

Dear Parishioners,

Today we announce a very important and historic initiative by our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

Ahead of the meeting of the world bishops in Rome at the end of 2014, he wants to know what you think about key aspects of the teachings of the Catholic Church on the family. All of you are strongly encouraged to take part.

Please read the notice below and follow the instructions to have your say in the future of our Church.

Today we begin the season of Advent, when we are expected to spend some time preparing our hearts for the coming of the Christ child into our lives anew.

If you have not already done so, please take the opportunity to buy a small reflection booklet, they are available for as little as \$2.00. Then use it daily to create a small space in your life for prayer, leading up to Christmas. - Fr. Sunny.

POPE FRANCIS CALLS FOR PERTH CATHOLICS' VIEWS ON THE FAMILY

Parishioners worldwide have been invited by Pope Francis to participate in a Catholic Questionnaire on the challenges facing the family today. The questionnaire covers: faith in family life, marriage, divorce, annulment, same-sex unions, natural family planning, and the participation in the Sacraments as part of family life.

There are **three ways** by which you may participate in the questionnaire:

Option One: go online to www.surveymonkey/s/PerthFamily and complete the questionnaire online.

Option Two: go to www.perthcatholic.org.au and download the questionnaire. You can then complete it and mail it as instructed, by the due date.

Option Three: go to www.perthcatholic.org.au and download the questionnaire. You may then cut and paste the questions and your responses (or re-type them yourself) into an email, which may then be sent to derek.cmfs@perthcatholic.org.au

Responses need to be received by **5pm on Monday 9th December**. Further information about the survey from: Catholic Marriage and Fertility Services, P) 9241 5000, E) derek.cmfs@perthcatholic.org.au.

NOT ALL 29 QUESTIONS NEED TO BE ANSWERED. Please feel completely free to choose what you wish to answer.

Copies of the preparatory document, the questions and the questionnaire are available from the large A-frame in the foyer, for those who are unable to print it at home. Large print copies are also available from the parish office on request.

This questionnaire should take about 30 minutes to complete online and is best done after a time of reflection and preparation. Please take some time to think about your contribution before responding.

THE DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES TO THE SURVEY IS 5PM, MONDAY 9TH DECEMBER

2nd Rite of Reconciliation for Advent Wednesday 18th December 7.30pm—8.30pm

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.



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.



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.

Last Easter, around 4500 invitations went out, but they still only reached about half the streets in our parish. This Christmas we have printed 5000 invitations, so let's see if we can get them all delivered and reach even more homes. Jesus was always inviting people to join him and often his simple invitation was enough to completely change their lives. The invitation you drop into a certain letterbox might just do the same!

Advent Piety Stall At All Masses This Weekend

A selection of Advent Reflection booklets, family resources for Advent, St Vincent de Paul and Majellan Christmas cards, gifts and ornaments, Columban Calendars and much more....



ALSO AVAILABLE : Little Blue Books for Advent — \$4
"Behold—Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections, 2013 - \$2.00 (contains contributions by Fr. Paul Maunder, Fr. Gerard Moran, Fr. Aloysius Rego and Fr. Greg Homeming)
God's Word 2014 Daily Reflections Books — \$10

Important
DATE!

To Do:

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Don't
FORGET!

Reminder!

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Phyllis Copcutt, Calvin Christoffelsz, Maria Faraone, Antonino Foti;

Anniversaries: Alfredo De Filippi, Errol Wales, George Dias, Arthur Pererira, Celine Anime, Clair Oorloff, Giocondo Colantonio, Mary Angela Abreu;

Deceased: Kay Falla, Maria & Lorenzo Zaffino, Cedric Klienman, Bertha & Stella Saviel;

The Sick of the Parish: Lisa and Eamon Delaney, Ron Rucci, Rodney Brian McGuinness, Kevin Hodgkin and all who are in need of our prayers.

*"As we serve You now, accept our offering
and sustain us with Your promise of eternal life."*

Phillipines Disaster Appeal—Morley Youth Group

Next weekend, 7th and 8th December, our new teenage youth group will be speaking at Masses and taking a retiring collection for the Caritas Phillipines Disaster appeal. Our young people have spent time since their Confirmation looking at many social justice issues and thinking of ways to be proactive in helping the marginalized and those in need. As a parish we welcome their enthusiasm and compassion and so encourage you to support them in their desire to contribute. Please come prepared to give generously next weekend.



PILGRIM STATUE: This week in the home of Mr & Mrs J P Llamado, 7 Hutt Way, Morley. PH: 0450 994 236

Calendar of Saints

- 3 Dec: St. Francis Xavier, Priest (1552AD)
- 4 Dec: St. John Damascene, Poet (749AD)
- 6 Dec: St. Nicolas, Bishop (350AD)
- 7 Dec: St. Ambrose, Bishop (397AD)



SALAD MAKERS NEEDED – for the SHOPFRONT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Thank you to all those who have so generously **donated items** for The Shopfront Christmas party, items of bags of chips, party mix lollies, 2 litre soft drinks, tins of fruit salad and chocolates are still needed for this party. Please drop them off to the parish office or contact Shopfront direct on 9371 9109.

Many **helping hands** are also needed to make rice salad and potato salad for this Christmas luncheon for those living on the streets or struggling in life. So we are having a "COOKING BEE" on Friday 6 December at 10.30am at the parish centre to prepare these salads. If you can come along and help with cooking rice, cutting & cooking vegetables or assembling the salads etc please contact Sue Goodwin at the parish office on 9276 8500 or ijsacramental@carmelite.com.

*FIRST CANDLE on the wreath is already lit before the Mass begins.
Following the Greeting, the Presider moves to the Advent Wreath.*



Presider

As we gather round our Advent wreath to prepare for the lighting of the **SECOND CANDLE**, let us pray that nothing may hinder us from receiving Christ with JOY.

Pause

In the words of the acclamations (which you will find in the bulletin), we pray...

Pause

Presider: A voice cries in the wilderness:
All: **Prepare the way for the Lord!**

Presider: Across the desert, through the valleys, over every mountain:
All: **Make his paths straight!**

Presider: Repent and believe the Good News:



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.

MONDAY, 9 DECEMBER 12PM—1PM

Please bring a plate to share for lunch



St. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL.

Members of the Morley/Dianella chapter of the SVDP would like to thank everyone who donated funds last weekend towards the Christmas appeal. The amount raised will be notified in next week's newsletter. Thank you.

Lounge Suite to give away.

A 2nd hand 3 seater lounge is available at no charge. Please phone 92768336

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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