

Bayside Catholic Mission



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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT. Year B

13th December 2020

From The Pastors

Dear friends,

WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome Fr James Baptist as our new Assistant Priest to the Bayside Mission. Fr James was ordained last Saturday and commenced with us on Wednesday. Fr James hails originally from Bentleigh. I know that you will make him welcome and he looks forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

The times for Christmas Masses and reconciliation are in the bulletin. Please note that we still must abide by the limits of the government restrictions in our churches (1 person per 2 sq metres) and record the details of all who enter the church. So it will still be necessary to book for Masses at Christmas, and we will need to limit numbers in our churches. The bookings are now open on the TryBooking link at www.baysidecatholicmission.org so please register yourself and your family asap to avoid disappointment.

COLLECTIONS

We are unable to pass around the collection plates at Mass yet, so these will be at the doors of the church, clearly marked for Church and presbytery accounts. Thank you for your continued generosity in what has been a challenging year for our parishes. Some communities are beginning to introduce cashless options for contributions on site.

This coming week I will be moving to St James presbytery where Fr James and Dominic (our seminarian) and I will be living. Fr Dean will remain at St Mary's, and the presbytery at St Joan of Arc will begin the transition to the administration hub for the Mission.

Whilst this year feels different to any other year preparing for Christmas, the Liturgy of this weekend reminds us that God is near to us. We light the rose candle and rejoice because the Lord is near, indeed the Lord is with us always. Thank you for your continued prayers and support, they are much appreciated.

Father David Cartwright
Moderator, Bayside Mission

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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 & Stella Maris

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

In Case of Emergency

If you need a priest urgently please call
St Joan of Arc Brighton on 9593 1703,
OR St Mary's Hampton on 9521 0990.

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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

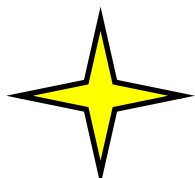
St Joan of Arc: Tues 15 Dec. Adoration 7.30pm-8.30pm

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



FOCUS ON ADVENT

Advent Adoration

Stella Maris Church, Beaumaris

- Friday 18 Dec: 6.30pm-10.30pm
- Saturday 19 Dec: 10.30am-10.30pm
- Sunday 20 Dec: 8.30am-10.30am

CAN YOU WAIT ONE HOUR WITH OUR LORD?

We need at least two (2) Adorers to be rostered on an hourly basis - 1 hour each with two Adorers for every hour. To sign up for an hour click here: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?eid=690924&> or go to: <https://www.baysidecatholicmission.org/> or contact the Parish Office on 9589 2271. Many thanks.

Advent Reflection Groups

- Tuesdays, 10am at Sacred Heart, Sandringham
- Thursday, 7pm online (join via website).

Congratulations to
Livia & Giuseppe Zinni
On their 60th Wedding Anniversary.
We wish them every blessing
for the future.



News From St Mary's Parish



Congratulations to the children who made their Sacrament of First Reconciliation on the 10th Dec.

Congratulations also to the Grade 6 children of St Mary's Hampton - graduating on Tuesday - we wish you the very best as you begin the next chapter of your lives - always remember the love of Our Lady - the patron of St Mary's !

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.

Big Thank You once again to the Todarello family for their kind donation of our Christmas Tree, and also to Gabrielle Mc Dermott for helping with the Tree decorations.

News From Sacred Heart Parish

Due to relaxation of restrictions, the parish office is partially attended during the week. For any administrative request, please email the parish : Sandringham@cam.org.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL APPEAL

This year, we are continuing to support our **St Vincent de Paul** clients and their families at Christmas. Cash donations welcome. There are envelopes on the Jesse Tree inside the Church. Please put your cash donation, vouchers or movie tickets in the envelope. **PLEASE LEAVE YOUR ENVELOPES/DONATIONS DURING MASS TIMES ONLY OR AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE. Gifts need to be returned by next week December 20th for distribution.** Thank you



MERCY CONNECT MELB is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary & Secondary schools across Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approx half day a week during school terms. Tel: 9326 1895. www.mercyworks.org.au.

2021 COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS available this weekend. \$10 each.

COPIES OF THE BULLETIN available outside the main entrance of the school and at the side entrance to the Church from Friday afternoon, and at the two Masses this weekend.

ADVENT BOOKLETS are available for \$3 each. These can also be purchased at the presbytery office during the week Tue & Wed 10am – 3pm.

THANKGIVING ENVELOPES are in the foyer.

News From St James & St Joan of Arc Parishes

Dear parishioners we are back in the office and looking forward to seeing you again soon. Our Christmas Masses will be at 8pm Christmas Eve and 9am and 11am on Christmas Day. To assist at one of the Masses please add your contact details to the list of volunteers in the church foyer. We need your help to make this a wonderful celebration of our faith and to welcome back people to the Church.

St Joan of Arc Centenary 2021

Inkwells, School Milk, Wooden Desks, Penny Tables and The Angelis

To enrich our centenary celebrations, we are calling on former pupils of St Joan of Arc to recall memories of their schooldays which we will share with today's students. I am sure our current students will be fascinated by the comparisons with school-life as it is today. Your memoirs might include the role of the Presentation Sisters, class sizes, wooden desks and floors, discipline, religious instruction, uniform, sports and recreation, heating/cooling etc. Actually, whatever you wish to share – this is the stuff of real history! Please send your memoirs by mid-January to: sja100years@gmail.com Many thanks, Peter Toms.



