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**SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.**

**We consider the safety and wellbeing of all persons to be our highest priority.**

We too acknowledge that children, young people and adults at risk may require additional safeguards to promote their participation, wellbeing and safety.

Clergy, employees and volunteers are committed to upholding the right to safety of all persons. They must participate in creating a culture of safety supported by policies, practices and procedures that strive to prevent abuse in the first instance and to respond appropriately and effectively if abuse does occur. We respect the human dignity of each person and strive to create an inclusive and welcoming Church that enables its people to grow and develop in their faith freely and in a caring and supportive environment.

**Mass Times**

**Sunday:** 9.00 am and 10.30 am

**Saturday:** 6.00 pm & 8.00 pm **(Vigil)**

**Daily Mass:** 9.00 am **(Mon – Fri)**

**First Friday:** 9.00 am **(Mass & Anointing of the Sick)**

**Reconciliation:** 10.30 am – 11.00am **(Sat or on request)**

**Rosary:** Mon-Fri after 9.00 am Mass

**Benediction and Rosary:** Fri after 9.00 am Mass till10.45am

**Neocatechumenal Way:** Tues, Wed & Thurs 8 pm, and Saturday 8 pm

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| **3rd Sun Advent 12 Dec 21** | **6.00 pm Mass**  | **9.00 am Mass**  | **10.30 am Mass**  |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Cheryl Juelg | Volunteers |
| **Music ministry**  | Volunteers | Mary Rose | Marilou James |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittorio  | Fr Crispin | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi |
| **Offertory Procession** | Volunteers  | Eugene and Joe | Volunteers |
| **4th Sun Advent 19 Dec 21** | **6.00 pm Mass**  | **9.00 am Mass**  | **10.30 am Mass**  |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Cheryl Juelg | Volunteers |
| **Music ministry**  | Volunteers | Mary Rose | Marilou James |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittorio  | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi  | Fr Crispin |
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**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK**

Chiara Mazzeo; Christian James; Filippo and Sara, Sophia, Daniel Rivalland, Georgette Kheir, Christine Banerjee, Ettore Poletta, Francesco Paolo Ricciardi; Millie D’Alton, Claire Posten, James Morrison, Catalina Morrison, Rosa Maria Santos, Ben, Mary Muscat, Patrick Lakagreagrow, Brian Tierney, , Carmel Kanci, Jo Arena, Pam Montgomery, Helen Mille; Jason Denis; Mary Westhead; Rosa Nistico, Margaret Denis; Arthur Astarlis, , Lourenca Fernandes, Prithie Pereira, Madison Kelly, Pat Flarve.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED**

**Conrad Lobo**; Benedict Banerjee; Marie Perez; Fr James Early; Michael Wiscki, John allan & Marcia Barry; Lynette Maher; Giovanni Lentini; John McLean**;**: Mickey Mascarenhas**;** Vincent & Tina Giglio; Louisette Harris; Nelson Trapani; Jim Walsh; Miriam Proctor; Elva Ebdon, John Rivalland, Marie Rivalland, Douglas Gonsalves, Charlotte Godfrey, Linda D’Souza; Felix Lobo, Margaret Herbstreit; Trevor Anthony Fernandez, Pauline Burke, Sandra Highland, Rudolph D’Souza, Michelle Fowler, Sam Molino, Margherita M. La Macchia, Joan Elliot, Archimede Camba, Denzel D’Souza, Melissa D’Souza John Noal, Lorraine Thompson, Peg Smith, Gladys DeRosario, Molly Wintle, Florencio David Sr, Kathy Taranto, Maureen Collins, John Palamara, May Ray, Milan Lozo, Albert & Hillary D’Souza; Shannon Baker; Margaret Dowsey, Janine Capiron; George Tickner; Jack Foley; Sheila McKenna; Peter Dunne; Tony Molloy; Dulcie Jopling; Gerard Bourke, Alfred Foster, Joan Mealing; Judith Buckley; Genevieve Rodrigues Jean Allday; Gloria James; Earnie Breznik; Margaret Daveron; Patrick & Maurice Kelly; Edward Majda; Elizabeth Mary McKay; John H. Moloney; +Fr. Frank Maher; +Fr. Victor Crennan.

