

Dear sisters and brothers,

Our Gospel today comes from Luke (Lk 1: 26-38). At the end of Advent we focus on Mary and her response to the invitation to become the mother of the Lord. When the angel appears, Mary is frightened and perplexed. She simply does not understand what is going on. So, she bravely and intelligently asks how this is to happen. The answer given is that it will come about through the creative power of God's Holy Spirit. The child born to her will be her son but also, uniquely, God's Son. God will come to dwell with us in the form of a poor, vulnerable baby - the Infant Jesus. It all hinges on Mary's 'yes' - her astonishingly fruitful faith and trust in God. At Christmas we celebrate this central mystery of faith which is also our patronal feast of the Infant Jesus and his Immaculate Mother. Let us rejoice and be glad!

Every blessing, Greg

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Sunday 24 December – CHRISTMAS EVE

Vigil Mass at 6.00pm (*Family Mass*)

Christmas Midnight Mass at 12.00am

Carols 30 minutes before each Mass

Monday 25 December – CHRISTMAS DAY

Masses at 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (*Italian*)

Carols 30 minutes before each Mass

NO EVENING MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

Tuesday 26 December – Feast of St. Stephen

Mass at 8.30am only (*public-holiday*)



Just a gentle reminder from the parish staff that the Parish Centre and parish office are now **CLOSED TO ALL GROUPS** and will **re-open on Monday 29th January 2024**. The answering machine and email will be attended - please leave a message and we will get back to you.

PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Fred Colum, Eugen Vadasz;

Deceased: Elsie & Nicholas Nunis, Francis Wayne Fitzgerald, Fausta Presillas, Rafael Sulib, Rotelio Sulib, Severa Coming, Emeliana Montecillo, Ronald Fitzgerald, Laureuco Martius, members of Peters & Mathew family;

Anniversaries: Adalgisa Davini, Maria Hong Vu, Norma Ryan, George Kutty Joseph, Charlotte & Elder Boswell, Jim Hayes, Antonio Panizza, Vincenzo Guerrini

The Sick of the Parish: all who are in need of our prayers.

"I call to you, Lord, everyday."



PILGRIM STATUE

This week in the home of Annette and Doug Nathanielsz
Ph: 0448 876 304

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

Donate the cash \$\$\$ that's in your containers to our parish



Our parish has joined Containers for Change. We are doing our part to make a difference in our communities and to our environment.

Please use our scheme ID number C10437245 when you return your containers and we will receive the refunds directly into the parish account.

For your convenience we have made a little card with our scheme number for your next return. The cards are available in the church foyer. We would love for your support!



Have you misplaced or lost anything - water bottles, glasses, sunnies, a child's puffer jacket. etc?

Please check the Lost Property cupboard in the church foyer by Sunday 14 January 2024. All unclaimed items will be removed and disposed off accordingly.



The family of Norm Jacobsen would like to extend a sincere thank you to all our dear friends and parishioners who attended his funeral. It was a beautiful service and knowing that you were there, praying for him too, was a comfort for our family.

Thank you to all parishioners at Infant Jesus for their prayers and condolences on the sad passing of my daughter, Jennifer Bowley, particularly Father John for his counsel, Sue Baile, Loretta Sivwright and all the Bereavement Team, especially those who attended her farewell service. I am very blessed to belong to such wonderful community at Infant Jesus Church. God Bless. Regards, Anne Bowley.



NEXT WEEKEND — 31 December 2023—The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Ministry	Sat 6pm	Sun 7.30am	Sun 9.30am	Sunday 6pm
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Peter Nguyen-Le	Marion Wayne	David Pham	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Josemiguel; Andres and Nathan	Aaron	Crissantto; Cesar and Leah	Alex; Dorothy; Bryant and Alden
Proclaimers	Marian F and Tang	Rita and Joanne	Mark and Mike	Fely and Anna
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	John T; Chris T; Tracy and Marie	Kerryn; Kathleen; Margaret and Andrew	Anna; Errol; Roma and Aileen	Maureen; Thuy; Ivor and Tristan
Hospitality	Ann and Donna-Marie	Mavis and Catrina	Deb and Loretta	Ancilla and Chrystal
Church Cleaning	Team C— Saturday, 6 January 2024 @ 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.