

22/23 December 2018-Year C  
Fourth Sunday of Advent



**ST ANTHONY'S  
PARISH CHURCH**  
320 Edmondson Ave  
AUSTRAL 2179

**Pastor:**

Fr. Robert Hayes PP RFD VF  
Dean of the Western Deanery

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**Presbytery: Parish Office is  
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**Presbytery is closed on Mondays.**

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College**

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**Sacramental Life**

**Celebration of the Eucharist:**

**Mass Schedule:**

Saturday - 5.30pm Vigil (Includes  
Children's Liturgy during School  
Term)

Sunday - 7.30am

Sunday - 9am (Includes Children's  
Liturgy during School Term)

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - 9am

Wednesday - 9am

Thursday - 9am

Friday - 9.00am

**Reconciliation: Saturday**

1.30 - 5.15pm

**Baptisms & Marriages:**

by appointment at Presbytery

**Pointing:** Every 2 months -

check bulletin for dates

**Check Calls:** Any time - day/night.

**Funeral Masses:** In co-operation  
with Funeral Directors.

**Entrance Antiphon:** Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord, make us turn to You; let us see Your face and we shall be saved.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, Alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may His will for me be done. Alleluia

**Communion Antiphon:** Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a Son; and His name will be called Emmanuel.

**Dear Parishioners,  
We celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent: Year C**

**1. Mary, the Mother of God**

In his moving musical composition *Like Winter Waiting*, John Foley, SJ, has Joseph sing about Mary, "Who is this woman?" For many people (and, of course, maybe for Joseph too) the question is really, "Who is this woman *to me*?" These two questions are very different in character.

Consider the first one. The traditional answer to it is that Mary is the Mother of God.

You might think, how much care and commitment should I have for Mary? This answer can be hard to understand. All Christians agree that God is without beginning. It seems that a God without beginning *can't* be born. And so it seems that God can't have a mother either.

*But* Jesus is fully human *and* fully divine. As man, God *can* be born. And so, after all, God can have and did have a human mother. The woman who was that mother is Mary.

And that is why, if it is taken theologically, the answer to the question Joseph sings in John Foley's music, "Who is this woman?" is this: Mary is the Mother of God.

But the more pressing question remains: "Who is this woman *to me*?" The answer to this question depends on the life and love of each person who answers it, doesn't it?

Think about it this way. For every person who reads this Saint Louis University Liturgy Website, John Foley is the Jesuit priest who is the editor of the website and the composer of powerful and influential liturgical music. But the answer to the question, "Who is John Foley *to me*?" depends on the person answering the question. *To me*, he is a dear friend. But that is because the history of my life includes care for him and commitment to him.

But, you might think, how much care and commitment *should* I have for Mary?

Isn't that a backwards way to think about relationship with any person, Mary included? What a person is *to you* depends on you, on your own care for her and commitment to her. We will discover our right relationship to Mary if we ask ourselves the question Elizabeth asked: "Who am I that the mother of my Lord should come to me?"

## 2. Parish/School Carol Evening



Last Monday, the Church began getting into the Christmas Spirit with our Parish/School "Carols Evening." It was a night where the parish choir sang some traditional carols that we all know so well, and the St Anthony of Padua School children sang more modern and up tempo children's carols.

The night was capped off with a video of our Principal and Staff singing "All I want for Christmas is You!" Also, in the video were the parents of the pre-school children and the staff and children from OOSH. There was much laughter from the children, as I'm sure they hadn't seen their Principal, Assistant Principal and staff clown around as they did. I think the parents enjoyed seeing the staff let their "hair down" as well. It was a very Merry Christmas Night.

## 3. St Vincent de Paul: Christmas Appeal

St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal is looking for "tin foods" as many of our Catholic Schools are supporting Vinnies with toys.

The Manager Krystina Whittaker is asking parishes if they could donate "tin Foods" as food etc will be in demand after Christmas. Please bring your donation and place it in the boxes provided at the back of the Church.

## 4. St Vincent de Paul Society

As mentioned previously by the new President of the St Vincent de Paul for this Region, Mr Davide Foti, they are looking for members.

As you can imagine, the Society has been serviced by many faithful and willing Catholic women and men, but age is wearing them. Others have to pick up the baton and run with it.

Are you interested in social welfare and justice for all? See Fr Bob.

## 5. Raffle for Christmas

The Parish Council decided to hold a Christmas raffle for funds to fix-up the choir area.

There are a few prizes in time for Christmas. They are: Microsoft Voucher, Ham Hamper, Fruit Hamper. IGA Hamper in the form of a voucher, Melina Cake Shop Voucher, Perfume box assortment. Tickets are: \$3 each or 4 for \$10.

**CHECK IT OUT!**

## 6. Children's Liturgy

There is a sign up sheet at the back of the Church for Children's Liturgy for next year, if you can help out with the children I'm sure you would enjoy it, please think about helping out next year.



