

Bayside Catholic Mission

Incorporating the communities of Sacred Heart, St Mary's, St James, St Joseph's, Stella Maris & St Joan of Arc

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT. Year B

20th December 2020

From The Pastors

Dear friends,

The Gospel we are presented with on this 4th Sunday of Advent is always a welcome one at this time of year.

The account of the Annunciation helps us to refocus on the spiritual aspect of Christmas at a time when the activities of the world can encroach on what is really important about this great Feast.

The simple 'yes' of Our Lady; her focus on the will of God and her obedience help us to see her as the perfect disciple. Amidst the uncertainties, fears and anxieties, she shows us a way to acceptance and trust.

Schools

Our schools finished this week and are looking forward to a well earned break. My thanks go to the Principals and staff of our parish schools who have done an amazing job this year. We are very proud of what they have achieved.

Office

In the coming months we will begin the transition of parish offices to the Bayside Administration hub at St Joan of Arc. Our parish staff are all working hard to support all of our communities during this time. We will keep you informed as things progress. For the moment, emails and phone numbers remain the same.

Christmas Masses

The bookings for the Christmas Masses opened this week, and have been very popular. I am aware that not everybody has been able to book for their preferred Mass time or place. Because of the government restrictions on numbers (1 person per 2 sq metres), we are still limited to the amount of people allowed in the church, and we need to obtain contact tracing information for all attendees.

Due to these limitations, it may mean that this Christmas is different (in many ways !) in that we attend a different place or time. Let's not forget that only a few months ago we could not even get inside a church or attend Mass. We are fortunate to be in this position. Although not yet ideal, or 'normal', at least we have the possibility of getting to Mass. And it can also help to consider what is really important: my devotion to the Lord and the Mass rather than a time and place.

Over the coming summer weeks, we will have a 'holiday' bulletin- a shorter Bayside bulletin for the holiday time.

We look forward to seeing you in the coming week.

Father David Cartwright
Moderator, Bayside Mission

Contacts

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& St Joan of Arc

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Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5pm Sacred Heart, 6pm St Mary's

Sunday Morning: 8am St Joseph's, 9am Sacred Heart, 10.30am Stella Maris, 11am St Joan of Arc

Sunday Evening: 5.30pm St Joan of Arc

Monday: 9.15am St Mary's

Tuesday: 9.15am Sacred Heart, 7pm St Joan of Arc

Wednesday: 9.15am St Joseph's & Sacred Heart

Thursday: 9.15am Stella Maris & St Mary's

Friday: 9.15am St Joan of Arc & St Joseph's

Saturday: 9.15am Stella Maris

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



Christmas Eve

Sacred Heart 5pm
Stella Maris 6pm
St Joseph's 6pm
St Joan of Arc 8pm
Stella Maris Midnight

Christmas Day

St Mary's 8am
Sacred Heart 9am
St Joan of Arc 9am
Stella Maris 10:30am
St Joan of Arc 11am

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL AT:
www.baysidecatholicmission.org

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Booking For Sunday Masses

Please book online for weekend Masses.
Bookings available from Monday morning at:
www.baysidecatholicmission.org

Sacrament of Reconciliation

St Marys: Sat 19 Dec. 5pm-5.50pm
Sacred Heart: Sat 19 Dec. 4-4.50pm
Stella Maris: Advent Adoration— see 'Focus On Advent'
St Josephs: Sun 20 Dec. 7.30am-7.50am

Mass Times After Christmas

- ◆ Sat 26th Dec, 12 noon at St Joan of Arc
- ◆ Fri 1st Jan, Solemnity Mass, Mother of God
 - 9.15am St Joan of Arc
 - 11am Stella Maris



Congratulations And Welcome

On Saturday 5 December, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli ordained Fr Jude Johnson, Fr James Baptist, Fr Jude Thaddeus Ezeme and Fr Simeon Anthony to the priesthood. Despite COVID-19 restrictions limiting the number of guests able to be present, the ordinands were surrounded by their closest family and friends as they committed themselves to a life of service and prayer.

We are very pleased to welcome Fr James Baptist (pictured on the far right) as our new assistant priest in the Bayside Catholic Mission. We wish him every blessing for his new ministry.

FOCUS ON ADVENT

Advent Adoration & Reconciliation at Stella Maris

Fri 18 Dec: 6.30pm-10.30pm. **Rec.** 6.30pm-7.30pm
Sat 19 Dec: 10.30am-10.30pm **Rec.** 9.45am-10.30am
Sun 20 Dec: 8.30am-10.30am **Rec.** 9.30am-10.15am

Advent Reflection Groups

Tuesday 10am at Sacred Heart, Sandringham

News From St James & St Joan of Arc Parishes

Many thanks to all for your generous contributions of foodstuffs, toiletries and cleaning products for the asylum seekers. They are much appreciated. We will take our last collection of the year to the Brigidines on Monday 21st Dec. Collections will resume again in February 2021.

For anyone wishing to make a donation, the Project Bank details are: Brigidine Asylum Seekers Trust Account: bsb: 083-004; a/c: 56-924-6603; NAB. Please put your name on the entry and please email us at contact@basp.org.au after making a donation so we can send you a tax deductible receipt.

