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PARISH EVENTS & MASS TIMES - 3rd Sunday of Advent - Year B - 17 Dec 2023

Individual Confession: Every Saturday 8:30am and 5:00pm

Sat	16 th	6:00pm	Mass - Francis Marcial Theseira, Herbert, Beryl, Geraldine, Jeffrey & Stephen McMullen. Deceased members of the Fairman family, Herman Moreira, Marcelino Ferrer Jnr., Marie Vanspall, Patricia Anthony, Theresa Stephens, Thomas, Matha, Maria, Louis, Teresa Nguyen
Sun	17 th	8:00am	Mass - Marcelino Ferrer Jnr., Anton Nguyen Van Hung, Ronnie Sebuja, Patricia Anthony
		9:30am	Mass - Francis Olivari, Cecilia Anthony, Deceased members of the Anthony family, Francis Olivari, Dieter Gummert, Cecil Le Cerf, Josephine Galea, Marie Gladys Joseph, Patricia Anthony, Troy & Douglas Barlow - Thanksgiving for successful heart operation
		5:00pm	Mass - Herman Moreira, Marie Vanspall, John the Baptist Tran, Patricia Anthony - Special Intention (the Tran family & Mom)
Mon	18 th	9:15am	Mass - Herman Moreira, Marie Vanspall
Tue	19 th	9:15am	Mass - Herman Moreira, Marie Vanspall
Wed	20 th	9:15am	Mass - Herman Moreira, Marie Vanspall
Thu	21 st	9:15am	Mass - Herman Moreira, Marie Vanspall, Souls in Purgatory
Fri	22 nd	9:15am	Mass - Herman Moreira, Marie Vanspall, Phyllis De
		10:00am	- Baptism of Sofi Lindsey Duncanson
Sat	23 rd		- No 8:00am Mass



Spiritual Reflection of The Week

The Joy of Waiting



Advent is a time of joy – joy in the waiting and this Sunday we wear the joyful rose-coloured vestment. The messenger in the first reading is the 'joyful messenger', and his joy is that God is near and God is coming. This would be the message of Jesus –that he was the joyful messenger of his Father's love. He would be the shepherd – the one who cares, knows and actively looks after the sheep. John the Baptist is the voice of joy and energy, preaching the new message.

Voices of Advent to bring God near - The central message within all the voices of Christmas. God's Christmas voice is saying I love you, you are all brothers and sisters, and nothing except love is final.

Not just a voice...but actively loving in word and deed. One way of touching that love is the Mass. Jesus is not really love from the sky, but food of the Eucharist, that nourishes us and makes a difference. We bring our ordinary concerns to Mass, and let God lighten them and transform them, and enlighten us with his word. The voice of God makes sense of and brings light into the ordinariness of life.

God is present in his word, and in his body – we wait in joy for the Word to be made flesh.

Remember this week what makes you joyful about the coming feast of Christmas and be grateful.

Lord I believe your word was made flesh and appeared among us.

The Living Word of This Week

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

1st Reading Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels.

'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

Responsorial Psalm

R. My soul rejoices in my God .

- My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour. He looks on his servant in her nothingness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed . /R
- The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name! His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him. /R

- He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty. He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy . /R

2nd Reading - Thessalonians 5:16-24

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!



Gospel - John 1:6-8,19-28

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.

Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Rejoice in the Lord always

Rejoice, the Lord is near



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

The following couples celebrate their Wedding Anniversaries this coming week:

17 December – Nestor and Nerissa Pagkalinawan – 40 yrs
18 December – Danny and Geraldine Nimbalker – 41 years

19 December – Hubert and Vivien Ross – 53 years
19 December – Jude and Millie – 36 years

Father Al, Father Paul, and Deacon Mark and the Good Shepherd parishioners congratulate them and wish them a Happy Anniversary and lots of unconditional love and happiness always.



A huge thank you to all you wonderful Good Shepherd Parishioners for making it possible, once again, for so many families in our local area to have a happy Christmas. Your generous donations will go a long way towards making a difference.



We gave out over 50 well stocked hampers to Vinnies Clients in need and gifts which were donated by the School families and teachers, Vinnies Volunteers and Vinnies Head Office. We would also like to thank all the helpers that participated in the allocating and wrapping of gifts, the sorting of food and the creation & delivery of the hampers. God bless you all. **Cathy & Diana**

The Good Shepherd **CHARISMATIC PRAYER MEETING** will be in recess from the 15th of December 2023 until the first Thursday in February 2024. However, if anyone needs prayer, please feel free to contact any member of the Prayer Group or call Shirley on 0422276538. Have a very happy and blessed Christmas everyone!

ROSTERS for January to March 2024 for the Special Ministers, Readers, Housekeepers and Counters are placed in the foyer. Please pick up your personal copy.

