



# ST JOSEPH'S MALVERN *stepping out in faith and trust*

UNDER THE CARE OF THE VINCENTIAN COMMUNITY

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## 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B 20th December 2020

**FIRST READING:**

A reading from the second book of Samuel

*The kingdom of David will be established for ever in the sight of the Lord.*

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest

**ST JOSEPH'S IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH**

*St Joseph's Malvern is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.*

from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

## **SECOND READING:**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

*The mystery kept secret for endless ages is now revealed.*

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

## **GOSPEL:**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

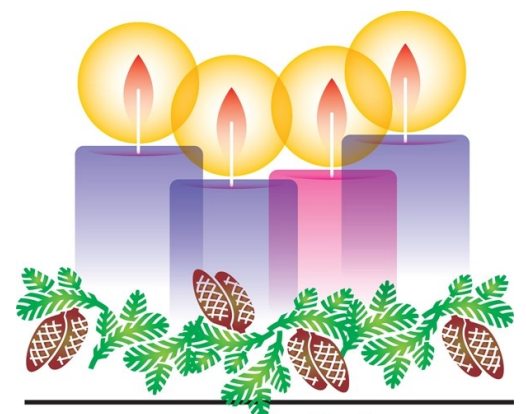
*You will conceive and bear a son.*

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

## **FUNERAL FOR FR MAURICE SULLIVAN CM— LIVESTREAM**

The funeral for Fr Maurice Sullivan CM will be celebrated at St Anthony's Marsfield on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 11am. The funeral will be livestreamed. Please go to link

<https://www.funeralvideo.com.au/private/fr-maurice-sullivan>



FOURTH SUNDAY OF *Advent*

*St Joseph's Church Malvern*

# **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**Christmas Eve, 24<sup>th</sup> December  
6.00pm & 10.00pm**

**Christmas Day, 25<sup>th</sup> December  
8.00am & 10.00am**

***Bookings are essential***

*Please contact the Parish Office on*

*9401 6390*

*or*

*Email: [info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au)*

*Bookings close at 9.00am 24/12/2020*

# PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

## PLEASE NOTE!

The Parish Office  
closed on Friday 18th  
December 2020 for the Christmas/New  
Year Break



Reopening on  
Monday 11th  
January 2021 at  
9.00am

Outside of these hours anyone seeking assistance from the Parish Office is asked to please contact Fr Alan on 94016391 beforehand to arrange a time.

Chris can also be reached on  
0401 112 380 or  
[info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au)



## TAP MACHINE

The Parish Tap Machine has been reactivated and now available to use.

Your Stewardship and loose collection contributions can be made this way if you do not have any Stewardship envelopes at the moment.

Donations to the Parish can also be made using the tap machine.

You will find the tap machine near the exit door as you leave the Church.

## KiT – KEEP IN TOUCH

Missing Mass and contact with other parishioners?



If you'd like to catch up for a chat with some of your fellow parishioners, feel free to contact any of us below:

Rosie Coulthard	0422 611 522
John Davies	0418 596 983
Lucia Mac	0405 231 207
Damian Coleridge	0407 330 404

## CDF for Parishes pay

The COVIDSafe way to pay your Stewardship contributions is with CDFpay.

Link: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMalvern>

## BOARD/ACCOMMODATION WANTED

A mature lady is seeking shared accommodation.

Please contact Fr Alan on  
0410 894 651 for further details.



# Message from Fr Alan



## CHRISTMAS MASSES

There will be 4 Masses for Christmas – 6.00pm (Christmas Eve), 10.00pm (Christmas Eve), 8.00am (Christmas Day) and 10.00am Christmas Day. Bookings are now taking place through the trybooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNNCA> and will conclude on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Eve) at 9.00am. In addition, bookings will also be available for the two Masses on the following weekend 26/27 December for any parishioners who are not able to book in for one of the Christmas Masses. ***Bookings will be limited to one time only to allow as many parishioners as possible to attend Mass during this period.*** One of the Christmas Masses will be pre-recorded and uploaded to the parish website. ***Bookings are essential.*** All those attending our Masses are asked to be there half an hour before the start of each Mass to assist the process of checking registration (both ticking of names and using the QR Code) prior to entry into the Church. Doors will need to be closed by the time Mass commences.