## 7. Anniversary Mass

Next Thursday at St Anthony's there will be a Memorial Mass for Mario Torrisi who passed away a few months ago.

Mario was married to Alfina and her sisters are Sarina Macri and Angela Cavallaro.

The Mass details are:  
Thursday 27 December at 7pm.  
All welcome to attend.



## 8. Boxing Day mass

Mass will be held on (Wednesday) Boxing Day at St Anthony's at 9am.

## 9. Readers Rosters

New Rosters for Readers are now available on the table at the back of the Church, please take one home.



I wish parishioners and visitors a very Blessed and Holy Christmas. Please drive safely on the road as you travel over the Christmas period.

May God Bless you.

Fr. Bob

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## CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER

**24-29 December**

Volunteers

**31 December-5 January**

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## READERS ROSTER

**22/23 December**

**Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm**

Commentator: Veronica Casha

Readers:

Veronica Casha: 1st Reading

Vanessa Casha: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

**Sunday: 7.30am**

Commentator: Margaret Cvetko

Readers:

Margaret Cvetko: 1st Reading

Pasqualina Catanzariti: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

**Sunday: 9am**

Commentator: Margaret De Vries

Readers:

Margaret De Vries: 1st Reading

John William Fisher: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

**29/30 December** (Feast of the Holy Family)

**Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm**

Commentator: Rita Zappia

Readers:

Rita Zappia: 1st Reading

Julie Dimech: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

**Sunday: 7.30am**

Commentator: Anne Violi

Readers:

Anne Violi: 1st Reading

James Gill: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful

**Sunday: 9am**

Commentator: Nicole Hext

Readers:

Nicole Hext: 1st Reading

Frances Musso: 2nd Reading & Prayers of Faithful



## Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Roster

**22/23 December**

**Saturday Vigil**

David & Sarah Casha



**Sunday 7.30am**

Pasqualina Catanzariti & Virginia Romeo

**Sunday 9am**

Jayann Montemayor & Frances Musso

**29/30 December**

**Saturday Vigil**

Veronica Casha & Julie Dimech

**Sunday 7.30am**

Virginia Romeo & Margaret Pisani

**Sunday 9am**

Ken O'Leary & Volunteer

## ACOLYTES ROSTER

**22/23 December**

**Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

**Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

**Sunday 9am**

Peter Grizelj

**29/30 December**

**Saturday Vigil**

Gerry Crescini

**Sunday 7.30am**

George Ajkay

**Sunday 9am**

Anthony Zanetic

## ALTAR SERVERS ROSTER

**22 December**

**Saturday Vigil**

Sabrina & Leo

Steimbesser

**23 December**

Domenico Mirarchi

**29 December**

**Saturday Vigil**

Daniel Garzaniti

Mark Vassallo

**30 December**

Domenico Mirarchi

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY

**22 December**

School Holidays

**29 December**

School Holidays

**9am Sunday**

School Holidays



## NURSING HOME ROSTER

**23 December**

Sister Rosa & Jayann

**28 December**

Mass





- The paradoxes of Christmas
- Growing good men
- The shock of the new
- Students shine in HSC
- Movie Review: Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse
- 13 desserts for Advent

Please put \$2 in the poor box

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT MORNINGS**

This service is for family and friends who grieve the loss of a loved one and the changes that loss makes in one's life. Morning tea is provided in a relaxed and caring setting.

For further information contact:  
Bereavement support Ph: 02 9646 6908 or email:  
bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au

If you or a friend are in need of such support please ring and attend the session

**Sessions held:** Every Third Wednesday of the Month from 10am-1pm.



It has been a busy year for our Principal Lea DeAngelis and her wonderful staff. The school welcomed its second year of students into Kindergarten. In 2017, we began with a cohort of 44 students and their families. This year, 2018, we welcomed another 62 students and families into the school for a total enrolment of 106 students. Our Kindergarten cohort for 2019 is 82 students, plus siblings going into years 1 and 2. Our second classroom was handed over by the builders and our children are enjoying the two buildings and a great playground. As you can see from the photos, the parish and school held a combined "Carols Evening," last Monday 17 December. The Church was packed as families and children sang their hearts out as we prepared to welcome "the Child of Bethlehem."

**WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

**In your love and concern, please pray for:-**

**Recently Deceased:** Concetta Gismondo

**Anniversaries:** Vincenzo Camera

**Also for:** Dec'd of the Dimech Family, Special Intention, Emmanuel & Mary Gatt, Bessy Mifsud, Carmello Vella, Annunziata Vella, Holy Souls

**We remember those who are sick in the community that the Lord will be their comforter and healer as we pray for:**

Paul Farnsworth, Erminia Demasi, Domenic Zucco, David Angeles, Peter Kelleher, Fred Pjanic, Marie Gough, Chris Smith, James Dimech, Paul Galea

