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PARISH NOTICES 4th SUNDAY of ADVENT

SUNDAY MASSES : 6.00pm (*Sat*) Vigil Mass; 9am & 11am (Children's Liturgy 9am Mass)

WEEKDAYS :	<i>Mon</i>	Mass	5pm	(<i>Church</i>)
	<i>Tues</i>	Mass	9.30am	
	<i>Wed</i>	Mass	9.30am	
	<i>Thurs</i>	Mass	9.30pm	
	<i>Fri</i>	Mass	9.30am	
	<i>Sat</i>	<i>Christmas Eve Mass</i>	7pm & 9pm	(<i>Carols at 8.30pm</i>)
	<i>Sun</i>	<i>Christmas Day Mass</i>	10am	

CONFESSIONS: Mon 5.30pm; Tues 10am; Thurs 7.30pm; Sat 12noon

READINGS next SUNDAY:	1st Reading	Prophet Isaiah	62:1-5
<i>Advent Year A</i>	2nd Reading	Acts of Apostles	13:16-17.22-25
	Gospel	Matthew	1:1-25

ADVENT: Seeking God

Rebbe Barukh's grandson, Yehiel, came running into his study in tears. "Yehiel, Yehiel, why are you crying?" "My friend cheats! It's unfair; he left me all by myself, that's why I am crying".

"Would you like to tell me about it?"

"Certainly, Grandfather, We played hide-and-seek, and it was my turn to hide and his turn to look for me. So he gave up; he stopped looking. And that's unfair."

Rebbe Barukh began to caress Yehiel's face, and tears welled up in his eyes. "God too, Yehiel," he whispered softly. "God too is unhappy; he is hiding and man is not looking for him. Do you understand, Yehiel? God is hiding and man is not even searching for him."

Hasidic tale told by Elie Wiesel

But what would our spirits be. O God, if they did not have the bread of earthly things to nourish them, the wine of created beauties to intoxicate them, and the conflicts of human life to fortify them?

(Pierre Teilhard de Chardin)



ADVENT PENANCE

SERVICE Communal Penance

Service before Christmas is on Tuesday, December 20th at 7.30pm

THANKSGIVING STATEMENTS

For parishioners who have made contributions this half-year are available in the foyer.

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

Communal Penance Service

Tuesday Dec 20th at 7.30pm

Confessions

Monday Dec 19th at 5.30pm

Tuesday Dec 20th at 10am

Thursday Dec 22nd at 7.30pm

Saturday Dec 24th at 12 noon

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve 7pm & 9pm

Carols at 8.30pm

Christmas Day 10am

Sunday Masses throughout January are as usual

6pm Saturday eve,
9 & 11am Sunday.

SINGING PRACTICE

this Sunday

December 18th at 10am between Masses.

CHRISTMAS WORKING BEE

to prepare the Church for Christmas will be on

Thursday December 22nd at 2pm

Only light work, but many hands are welcome!

Vacuuming is not required—just the wiping of pews and cleaning of some vessels and removal of wax from the carpet.

Please come and lend a hand.



GIFT TREE (Jesse Tree)

Thank you to all those who have taken tags and returned gifts for distribution by our St Vincent de Paul Volunteers.

PLEASE RETURN GIFTS WITH THE TAG ATTACHED

by **TODAY Sunday December 18th** to allow time for distribution.

The **TAGS** are coded to identify the recipient, so it is very important to keep them attached to your returned gift.

Thank you for considering members of our local community who are less fortunate.

(Please do not leave gifts unattended in the Church outside Mass times).

CHRISTMAS CAROLS :

ANGELS & KINGS

On Christmas Eve children might like to come dressed as Shepherds, Angels or Kings for the procession of the statue of the Infant Jesus at the end of 7pm Mass **AND** starting at 8.30pm leading up to 9pm Mass we have Christmas Carols for all to enjoy !

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE for all Masses, Confessions etc available in the foyer of the Church.

Pray as you go.com.UK

This website by the English Jesuits gives you a prayer time each day including quiet music, a text and silent time.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Interview process will be in late January followed by a Training Day early 2017.

Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information.

Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact). *See flyer on board in foyer.*



BAPTISMS THIS SUNDAY

◇ Sienna Nancy Laska

◇ Jasmin Elizabeth Laska

daughters of Kimberley & Steven

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

THIS WEEK: Team 7: A Power, P Longshaw, J Smith

NEXT WEEK: Team 1: D Keary, P McAleer, T McKenna, W Tench, M Webb

CHURCH PREPARATION TEAMS:

18/12 J Iskander & S Hogan

No Flowers in Advent

22/12 Working Bee at 2pm

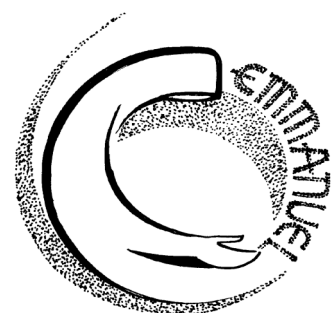
Christmas Flowers: S Hanna

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS: Additional Volunteers needed at all Masses

18/12 6pm H McGrath, S Bartl, T McDonald

9am V Pucella, J Tonna, B Gravina

11am J Lamb, D Ridd, L Le Grand



24&25/12 *VOLUNTEERS at all Masses as per sheets*

LECTORS / COMMENTATORS:

18/12 6pm J Sexton & G Shanahan 9am J Grimmer & W Commins

11am S Valente & M Shannon

24&25/12 *VOLUNTEERS at all Masses as per sheets*

THE SICK; Denis Sime, Paul Mutimer, Tony Cooper, Maria Scarmozzino, Peter Campesano, Andrew Simon Summer Hall, John Lo Piccolo, Judy Wyatt, Christina Smucar, Alexis Thorp, Tim O'Hanlon

ANNIVERSARIES: Harold Johnson, Mollie Hayes, Patrick O'Connor, Emily McBeth, Leah Parker, Carmel Pontell, Bill Moran, Eileen Shepherd, Sr Declan Whelan, Phyllis McCarthy, Leo & Lucy Power, Isobel & Marie Williams, John Monaghan, Pat Cahill, Roberto Leone, Bob Tombs

We respectfully acknowledge the Australian Aboriginal peoples and especially the Boonerwung people of the Kulin Nation, who are the traditional owners and custodians of the Sandringham area.