## Masses on the weekends of 2/3 January and 9/10 January 2021 (Pre-recording only)

It has been through the generosity of our volunteers that our Church has been able to reopen and offer public Masses on the weekends since early November. The current practice of registering for masses for the purposes of contact tracing will be with us for the foreseeable future. Therefore, to give our volunteers a break ***there will be no public Mass offered on the weekends of 2/3 January and 9/10 January 2021.*** Masses for those weekends will be pre-recorded and uploaded to our parish website.

Bookings for Mass after Christmas will recommence when the Parish Office reopens on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021 through the trybooking link: <https://www.trybooking.com/BNRQS>

## Weddings

Over the past 3 weekends I have been celebrating weddings here at St Joseph's Malvern. In fact, I had a lovely small wedding in front of the grotto on a perfect sunny day last weekend. It is good to see those wanting to get married seek out our Church once again. A good sign of new life after these past few months.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

On behalf of the Parish Staff, Chris, Kerri Anne and myself, I would like to take the opportunity of wishing you all a very Happy and Holy Christmas. May you experience the peace and joy that the birth of our Saviour brings.

# *Fr Alan's Reflection*

## SAYING YES

Last Wednesday morning I received a message conveying the very sad news that Fr. Maurice Sullivan CM had died. I had known Fr. Maurice for the past 50 years. The first time was back in 1970 when Fr. Maurice was chaplain to my school at Marist Brothers Eastwood. Although not on the parish staff he would also celebrate mass regularly at my home parish at St Anthony's, Marsfield. He visited our home on a couple of occasions. We had a table tennis table under our house back then and Fr. Maurice was ready to accept my challenge to a game of table tennis. A few years later in 1976-1977 Fr. Maurice was Parish Priest of St Anthony's Marsfield. At the end of 1978 I joined a youth group in the Parish known as the Natovi Club which raised money to support our Vincentian Parish at Natovi, Fiji. Fr. Maurice was responsible for starting the Natovi Club. Although he was no longer chaplain when I joined, I would still see him occasionally. It was clear that he had formed a close bond with several members from the Natovi Club. Most of them will be present at his funeral on Friday 18th December.

In 1983 Fr. Maurice asked me if I had ever considered a vocation to the priesthood? It was at a time in my life when I was trying to take my faith more seriously and wondered what saying yes to God would mean for me in the future. I believe that without his question I would not be here at St Joseph's Malvern today as Parish Priest. Fr. Maurice was also my first Director when I began studies for the priesthood in the seminary at St Francis Xavier Seminary in Adelaide, S.A.

As I prepare to go to his funeral, I have reflected on his life these past few days. Fr. Maurice's life was definitely one of saying yes to God. This was carried out through a variety of ministries in being parish priest of parishes in Sydney, Melbourne and Perth, being Director of Spiritual Formation in Adelaide, Chaplain of Marist College Eastwood (twice) and being Provincial of the Vincentian Fathers and Brothers from 1997-2002. It was always a free yes. I, like many others have been touched by his warmth and generosity over the years.

In this Sunday's Gospel Mary is asked to be the Mother of God. It tells us that she was disturbed by the words of the angel Gabriel. She was also searching for what did saying yes to God mean? How would it influence her future? How could she be the mother of God when she was a virgin? Yet despite all of this she placed herself in God's hands. Her words 'let it be done according to your word' captures the spirit of Advent.

Our time of preparation for the coming of Christ is fulfilled when we say yes to God and surrender

our will to his. Mary's yes was not just for that time only but was reaffirmed again and again by the way she lived her life. A generous yes not only fulfils the life of the person who responds in this way but also has a positive influence on those around them.

Fr. Maurice was Parish Priest here at Malvern from 1992-1995. Although I was not here then I heard from one of my confreres and friend, Fr. Les Troy CM, that Fr. Maurice had a great gift for being able to call others forth into ministry. I am sure that today I speak on behalf of many in expressing gratitude to Fr. Maurice for saying yes to God. His yes resulted in living a life that influenced the lives of many people for the better.



## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2021

Enrolments for the St Joseph's Parish Malvern Sacramental Programme (Reconciliation, Communion and Confirmation for 2021 are NOW OPEN.

To enroll please go to website link:

<https://stjosephsmalvern.org.au/parish-sacramental-program/>

Please contact Fr. Alan on 94016391 or email [agibson@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:agibson@stjosephsmalvern.org.au) should you need any help.