**Thanksgiving Collection Weekend: 5/12/2021 – 480.00$**

**Loose Money: 5/12/2021 – 182.85$**

**My dear Parishioner, once again, thank you for your generosity.**

**Mon: 13th Dec St Lucy, Martyr**

***December is the Month of the Divine Infancy***

**Tue: 14th Dec St John of the Cross, Doctor**

**Wed: 15th Dec St. Virginia Centurione-Bracelli**

**Thu: 16th Dec St. Adelaide**

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

**Fri: 17th Dec St. Florian**

**Sat: 18th Dec St Peter Truat**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION and NOVENA FROM 17TH DEC TO 25TH DEC**

It is an important moment for all of us to receive the **sacrament of Reconciliation** in preparation for Christmas. This year, Fr Vittorio will be available for individual confessions. So, From the 17th of December until 23th of December, Fr Vittorio will confess every day from 6.00 pm until 7.00 pm. Everyone is welcomed.

**The Christmas Novena** begins on 17December. At this point, the Advent focus shifts to the Christmas story and the Virgin Mary. These days serve to prepare more directly for the Lord’s birth. This is the best time to hold carols services and to begin to sing Christmas carols in the liturgy.

**3rd SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR 2022/C, REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL: LK 3:10-18**

The third Sunday of Advent is also called Gaudete Sunday. This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass, which is also echoed in today's second reading from the Paul's letter to the Philippians: “rejoice”. Some people mark this Sunday by lighting a pink candle instead of a purple one on their Advent wreath. It is a reminder that the Advent season is a season of joy because our salvation is already at hand. John tells his listeners that they cannot rely on their lineage as Israelites because children of Abraham can be raised up from stones. Repentance, rather, must be observable in one's actions. Here, Luke is continuing to set up two important themes of his Gospel message: the Christian faith is expressed in one's actions, and the call to salvation is extended to everyone, Jews and Gentiles.

In today's Gospel reading, the crowds ask John the Baptist for specifics. What evidence of repentance is required? John replies by naming concrete actions: crowds should share their food and cloaks; tax collectors should be just; soldiers should act fairly. The concern for justice is a hallmark of Luke's Gospel.

When the crowd begins to wonder if John the Baptist might be the Messiah, John interprets makes clear that his ministry is in preparation for the Messiah. John the Baptist knows his role in God's plan of salvation. By encouraging the crowd to act similarly in accordance with their stations in life, John's teaching suggests that each person has a role to play in God's salvation. It is the great mystery of our salvation that God permits and even asks for human cooperation in his divine plans.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES (UPDATE 8 DECEMBER 2021)**

We are looking forward to Christmas and our Masses on the assumption we are operating under the same Government Rules as currently apply. This will mean that there will be Masses for **“Fully Vaccinated People”** and for people of **“Unknown Vaccination Status”** and that we have **the capacity limits** that currently apply.

**MASSES**

* Thursday 23 December 9:00 am Fully Vaccinated (100 people)
* ***Friday 24 December Christmas Eve Masses***

*9:00 am* ***No*** *Mass*

6:00 pm (Vigil) Fully Vaccinated (100 people)

*7:30 pm Unknown Vaccinated Status (50 people)*

12.00 am (Midnight) Fully Vaccinated (100 people)

* ***Saturday 25 December Christmas Day Masses***

*9:00 am Unknown Vaccinated Status (50 people)*

10:30 am Fully Vaccinated (100 people)

* ***Sunday 26 December Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph***

*9:00 am Unknown Vaccination Status (50 people)*

10:30 am Fully Vaccinated (100 people)

* Monday 27 December *9:00 am Unknown Vaccination Status (50 people)*

A parishioner designated as a **“Covid Check-in Marshall”** will greet you in the Narthex to help with your check in. Please come a few minutes early to help with the check in.

Those attending a “Fully Vaccinated Mass” are required to show proof of their vaccination either on their phone or by paper copy unless this has already been noted by our Covid Check-in Marshall. To assist if the Marshall can note your **vaccination certificate number (1000 …. ….)** ahead of Mass this will aid the movement of parishioners through the Narthex before Mass.

Those attending an “Unknown Vaccination Status” Mass are not required to show **any documentation about vaccination status.**

All attending are required to register using their phone and the Government’s QR codes in the Narthex or if they do not have a suitable phone by using the paper based system record on the table.

**CHURCH CAPACITY**

With the variety of our Christmas Masses we expect our numbers will fall within the Government’s numbers caps but note **that places will be allocated on a first come first served basis.**

**HYGIENE**

* Face coverings are not required in our Church, but may be worn at parishioner discretion.
* Sanitiser must continue to be used regularly throughout Liturgies, and Celebrants must visibly sanitise before and after the distribution of Holy Communion.
* If someone is unwell with symptoms that indicate a possible positive test, they should not enter the Church.

You are all in my prayers. Fr Vittorio Ricciardi (Parish Priest)