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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 till 10.45am

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

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| **Christmas Eve Masses** | **Friday 24th 6.00 pm Mass**  | **Friday 24th midnight Mass**  | scan0004 |
| **Lector** | It will be nominated | It will be nominated |
| **Music ministry**  | It will be nominated | Francis McDowell  |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittorio Ricciardisomeone will be nominated | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi Someone will be nominated |
| **Offertory Procession** | It will be nominated | Poletta family |
| **Christmas Day Masses**  | **Saturday 25th 9.00 am Mass**  | **Saturday 25th 10.30 am Mass**  |
| **Lector** | It will be nominated | It will be nominated |
| **Music ministry**  | Mary Rose  | Marylou James |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittorio Ricciardisomeone will be nominated | Fr Vittorio Ricciardi Someone will be nominated |
| **Offertory Procession** | Volunteers  | Volunteers |
| **Holy Family Sun 26 Dec 21** | **9.00 am Mass**  | **10.30 am Mass**  |
| **Lector** | Angelina Robinson | Lobo family |
| **Music ministry**  | Mary Rose | Marylou James |
| **Minister of Communion** | Fr Vittorio Ricciardisomeone will be nominated | Fr CrispinSomeone will be nominated |
| **Offertory Procession** | Volunteers  | Volunteers |
| **New Year’s Day** | **Saturday 1st Jan 2022**  | **Adoration and then 9.00 am Mass**  |

**Thanksgiving Collection Weekend: 19/12/2021 – 634.00$**

**Loose Money: 19/12/2021 – 112.00$**

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

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

In this Christmastide, the sacrament of Reconciliation will continue every Saturday at 10.30 am in preparation for all the other feast of Christmas.

This year, Fr Vittorio will be available for the individual confessions also by appointment, but every Saturday will be dedicated to the confessions at 10.30 am, excluding the Saturday of Christmas.

**NOTE FROM GOVERNMENT COVID-19 AFFECTING OUR MASSES**

FOLLOWING TODAY’S ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE CHIEF HEALTH OFFICER, FACE COVERINGS ARE NOW REQUIRED FOR INDOOR GATHERINGS (EXCEPT IN THE HOME) FOR PEOPLE AGED EIGHT AND OVER, OR FOR THOSE WITH MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS.

**TODAY IS BORN OUR SAVIOUR**

**CHRIST THE LORD**

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS!!!!!**

**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM ARCHBISHOP COMENSOLI**

My dear brothers and sisters,

Once again, HAPPY CHRISTMAS to all of you.

I hope that the announcement by the chief health officer, face coverings are now required for indoor gatherings, didn’t disturb you. I am sure this announcement will not be an impediment to celebrate this great Christmas.

I would like to say YOU HAVE BEEN GREAT this year.

I would like to report the beautiful message of our Archbishop that will encourage all of us:

A Child – A Light – A Hope

The one thing that Christmas trees and Christmas cribs have in common is a star or an Angel on top whose light shines down upon all that is beneath. Whether Christmas star or Angel, its light illumines what otherwise would remain in shadow. It reveals delights and gifts, warmth and hope; but most especially it reveals a child who would be the light of the world. Whether it was by the light from heaven glorifying the shepherds, or the light in the heavens guiding the Magi, both the lowly and the mighty were led to ‘the Light’, under which all people could find illumination. In the manger, among the animals, the baby Jesus would open the eyes of shepherd and magi alike, for they hoped for the gift of this light, who would shine for all.

Christmas is the living memory of the greatest gift we have ever been given: that of the Christ-child, Emmanuel, who is “God-with-us”. He is the great gift of hope at Christmas: the gift of a God who is with us, who loves us and binds us together in all that is worth living for - and who remains with us, through thick and thin.

The old and wizened men of Jesus’ nativity – Zechariah, husband of Elizabeth, and Simeon, the prophet in the temple – both learned to see by His light. For Zechariah, Jesus was God’s dawning light for those caught up in the shadows of death, and a guide for our feet on the way to peace. For Simeon, Jesus was the revealing light of salvation to all the nations and the hope of glory for God’s people.

May Jesus, child of God, son of Mary, and light to the nations, illumine the darkened regions of the world, and the shadowy places of the human heart. May we look to His light and find hope for our families, and for ourselves. May the light of Christmas – the light of Jesus – spread out its rays to bring reconciliation between enemies, to light up bridges over troubled waters; to reveal new ways towards renewed friendships.

A child; a light; a hope. May these be yours this Christmas

THANK YOU and MAY GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!!

MAY YOU HAVE A HOLY AND JOYFUL CHRISTMAS

**Mon: 27th Dec St John, Apostle and Evangelist**

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

**Tue: 28th Dec The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

**Wed: 29th Dec St. Thomas Becket**

**Thu: 30th Dec St. John Alcober**

**Pray the Rosary Daily**

**Fri: 31st Dec St. Sylvester I, Pope**

**Sat: 1st Jan 2022 MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

**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.