Please add some foodstuffs, toiletries or cleaning products to your trolley this week for the Brigidine Asylum Seeker Project.



News From Nazareth Parish

Christmas Offerings

At Christmas, the Archdiocese of Melbourne holds its special appeal for priests.

Christmas Offerings are a major source of financial support for our parish priests and all the priests in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. We invite you during this time of giving and recognition to give generously to this appeal. Envelopes are in the Set of Thanksgiving envelopes and they are also available at the rear of the Church.

Thank you for your generous support.



A Vocation View

Rejoice always! Our Saviour is near! The call to priesthood and/or religious life is a source of great joy to those who embrace their call with their whole heart, mind and soul (1 Thes 5:16).

Youth Ministry

During our recent Bayside Catholic Mission meeting it was decided to implement a youth ministry across all the bayside churches.

The youth ministry will aim to build courageous and resilient young people with the clear objective to be seen as service oriented youth driven by charity.

We are seeking committed parishioners to assist in further developing this concept with the view to bring our youth closer to Christ and to learn new skills in a post pandemic era that can be used in service to others. We will be issuing further information in the coming weeks and will be inviting expressions of interest for commitment of parishioners to support the program.

Youth activities include but not limited to developing a music ministry, cooking activities, social gatherings, small business projects, bible study with worship and outreach. Please consider whether this important project within the Bayside Catholic Mission is one that aligns with your passions and talents.

Further details and an Expression of Interest (EOI) will be issued in the coming weeks.

If you are interested in being part of this vision and would like more information please email

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Michael Staunton mickstaunton@gmail.com

Blessings

Kevin de Souza

Bayside Catholic Mission



Melbourne Overseas Missions Annual Appeal

Thank you for your support of which \$200,000 has been provided in clean water, health and education. We have been able to fund many projects for disadvantaged people in Papua New Guinea, Peru, West Africa, Pakistan, Palestine and the many Islands in the Pacific. Living standards have been raised for many people. This is especial-

ly in the areas of MOM activity, where the effect of the pandemic has been devastating.

visit <https://mom.org.au> for information or to donate.

AN OPEN INVITATION TO JOIN St Joan of Arc Charismatic Prayer Group

Catholic Charismatic Renewal is a spiritual movement within the Catholic Church. It started 53 years ago, and it was blessed by every Pope. Pope Francis calls the movement 'a current of grace for the whole Church'.

Our group at St Joan of Arc started 28 years ago. The prayer meeting has been a place where many people have found a new dimension to their spiritual lives and have discovered the love of God in a more profound way.

St Paul wrote in 1 Cor 14:26: "When you assemble, one has a hymn, another some instruction to give, still another a revelation to share, one speaks in a tongue, another interprets. Let all things be done to build up the community."

With COVID restrictions we moved our meetings to ZOOM. We get together on every Thursday night at 8pm.

Please join us by sending an email to

sja.brighton.prayer.group@gmail.com to receive an invite to ZOOM.

YOU ALL ARE VERY WELCOME!

Next Week's Mass Readings

2 Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Advent A Time To Prepare

The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition that was originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas.

The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ.



Even the individual evergreens that make up the wreath have their own meanings that can be adapted to our faith. The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering. The pine, holly, and yew signify immortality and the cedar signifies strength and healing. The pine cones that decorate the wreath symbolize life and resurrection. The wreath as a whole is meant to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. The first candle, which is purple, symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah.

The second candle, also purple, represents faith. It is called the "Bethlehem Candle" as a reminder of Mary and Joseph's journey to Bethlehem.

The third candle is pink and symbolizes joy. It is called the "Shepherd's Candle," and is pink because rose is a liturgical color for joy. The third Sunday of Advent is Gaudete Sunday and is meant to remind us of the joy that the world experienced at the birth of Jesus, as well as the joy that the faithful have reached the midpoint of Advent.

On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Savior. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

The white candle is placed in the middle of the wreath and lit on Christmas Eve. This candle is called the "Christ Candle" and represents the life of Christ. The color white is for purity—because Christ is our sinless, pure Savior.

Please Pray For...

Sacred Heart

SICK: Michelle Norton, Peter Roberts, Martin Cassidy, Kim D'Souza, Maria Rosa Daniela, Gabriel Quin, Nancy Camera, Dianne Button, Marissa Daicos, Louise Tonna, Garry Murphy, Barbara Mary Jenkins, Connell Wescott.

ANNIVERSARIES: Jock Hawking, Donald Thomas, Tom Maginness, Bill Coady, Audrey & Robert Spiers, Leo & Lucy Power, John Pucella, Tom Hayes, Lancelot O'Grady.

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, William (Bill) Thompson, Pauline Nikolaidis, Joe Natoli.

ANNIVERSARIES: 2nd Death Anniversary of Antoinette Fillippi.

Nazareth Parish

SICK 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.

St Joan of Arc & St James

BAPTISMS: Lily Anne Strathdee, Camilla Matta, Penelope Stewart.

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, Michael Young.

DECEASED: Angel Roque Gonzalez, Neil Robbins.

ANNIVERSARIES: Corey Slykerman, Olga Lesseur, Aldo Cundari, Desmond O'Connor.

