

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who was involved in preparing for and participating in the liturgies for Advent and Christmas. Each year, at this time, there is so much to be done; but there are always generous people willing to give up their time and energies to get things done and ensure that the liturgies are celebrated in a meaningful and inclusive way. Whether you helped by delivering fliers, writing prayers, serving at Mass or handing out sweets or cake—or any of the other many tasks—our celebrations would not have been the same without your efforts. Thank you all!

Now that the holidays are underway, we will have many families heading off on holiday around the country and the world. Please join me in praying for our travellers, that they holiday well and return to us safely.—Fr. Sunny



The Holy Family

In a beautiful address on December 28, 2011, at his Wednesday audience, Pope Benedict XVI spoke of the life of the Holy Family in Nazareth. Here is a short excerpt:

"The house of Nazareth is a school of prayer where we learn to listen, to meditate, to penetrate the deepest meaning of the manifestation of the Son of God, drawing our example from Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

"The Holy Family is an icon of the domestic Church which is called to pray together. The family is the first school of prayer where, from their infancy, children learn to perceive God thanks to the teaching and example of their parents. An authentically Christian education cannot neglect the experience of prayer. If we do not learn to pray in the family, it will be difficult to fill this gap later. I would, then, like to invite people to rediscover the beauty of praying together as a family, following the school of the Holy Family of Nazareth."

Parish Prayer Concerns

Recently Deceased: Evdokia Drosdowsky, Mike Kumar, Tung Van Le;

Anniversaries: Laurencio Martins, John Lagan;

Deceased: Br. James Groth, OCD, George Kenneth Jolly, Charlie Miranda, Brendan John Carr;

The Sick of the Parish: Maria Stillitano, Lisa Delaney, Priscilla Grainger, Nola & Scott Leckie, Margaret Kent, Tracey Demasson, Kim Scott, Elaine Wallace and all who are in need of our prayers.

"Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised."

PILGRIM STATUE: This week in the home of

Mrs. Clair Harris, 26 Lyndhurst Way, Dianella.

Phone: 9276 9124



Calendar of Saints

29 December: St. Thomas Becket, Martyr (1170AD)

31 December: St. Sylvester I, Pope (335AD), Orator (

1 January: MARY, MOTHER OF GOD, Solemnity

2 January: Ss. Basil the Great, & Gregory Nazianzen, monks (379AD)

3 January: The Most Holy Name of Jesus

LINE DANCING NEWS

Tuesday Class will recommence on Tuesday 20 January 2015. **Thursday class** will recommence on Thursday 22 January 2015.



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Mass of Thanksgiving.

New Year's Eve: Wednesday, 31st December

11.30pm Adoration, 12 midnight, Mass. You are invited to join us for a cuppa after - please bring a small plate to share if you wish. Also, please ring Annette on 9276 5048 if you can help with cleaning up after the supper.



BR JAMES IN PRINT

Copies of "The Beckoning and Other Poems" by our own Br. James Groth are available from the piety stall or from the priests. The cost of printing the booklets was \$2.50. A donation towards printing costs would be appreciated. There is a small formatting error in the poem on page 18 (from the 3rd verse) and so we have printed some labels which can be put over the incorrect verses. Please collect one from the foyer board if you wish to do so.

NEW ROSTERS AVAILABLE

Ministers and groups are advised that rosters are now available for the Extraordinary Ministers, Proclaimers and also the church cleaning teams. Cleaning rosters are in the vacuum storage cupboard, other rosters are the bench in the foyer under the Ministry board.

PARISH OFFICE AND PARISH CENTRE CLOSURE

The parish office and centre will be closed until Monday, January 19th.