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Mass times

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Saturday 6pm Vigil
 Sunday 9am, 11am & 5pm
 Weekdays 9.15am Mon-Sat
 Reconciliation After 9.15am Mass on Saturdays
 Baptisms Most Sundays following 11am Mass
 Please contact Parish Office
 Weddings & Sacramental enquiries (First Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation) Please contact Parish Office



Sunday 15th December

Third Sunday of Advent – Year A



John was languishing in prison, held captive by the local agent of the Roman Empire. Perhaps he was looking for evidence that Jesus was the One who would throw off Roman despotism. In answer to his questing, Jesus replied that John should rather look at what was happening on the ground in His healing ministry and orientation to the poor. Those are the signs that the reign of God has begun.

I admire John the Baptist because he was prepared to seek and accept the answer to the question which was crucial to him, even though the answer might upset his preconceptions. He was a true seeker after Truth.

All our activities as a parish in building community, forming faith, serving the poor, participating in the liturgy, should be undertaken so that a seeker after Truth might see and hear the evidence of the presence and mission of the risen Lord Jesus Christ amongst us.

We could pause for a moment to simply pray in the spirit of Advent: 'Come, Lord Jesus' to satisfy the restlessness of the questing heart.

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PARISH NEWS – DECEMBER: Month of the Devine Infancy



RECONCILIATION
 Communal Prayers followed by individual reconciliation.
 Tue, 17th Dec at 7.00pm

Choir practice for Christmas masses,
 19th December, 5.30 – 7.30 pm
New members welcome.



CHRISTMAS DAY
10:30am

Wishing you all a joyous & peaceful Christmas.



Sick

Maree D'Souza, John Meyerink, David Huxley, Kathryn Dyer, Maryann Carson, John Mason

Anniversaries

Elizabeth Beynon, Elizabeth Mackey, Ken Hubble, David Peart, Salvatore Rainieri, Aidan Blook



Prayers will be said at weekend Masses for up to 4 weeks. Please contact the parish office if you would like the prayers to continue beyond that time.

Parish Roster 22 nd Dec 4 th Sun Advent / A	6.00pm	9.00am	11.00am	5.00pm
Lectors	Julie McInerney	Ian Jones Lorraine O'Reilly	Margaret Howse	John Reddie
Special Ministers	Joy Conheady	Pauline Bourke	Jenny Reiche Rita Maguire	VOLUNTEERS
Data Projector	Tony Conheady	Dials	Leo	Volunteer
Welcoming	K McMenamin P McInerney	K & R Reed		
Counters	P Loschiavo, M O'Donoghue, J Neeson			
Readings	<i>First Reading:</i> 2 Sam 5:1-3 <i>Psalm:</i> PS 121:1-5, "Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." <i>Second Reading:</i> Col 1:12-20 <i>Gospel:</i> Luke 23:35-43			

Communion Antiphon

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

COMMUNITY NEWS



CALLING ALL FAMILIES
CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SPECTACULAR
5PM IN SCHOOL HALL

COME AND CELEBRATE THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

If you would like your children to be involved in the Nativity play we have a few roles to be filled as well as need lots of local shepherds!

Please contact Andrea Smith: smithfamily1@live.com.au



ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL CONCERT: FESTIVE MUSIC FOR CHRISTMAS

Wednesday 18 December, 7pm
 St Patrick's Cathedral

This will be a very special concert featuring works for ten brass instruments, percussion and organ as well as a selection of favourite Christmas melodies. Conductor: Brett Kelly. Organist: Anthony Halliday.
Tickets: \$25.00 (children under 15 free). Tickets available at the door.
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BGPWW
Further information: music@cam.org.au, T: 9926 5753

ADVENT CONCERT 2019: MAGNIFICAT

Sunday 22 December, 3pm, St Patrick's Church, Mentone

Come and listen to music of Advent season with St Patrick's Choir directed by the concert's organist Myfanwy McIndoe, with Evgeny Chebykin on the French horn as guest conductor. Free admission.

Opening of the Legal Year Red Mass 2020

St Patrick's Cathedral on Tuesday 28 January 2020 at 9:00 am All welcome for Mass celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli, morning tea to follow.

Parish Contacts

Please feel free to contact any of these people if you would like to become more involved in Parish Life Rosters for Lectors, Collectors and Special Ministers at Mass

Paul Dungan 9592 2463

New Volunteers NEEDED
All welcome – no experience required.
Age is no limit!
Call Carmel at Parish Office



Altar Serving
 Parish Office 9593 2122

Church Flowers
 Dianne Shedy 9557 6214

Church Decoration
 Stasia & Phil Power 0400 038 535

Senior's Group
 Sue Sharry 9592 7229
 and Joan Hamilton 9592 2498

Music
 Joy Conheady 9596 2643

Choir
 Corinne 0414 624 253

Sacramental Enquiries (Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation)
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Neo-Catechumenal Community Tuesdays 8pm in Marian Room
 Daniel & Giulia

St Vincent de Paul Assistance Hotline:
 Freecall 1800 305 330
 (Mon to Fri 10am - 3pm)

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Netball Club www.stfinbarsnetballclub.com

Basketball Club www.scalpers.com.au