patrick's Basilica Tickets: Adults \$30; Conc \$20; Under 12 yrs Free.

Buckets For Jesus Christmas Dinner Fundraiser In support of earthquake victims in the Philippines. Saturday 14 Dec 6.30pm FACPI Clubhouse. Book online @ trybooking.com/BHAYL

Buckets For Jesus Christmas Bazaar Gift Ideas, clothes, shoes, bric-a-brac, plants and furniture. Saturdays 9am to 4pm, 4 Cowle Street, West Perth. All proceeds to earthquake victims and homeless.

PARISH OFFICE AND PARISH CENTRE WILL BE CLOSED ON 24 DECEMBER 2019 AND REOPENS IN THE NEW YEAR ON TUESDAY 28 JANUARY 2020

Christmas Celebrations

Tuesday 24 December — CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Vigil Mass at 6pm
Christmas Midnight Mass at 12.00am
- Carols 30 minutes before each Mass

Wednesday 25 December — CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am
and 11.30am (Italian Mass)
[No evening Mass]
- Carols 30 minutes before each Mass

In Our Church

Morning Prayer of the Church: Mon-Fri, 6.40am; Sat 8.00am
Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am, Sat and Public Holidays: 8.30am
Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am (Children's Liturgy during school terms), 11.30am (Italian), 6pm (Youth Mass 2nd Sundays)
Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5pm - 5.30pm

Perpetual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel:
Wednesday 7.00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30 - 10.30am
Eucharistic Prayer: Friday 6.30 - 7.30pm

Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.

Our Parish Team

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THIS WEEKEND — 7/8 December—2nd Sunday of Advent

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Sat 6pm</u>	<u>Sun 7.30am</u>	<u>Sun 9.30am</u>	<u>Sunday 6pm</u>
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Bob Burns	Chris Wray	Sophie Menezes	Marion Wayne
Altar Servers	Marc; Ethan; Peter Tran and Teresa	Madeleine and Frank	Crissanto; Victoria and Denver	Alexander; Aimee and Shaun
Proclaimers	John and Sylvia	Joanne and Sjen	Josephine and Mike	Maureen and Anna
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Team A—Lenna; Betty; John T and Larissa	Team A—Mike; Frank; John S; Anna; and Lesley	Team B—Patrick; Annette; Maureen; Joan; Teresa and Errol	Team B—Ivor; Rita; Tristan; Teresa; Josephine and Anna
Hospitality	Chris T and Janice	Barb and Veronica	Josephine and Joshila	Joanne and Anne
Church Cleaning	Team C—Saturday, 14th December @ 9.30am			

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

NEXT WEEKEND —14/15 December—3rd Sunday of Advent

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Sat 6pm</u>	<u>Sun 7.30am</u>	<u>Sun 9.30am</u>	<u>Sunday 6pm</u>
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	Paul Wachtel	Eamon Delaney	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Elysha; Carmen and Alexis	Cyril and Marcus	Conan; Ruben; Leandra and Gabrielle	Tim; Dan; Royce and Alyssa
Proclaimers	Chris T and Thelma	Sally and Tang	Charles Reincastle and Josephine McManus	Fely and Rita
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Team B—Chris A; William; John T; Chris T; Tracy	Team B—Brian; Noeline; Kerry; Kathleen; Cheryl and Roma	Team C—Evelyn; Linda; Denise; Marlene; Josephine and Aileen	Team A—Ivor; Rita; Marie; Maureen; Luisa or Glenn and Thuy
Hospitality	Roopa and John T	Rose and Mavis	Roma and Patrick	Marie and Maureen
Church Cleaning	Team D—Friday, 20 December @ 10.30am			

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**Expressions of Interest for Enrolments
at Infant Jesus School**



The family is the first and most important influence in the development of religious faith in the child. Parents who enrol children at our school are asking us to share with them the responsibility of bringing up their children as Christians under the guidance of the teachings of the Catholic Church. The school supports parents in this important role.

Infant Jesus School welcomes expressions of interest for enrolments in all year levels from Pre-Kindergarten to Year Six.

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Please contact Infant Jesus School (Cheryl) on 9276 1769 or visit the website www.infantjesus.wa.edu.au for information regarding an enrolment pack.

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