



SACRED HEART SANDRINGHAM

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PARISH NOTICES

1st SUNDAY of ADVENT

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

WEEKDAYS :	<i>Mon</i>	Mass	5pm
	<i>Tues</i>	Mass	9.30am (<i>School Mass</i>)
	<i>Wed</i>	Mass	9.30am
	<i>Thurs</i>	Mass	9.30am
	<i>Fri</i>	Communion Service	9.30am (<i>Mercy Fernhill</i>)

RECONCILIATION : *First Saturday of the month at 5pm and other times by appointment*

READINGS next SUNDAY : *2nd Sunday of Advent Yr C*

1st Reading	.. Prophet Baruch	5:1-9
2nd Reading	.. St Paul to Philippians	1:3-6.8-11
Gospel	.. Luke	3:1-6

MYSTERY OF FAITH

RITE OF PEACE

Among early Christians the kiss of peace was seen as a seal placed on prayer. This gesture soon passed into the liturgy and at Rome occurred after the general intercessions which concluded the liturgy of the word. In such a position the kiss was also viewed as a sign of that mutual love required by Christ (Matthew 5:23-24) before offering sacrifice. Some time before Innocent I (401-417) Rome placed the kiss immediately after the Our Father, a position already known by St Augustine (354-430) in Africa.

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MYSTERY OF FAITH RITE OF PEACE *(cont'd)*

The People remained in their places and exchanged the peace with their immediate neighbours. In the early Middle Ages the priest began to kiss the altar, in some places the host or chalice, and then exchanged the kiss with his assistants who in turn extended it to the members of the congregation. At this time when frequency of communion had greatly declined, the kiss was even regarded as a kind of substitute for the sacrament.

Today, the priest with extended hands, says aloud the prayer "Lord Jesus Christ." The wish for peace with the assembly's answer follows. Next the deacon or, in his absence, the priest may and normally should request all to share the peace with one another. Since the peace is to be exchanged with persons who are rather close by, neither the people nor the ministers need try exhaust the sign by attempting to give the greeting personally to everyone in the congregation or even to a great number of those present.

The Hebrew word for peace is *shalom*, namely all possible prosperity, the state of a person who lives in complete harmony with nature, self, and God. Since the risen Christ is the source of all peace, this gesture expresses faith that Christ is present in the assembly. It is both a call to reconciliation and unity as well as a seal which ratifies the very meaning of a eucharistic assembly whose members both find and pray for peace in one another.

ADVENT

This Sunday we begin the season of Advent and so begin to look towards the coming of Christ among us—as he did centuries ago in Bethlehem—as he keeps coming into our lives in many ways—as he comes to us in the Eucharist. And so being at Mass is so fitting a way to celebrate this lovely season of Advent.

ADVENT ECUMENICAL SERVICE

this Sunday evening at 7pm here at Sacred Heart. Come to mark Advent with our fellow Christians here in Sandringham



RITE OF WELCOME:

This Sunday we will have the first rite of the catechumenate for our candidate for entry into the Church next Easter and for the two people who are doing the Catechumenate as a renewal of their faith.

This will be at the 9am Mass. It involves, as you may remember, the marking of their body and their senses with the cross.

JESSE TREE or GIFT TREE:

Our tree is here on the Sanctuary with tags (done by the school children) indicating gifts to get for those who need help at Christmas. There are also envelopes for anyone who would like to give cash. These gifts will be distributed by the members of the parish St Vincent de Paul society to their needy friends whom they visit regularly.

Please return the gifts with the tags as they have been coded for distribution.

ADVENT REFLECTION BOOKLET:

As has been the case over the last few years, we have a daily reflection booklet available for Advent and Christmas.

They are produced by the Diocese of Wollongong. They are \$4 each and are available in the foyer after Masses.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL ART

SHOW: will be this coming Monday December 3rd, from 5pm to 7pm in the MacKillop Hall.

CAROLS at the SCHOOL: There will be Christmas Carols in the School grounds next Wednesday, December 5th at 6pm.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL THANKS:

For many years now, the response to our Christmas Appeal for our twin parish of Remexio, in Timor-Leste, has been outstanding. This year is no exception, with **\$4,393** being donated for those most in need in the outlying areas of the parish.

Poverty is a reality for many in this still-developing country as people struggle to grow their own food to provide for their families. Compassionate care packages for the elderly and frail and back-to-school needs for children will be purchased and distributed by the Dominican Sisters in Remexio.

The funds will be transferred by the end of November so that they will arrive in time for Christmas. We thank all parish and school families for their continued generous support of those who have so little. *Social Justice Group*

ADVENT WREATH: each Advent we have the four-candled wreath. One of whose candles is lit on each of the Sundays of Advent. And then a long white candle will be inserted in the middle of it at Christmas, as the "Christ - candle".

CATECHUMENATE :

The next meeting is Monday December 10th at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. It will be the final meeting until mid February.

COMMUNAL CELEBRATION OF PENANCE:

before Christmas will be on Thursday December 20th at 7.30pm.

2019 COLUMBAN ART

CALENDARS at \$10ea

CHRISTMAS CARDS

St Vincent De Paul cards at \$3/pkt.

EAST TIMOR COFFEE

Beans & Ground at \$8/pkt

**will be on sale after Masses
each weekend until Christmas**

CUPPAS TODAY SUNDAY

After 9am & 11am Masses
in the foyer

All welcome

SINGING PRACTICES:

To prepare for Christmas we will have three practices: Wednesdays December 5 & 12 at 7pm and Sunday December 16 at 10am. Please join us to provide some special singing for Christmas.

CAROL SINGING AT AGED CARE HOMES 2018

Each year the combined Churches of Sandringham sing carols in nursing homes and hostels. To join in the singing, please contact Judy Force on 0439 628 965 *More info on flyers in foyer, please take for dates & times*

COLLECTION COUNTERS

THIS WEEK: Team 4: P Thorp, R Clark, J McCartney, P Myers

NEXT WEEK: Team 5: M Cobal, A Power, L Giacomini, C Claffey-Ross

CHURCH PREPARATION TEAMS :

2/12 M Buxton *No Flowers during Advent*

9/12 D Weddell & M Fiddes

TEA & COFFEE TEAMS : *First Sunday: December 2nd*

9am Christl Commins & Ligia Roskam

11am Jenny & John Buck

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS : *Additional Volunteers needed at all Masses*

2/12 6pm V Langdon, S Bartl, G Glackin
9am T Duggan, M Noonan, I Marshall
11am M Murtagh, T McKenna

9/12 6pm M Burgess, F Meade
9am G Ryan, C Battista, K Charon
11am C Hill, C O'Reilly, C Le Grand



LECTORS & COMMENTATORS :

2/12 6pm H Poulus & K Allen 9am J Maxfield & S Humphrey
11am J Buck & S Valente

9/12 6pm C Dunn & G Glackin 9am M Morris & L Surkitt
11am M O'Brien & M Wright

THE SICK : Denis Sime, Maria Rosa Daniela, Stella Tomczak, Paul Mutimer, Tim Ward, Edward Ivano, Shawn Patrick Robbins, Joan Mason, Geoffrey Beevers, Nancy Camera, Maureen Mowat, Alan Fagan

RECENTLY DECEASED : Timothy Sim, Mary David

ANNIVERSARIES : Lorna Young, Kevin Collins, Kathleen Perriam, Helen Hassett, Ken Flannery, Ivy McKenna, Linis Macdonald

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.