

SACRED HEART SANDRINGHAM

16th December 2018

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PARISH NOTICES 3rd 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 & 6pm <i>Yr 6 Graduation Mass</i>
<i>Wed</i>	Mass	9.30am (<i>End of Year School Mass</i>)
<i>Thurs</i>	Mass	9.30am & 2.30pm (<i>Mercy Fernhill</i>)
<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 : *4rd Sunday of Advent Yr C*

1st Reading	.. Prophet Micah	5:1-4
2nd Reading	.. Letter to Hebrews	10:5-10
Gospel	.. Luke	1:39-44

MYSTERY OF FAITH

LAMB OF GOD

The breaking of the bread was especially lengthy in the papal liturgy. It was, therefore, accompanied by the singing of a chant which originally might have been variable. Pope Sergius I (687-701) is said to have introduced the "Lamb of God" to fill out the rite. Being Syrian, Sergius probably borrowed this chant from the Syrian liturgy. Its text is taken from the acknowledgement given Jesus by John the Baptist (cf. John 1:23,36): Christ is the Paschal Lamb (cf. I Corinthians 5:7, John 19:36) who has conquered death (cf. Revelation 5:6; 13:8).

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MYSTERY OF FAITH LAMB OF GOD *(cont'd)*

The chant was originally sung by the people and the assisting clergy and was seemingly repeated as often as necessary to accompany the action. With the development of complex melodies it was gradually reserved to the choir. As the number of communicants decreased and as unleavened hosts replaced leavened bread, the action of breaking the bread became quite brief. As a result the text came to be sung only three times. The wording was originally unchanged at each repetition. But from the tenth century onwards the last phrase was changed to "grant us peace", probably the result of linking the chant to the kiss of peace which in the ninth century began to be transferred from before to after breaking of the bread.

Today the "Lamb of God" has been restored as a chant to accompany the breaking of the bread and the commingling. It may, therefore, be repeated as often as necessary. It is a litany-song of the choir, cantor and/or congregation and not of the priest who is engaged in the action of breaking.

The "Lamb of God" is a litany-song designed to accompany an action. Hence its function is effective only when there is bread to be broken. Jesus is the Lamb of the new Covenant. We "were delivered.....by Christ's blood beyond all price: the blood of a spotless, unblemished lamb" (I Peter 1:18-19). Every eucharist is a memorial of the new Passover which brings forgiveness of sin, peace of mind and soul.



COMMUNAL PENANCE: This coming Thursday evening at 7.30pm. Christmas has always been a time to reflect on our lives, discern our feelings and sinfulness and place them before the Lord of understanding and compassion.

SINGING PRACTICE: The last practice for Christmas is this **Sunday 16th at 10am**, between Masses.

CONFESSIONS BEFORE CHRISTMAS:

Tuesday 18th at 10am
Wednesday 19th at 7.30pm
Saturday 22nd at 10am and 5pm
Monday 24th at 12 noon

VOLUNTEERS FOR MINISTRIES AT CHRISTMAS MASSES

There is a sheet on the white board in the foyer for all three Christmas Masses. Please put your name down for one of the ministries where you can help. This will save many last minute phone calls!

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. Please return your gifts or envelopes *this weekend* as the members of the parish St Vincent de Paul society will be distributing them this week!

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

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC

December Edition \$4
available in the foyer of the Church



CHRISTMAS CLEANING BEE:

Will be on Thursday December 20th at 2pm. The more volunteers the quicker and easier it will be. We will meet in the Church.

Summer Program

VISIONS OF BEAUTY- Russia 5th-15th August 2019

The Centre for Science, Religion and Philosophy Programs (SRPh) St. Petersburg, Russia <http://www.srph.ru> together with Viriditas Contemporary Art Studio, Hampton East, Melbourne will host a 10 Day Program on "Introduction to Russian Iconography" During a pilgrimage to the cities of Moscow, Great Novgorod and St Petersburg. The Program will be in English. To apply for the Announcement and Application please contact Margaret Broadbent rsm (Margaret.broadbent@mercy.org.au)

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**



**EAST TIMOR COFFEE
makes a wonderful
Christmas / New Year gift**

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLES:

Times and dates for all Services leading up to and including Christmas are available in the foyer after Mass

CHILDREN FOR SACRAMENTS IN 2019

Any children who are due to make their First Reconciliation and First Communion, or then Confirmation in 2019, could they make contact as soon as possible with Anne Locco, the Parish Catechist on 0403 264 540 or contact with the Parish Office on 9598 1511 or domecc.sand@bigpond.com

COLLECTION COUNTERS :

THIS WEEK: Team 6: J Monahan, J McTeigue, J Noonan, P O'Reilly, J Lamb

NEXT WEEK: Team 7: A Power, J Smith, W Bond

CHURCH PREPARATION TEAMS :

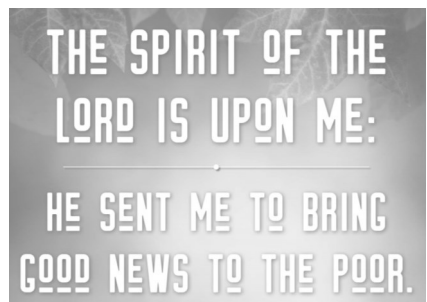
16/12 K Hardeman & T Fraser *No flowers during Advent*

20/12 Christmas Working Bee at 2pm *Volunteers please*

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS : *Additional Volunteers needed at all Masses*

16/12 6pm H McGrath, C Gomez, L Bloye
9am J Tonna, M McCartney, V Pucella
11am J Lamb, D Ridd, J Buck

23/12 6pm V Langdon, S Bartl, G Glackin
9am J Grimmer, A Stubbs, P Morris
11am S Agostino, B Bracchi



LECTORS & COMMENTATORS :

16/12 6pm M Palmer & H McGrath 9am C Lynch & S Butterly
11am T Sims & J Buck

23/12 6pm H Rolfe & F Meade 9am J Grimmer & W Commins
11am R Smith & C LeGrand

THE SICK : Antonio Carpenteri, Kate Greenwood, Diana Gillon, Patrick Harford, John Kramer, Nona Dart, Nancy Camera, Maureen Mowat, Alan Fagan, Darl Schiets, Gabriel Quinn, Michelle Norton

RECENTLY DECEASED : Elsie Joseph, Ted Cummins, Lui Grollo

ANNIVERSARIES : John Pucella, Tom Hayes, Lancelot O'Grady, Harold Johnson, Mollie Hayes, Patrick O'Connor, Emily McBeth, Roberto Grasso

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.