News From St Mary's Parish

A big thank you to the students of St Mary's who raised \$352 from a gold coin donation in the last couple of days for the Vincent de Paul Christmas Fund

Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project

Our collection of Sugar, Flour, Rice, Olive Oil, Long Life Milk, Tea, Coffee, Washing Powder, Dish Washing Detergents and Household Cleaning products are always needed. They have enough cans of beans, tinned soup, beetroot and corn. Donations can be brought to the church or left at 17 Crisp St. Hampton during the week.

2021 Columbian Art Calendars available at the back of the church.

Thank You For Maintaining Your Giving

COVID-19 Your donation matters. To maintain our spiritual levels of care here in our community, we need YOU. Please donate to St Marys Parish BSB – 083 347 Acc – 646 546 643 Reference House to support our priests/ Reference Church to support your parish. If you can commit to a regular contribution or if you choose a one-off offering please visit CDFpay (click Here) and search for St Mary's Hampton.

We thank you for your kind and compassionate donation.

News From Sacred Heart Parish

The Parish Office is partially attended during the week. If you need a priest, please contact St Joan of Arc Brighton on 9593 1703 or St Mary's on 9521 0990.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL : Thank you to all for supporting the Christmas Appeal. It is very much appreciated. Today 20/12 is last day to return gifts.



Congratulations to Noel Tomlinson
(father of Corinne Clark). Noel was born on 22nd Dec 1920
and we wish him well on this remarkable milestone.
HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY NOEL

COPIES OF THE BULLETIN available outside the main entrance of the School and side entrance to the Church. **ADVENT BOOKLETS** are available for \$3ea. **THANKGIVING ENVELOPES** are in the foyer.

VOLUNTEERS FOR COUNTING IN THE PARISH :

As many of you would be aware, Adrian Power has been the Parish Office Manager for past 20 years and is shortly retiring from this position. Adrian will be greatly missed. The Parish is now seeking one or more volunteers to organize the counting arrangements for moneys collect in the Parish. This involves organizing counter rosters, weekly tallying and banking of moneys received from the various collections, undertaking periodic sacrificial giving credit card transactions and organizing distribution of sacrificial giving envelopes. *Please contact the Parish office on 9598 1511 if interested.* Thank you.

PROBLEMS WITH CHURCH TILES, ROOFING & GARDENS

Several parishioners have expressed concern about the current maintenance of our building and gardens. The SH Buildings & Maintenance Committee (BMC) has been reformed with seven skilled parishioners led by Vin Savage and Jim Smith. It is working with Catholic Church Insurance on how best to repair the sandstone tiles on the church façade, which have fallen off three times in storms over the last three years. Repairs to all tiles are expected to be done early in 2021. The BMC is also working on roof wear & tear, a safety railing for the Memorial Garden, a preventative maintenance plan for buildings and on garden improvements. The BMC requests your usual co-operation for the temporary safety fencing in place until the full tile solution at the best costs can be made next year.

Please talk with Vin Savage or Jim Smith directly if you'd like more details or have any suggestions.

Confirmation At St Mary's

Congratulations to the children who made their Sacrament of Confirmation at St Mary's on Thursday 17th December.



News From Nazareth Parish



A Vocation View

Every person who has ever born a child, and every person who has freely vowed away this honour, helps in some mysterious way to bring Jesus Christ into this world again. Can you say: "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord"?

St Vincent de Paul Soup Van Christmas Hampers

Dear All

A huge thank you to everyone who donated goods, money and time to help shop for and pack 640 beautiful Christmas hampers last Saturday! These will be distributed to those in need visited by the St Vincent de Paul Soup Van in Melbourne this week. An incredible effort from our amazing team! These hampers bring so much joy each Christmas, this year more than ever. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped especially:

- Joan King for Christmas cards and for help with everything!
- Merie Chenhall for help with bags, shopping, organising donations and pick ups
- Maree Clark for looking after Admin and taking away rubbish on Packing Day
- CP Singh for help with finances and masks
- Cathy Burman for organising set up
- The Meows Family, Fraser Dunn, James Wills, Merie and Sam Feekman and Bill and Maria Khong for help setting up on Friday
- Bill and Maria Khong for rallying the lovely troops of Coreen Ave to help with packing
- Domi King for Christmas card logistics, bags and shopping
- Lynn Chen for help with logistics and finances
- Helena Graham and all the children at Stella Maris Primary School for donations and hand writing Christmas cards and help setting up
- Liam Buckley and Jenny Keely and all the children at St Josephs for donations and hand writing Christmas cards
- Carolyn Hunter and the children and families at St Kevin's in Ormond for donations
- Suzie Williams and the children and families at Grandview Ave Kindergarten for donations
- Kevin D'Souza and Helen Hurst at Bev Martin Textiles for towels
- Kate Austin and the amazing team at Pinchapoo HQ for toiletries for 640 hampers
- Damien Stark at True Variety Black Rock for children's shampoos
- Kameron Adriana and Woolworths Mentone for \$100 Wish Voucher and 100 bags
- Bellow, George and Woolworths Southland for \$50 Wish card and bags
- Coles Mentone for \$100 Voucher
- Coles Southland for \$50 Voucher
- Officeworks Mentone for stationery
- Harvey Norman for kind donation
- Hodges Sandringham, Hodges Beaumaris and Hodges Brighton for bags
- To the following people for substantial donations: Kevin Bailey, John Plunkett, Mary Dankaert, Joan and Peter King, Johanna Shannon, Merie and Joris Feekman, Helen Griffiths, Kieran Little, Barry and Donna Martin, Zdenka Filipi, Cathy Burman If I have missed anyone and for all donations, thank you.
- Everyone who helped pack on Saturday
- Ella Quirk for leading the team packing the specialty hampers
- Everyone who helped load the vans on Sunday The amazing Soup Van team led by Poppy Venakis for delivering the hampers
- SVDP Sarah Cromie and Nick Lock for help with banking and logistics
- Frank Winkelman and Jeanne Tysen for delivering the local hampers
- The beautiful people of our Parish for their generous donations and help Darren McNamara for pick ups and for help with everything