SPECIAL MINISTRY ROSTERS FOR CHRISTMAS are put up on the notice board in the foyer. If you need any further information please contact Shirley on 0422 276 538.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY & PARISH COMMUNITY CAROLS

The Children's Christmas Party & Parish Community Carols will be run as a combined event this year this Sunday, 17th December from 6:30pm to 9:00pm in the School Undercover Area.

All children attending must have a ticket. PLEASE BYO CHAIRS/PICNIC RUGS. A sausage sizzle will be available for sale but you are welcome to bring your own picnic.

Contact : Lorinda - 0417961968 or Mary Ann 0479052185

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal:- Just a gentle reminder:- please do not forget to put your donation for the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal. This is a very important project for the Archdiocese of Perth, as many of our Church's agencies depend on this donation e.g. migrants centre, pregnancy assistance, etc. God Bless. **Fr. Al**

COLUMBARIUM CLEANING ROSTER

Families who have agreed to be responsible for the upkeep of the Columbarium on a particular month (according to the roster in the church foyer), are requested to indicate on the roster what date the cleaning was completed. **The Columbarium Committee**

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME

Dear parishioners, This is our programme for the Advent and Christmas period. It starts off with our Simbang Gabi, a nine day novena in preparation for Christmas, from the 15 Dec at 7 pm and ends on the 23 Dec. Fr. Albis will start the novena on Friday 15 Dec, Fr. Paul will do the 16 Dec Fr. Al will be the celebrant for 17 Dec Fr. Benny on the 18 Dec Fr. Nelson on the 19 Dec Fr. Israel on the 20 Dec Fr. Robert on the 21 Dec Fr. Rubenson on the 22 Dec Fr. Al on the final night 23 Dec. All are invited to prepare for Christmas The following is our plan for our Christmas celebrations this year. The weekend Masses are as follows:

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| <u>Saturday 23 December:</u> | No morning Mass. Saturday 6:00pm Mass as usual. |
| <u>Sunday 24 December - Christmas Eve:</u> | 8:00am and 9:30am Masses.
6:30pm: Children's Vigil Mass with Christmas Carols at 6:00pm.
12:00am: Midnight Mass with Christmas Carols at 11:30pm |
| <u>Monday 25 December - Christmas Day:</u> | 2 morning Masses - 8:00am (Carols at 7:30am) and 9:30am (Carols at 9:00am).
No evening Mass. |

Fr. Al

CENTRE FOR FAITH ENRICHMENT: *Exploring life, faith and meaning.* Courses that might interest you either in the daytime, night time or online are available. Titles like: 'After Life: the Eschaton Our Living hope', "Understanding the Trinity", and many more topics. Please see our notice board for more information. Thank you.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS for the year 2024 are now available in the foyer of the church, and priced at \$10.00 each.

ROSTERS	16 Dec / 17 Dec				23 Dec / 24 Dec			
	6:00pm	8:00am	9:30am	5:00pm	6:00pm	8:00am	9:30am	5:00pm
1 st Reader	Kathleen O'Toole	Cathy Smith	Marlene Partridge	Succorin Fernandes	Robert Van Hamersveld	Jacinta Horrocks	Waverley Clark	Francis Plando
2 nd Reader	Roland Pinto	Lorna Rodrigues	Evalia Carvalho	Ruth Johnson	Allan D'Silva	Cathy Smith	Shirley Olivari	Charmaine D'Souza
Acolytes	Anh Tuan Nguyen	John Ralph	Dean D'Monte	Stephen Dennis	Gary Martin	Lester Burnane	Roger Kiely	
Special Ministers	Patricia Falleiro Agatha Foo	Ashley Vicente Uly Plando	Sangsook Kiely Trevor Clark	Sharon Edmonds Anhnie Nguyen	Trish Murphy Milly Martin	Mary Ann D'Rozario Angela Leddin	Martina Kavanagh Evalie Carvalho	Christy Sein Win Acacia O'Hearn
Children's Liturgy	-		-		-		-	

	Counters	Back Sacristy	Front Sacristy	Church Cleaners	Columbarium Cleaning December
23 Dec / 24 Dec	Group 6 (Peter Collopy , Margaret Collopy, Celine Laffrey, George Laffrey)	Tina	Tina	Group 2 (Martin Lewis , Tony Gherbaz, Kathy Payet, Ervinna Widjaja, Michael Jolly, Grace Wai)	Stephen Matthews

24 December / 25 December				
	6:00pm	Midnight	8:00am	9:30am
1 st Reader	Darryl Lopez	Nicola Richardson	Jacinta Horrocks	Shirley Olivari
2 nd Reader	Amber Braganza	Allan D'Silva	Pauline Bourke	Waverley Clark
Acolytes	Gavin Rodrigues Anh Tuan Nguyen Gerard Nunis	Dean D'Monte Stephen Dennis Arnold De Leon	John Stefanelli Henry Lim	Alex Ho Sunbeam De Jesus
Special Ministers	Acacia O'Hearn Theo Piachaud	Sandra Stiffle Judith Stephenson	Uly Plando Corrin Ralph	Barbara Langley Marie Dumas

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