With huge thanks again and best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a bright and happy 2021! Michele McNamara

Office Hours during Christmas/New Year

Please note that the office will be closed on Thursday 24 December 2020 and will reopen on Tuesday 11 January 2021. Emergency contact details will be provided next week.

Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Christmas and a New Year full of hope and promise.

Christmas Carols Special



To celebrate the Season of Advent and Christmas, the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is hosting a TV carols special entitled "Jesus is Christmas" on Sunday 20 December at 7pm.

Jesus is Christmas: A Christmas Carols Special

Sunday 20 December, 7pm

Featuring carols by Silvie Paladino, Gary Pinto and more

The carols special will be broadcast on free-to-air TV via C31 (channel 44 on digital TV) and streamed online at the Archdiocesan YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/archmelb.

Joining Archbishop Peter A Comensoli in the one-hour program is a stellar line up of local and internationally acclaimed artists including singer and performer Silvie Paladino, ARIA Award winning artist and X-Factor Australia Vocal Director Gary Pinto, international opera singer Michael Petruccelli, Melbourne's own The SAGA, St Patrick's Cathedral cantor Larissa Cairns, the Tongan Choir of Immaculate Conception Parish Sunshine, the CBD Virtual Choir (Camberwell, Balwyn and Deepdene Parishes) and the Sully family.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week during school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding at the end of January.

Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact)

Website: www.mercyworks.org.au

Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895.

Pope Francis Proclaims 'Year of St Joseph'

In a new Apostolic Letter entitled *Patris corde* ("With a Father's Heart"), Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of "ordinary" people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day.

In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, "the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence," who nonetheless played "an incomparable role in the history of salvation."



At the conclusion of his Letter, he adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Please Pray For...

Sacred Heart

SICK: Antonio Carpenteri, Nona Dart, Kate Greenwood, Nancy Camera, Dianne Button, Marissa Daicos, Louise Tonna, Garry Murphy, Barbara Mary Jenkins, Connell Wescott.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Michelle Norton.

ANNIVERSARIES: Harold Johnson, Mollie Hayes, Patrick O'Connor, Emily McBeth, Leah Parker, Carmel Pontell, Bill Moran, John Monaghan, Eileen Shepherd, Phyllis McCarthy, Bill Dunn, David Fisher.

St Mary's

SICK: Clare Curry-Harris, Peter Salvatore, Mick Corry, Carmelo (Charlie) Mirabelli, Carmel Ryan, Fred Sacr, Judy Ferrigno, Pierre Sacr, Mary Murphy, Tom Van Kampem, Maria Reilly, Swarna Amarsingham, Delia Burns, Mick Zuccala, Joe Natoli.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pauline Nikolaidis.

Nazareth Parish

SICK: Michael Slattery, Allison Leicester, Liz Docker, Peter Plumridge, Lucy Menezes, Aliai Coyle-Madut, Lucy Bueno, Faye Fong, Kosta Mihos, Megan Jenkins, Bob Hughes, Edna Campbell, Paul Dear, John Tyssen, Anne Jenkins. Tony Waller.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Dominic Cotroneo.

ANNIVERSARIES: Clare O'Connor.

St Joan of Arc & St James

BAPTISMS: Camilla Matta, Penelope Stewart, Sarah Kirk, Claire Kirk, William Taylor Douglas.

WEDDING: Hannah Do to Charles Pham

SICK: Kuldip Ahluwalia, Lynn Batten, Angela Boston, Anne de Rebello, Alan Giles, Marj Hess, Geraldine Kennedy, Antony LaRive, Tatiana Mansel, Ben Martin, Gabrielle Marylees, Freddy McGuigan, Kevin Nichollis, Catherine Ryan, Edward Shelley, Rob Smith, Brian Taylor, Barbara Turner.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pauline Nikolaidis.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jack & Margaret Kyne, Catherine Myles O'Brien, Alma & Kevin Toms.