# Christmas Thanksgiving

Support our parish this Christmas in a COVIDSafe way. Give in-person using the **Tap & Give device** or online using **CDFpay**.



CDF  
pay





# Safeguarding Matters



## SAFEGUARDING CODE OF CONDUCT AND VOLUNTEERS RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

By now all parish volunteers have been written to asking them to sign the Code of Conduct Declaration and Volunteers Rights and Responsibilities Forms.

It is a requirement that both these forms are signed and witnessed.

If you are unable to print either of these forms please contact Chris on 0401 112 380 or [info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au)

Both of these forms are to be returned in full to the Parish Office by 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021.

I am grateful to all volunteers for all they do and acknowledge that there are volunteers in our parish community who have generously served our parish community for many years with great integrity.

The signing of these forms simply represents a commitment by our parish to effectively safeguard our children and young people.

# Climate Action Tips



Two more practical steps to consider this week for sustainability are as follows:

1. Change your personal economics to support local based business such as Community Co-operatives and Credit Unions, etc.
2. Advocate for an economic pricing system that includes the total environment cost of a product in its price.

## TREES THAT WAIT FOR BIRDS

Michael McGirr

*God of patience, we thank you for birds  
that sit quietly in branches  
And wonder what we humans are doing  
down below.*

*May they keep their business to  
themselves.*

*May we learn their lesson of stillness,  
Of oneness with trees and the earth.  
May we hold others as branches hold  
birds.*

*Just like the story of St Kevin and the  
blackbird.*

*May we reach out  
Until the people we hold are ready to fly  
off on their own  
And leave us to wait for the next person  
you send.*

*Teach us how to love as your son taught  
us  
From a tree.  
Amen.*

# **St Joseph's Parish Malvern is a COVID-19—Safe Parish**

We have been working hard to providing the safest environment for all our parishioners, office staff and visitors.

## **DURING THIS PERIOD, WE ARE COMMITTED TO:**

- Regular cleaning of the Church is undertaken after all Masses
  - Pews
  - Door handles
  - Outside ramp rails
- Details of everyone who enters our premises for contact tracing purposes

## **IT IS ALSO A REQUIREMENT OF ALL WHO ATTEND ST JOSEPH'S:**

- Social distancing
- Wearing a mask
- Sanitising of hands upon entry, before communion and on exit
- Receiving of Communion on the hand only
- Please stay at home if you are feeling unwell

**Thank you for helping us to create a safe environment where  
all people feel comfortable.**

**We will advise you of any changes as they are made.**

THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE  
PRESENTS

# Jesus is Christmas

WATCH IT  
ON C31  
(CH 44 ON DIGITAL TV)  
OR  
[YOUTUBE.COM/  
ARCHMELB](https://www.youtube.com/ARCHMELB)

## CHRISTMAS CAROLS FAMILY SPECIAL

Our Christmas celebrations may look a little different this year, but thankfully we can always return to the familiar sounds of the carols to inspire and remind us of the reason for our Advent hope: the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Jesus is Christmas—then, now, always.* Together with your families, join us for this one-hour Christmas special from the comfort of your home, and sing along to your favourite carols sung by some of Melbourne's most talented musicians.

**SUNDAY 20 DECEMBER  
7PM - 8PM**

FEATURING

**SILVIE PALADINO  
GARY PINTO**

+

**MICHAEL PETRUCELLI**

**THE SAGA**

**LARISSA CAIRNS**

**THE SULLY FAMILY**

**TONGAN CHOIR, SUNSHINE**

**CBD PARISHES VIRTUAL CHOIR**

AND

**ARCHBISHOP PETER A COMENSOLI**



KATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE  
OF MELBOURNE



Care first



# St Anthony's Parish

## 28<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER

A takeaway meal will be available from  
Midday – 1.30pm on Christmas Day  
from St Anthony's Parish Hall  
164 Neerim Road Caulfield East  
(Meals can be delivered in the local area if necessary)



**Who is it for?** → → Everyone is welcome – Jesus came for all

**How Can I Attend?** → Invitations (yellow) are available at St Anthony's Church, 172 Neerim Road and at the locations listed below

**How Can I Help?** → If you would like to offer practical help, please complete a helpers' form (green)

**Most Importantly** → Please pray for the success of the Dinner and for all those involved

**How Can I Collect or Return my Form?**

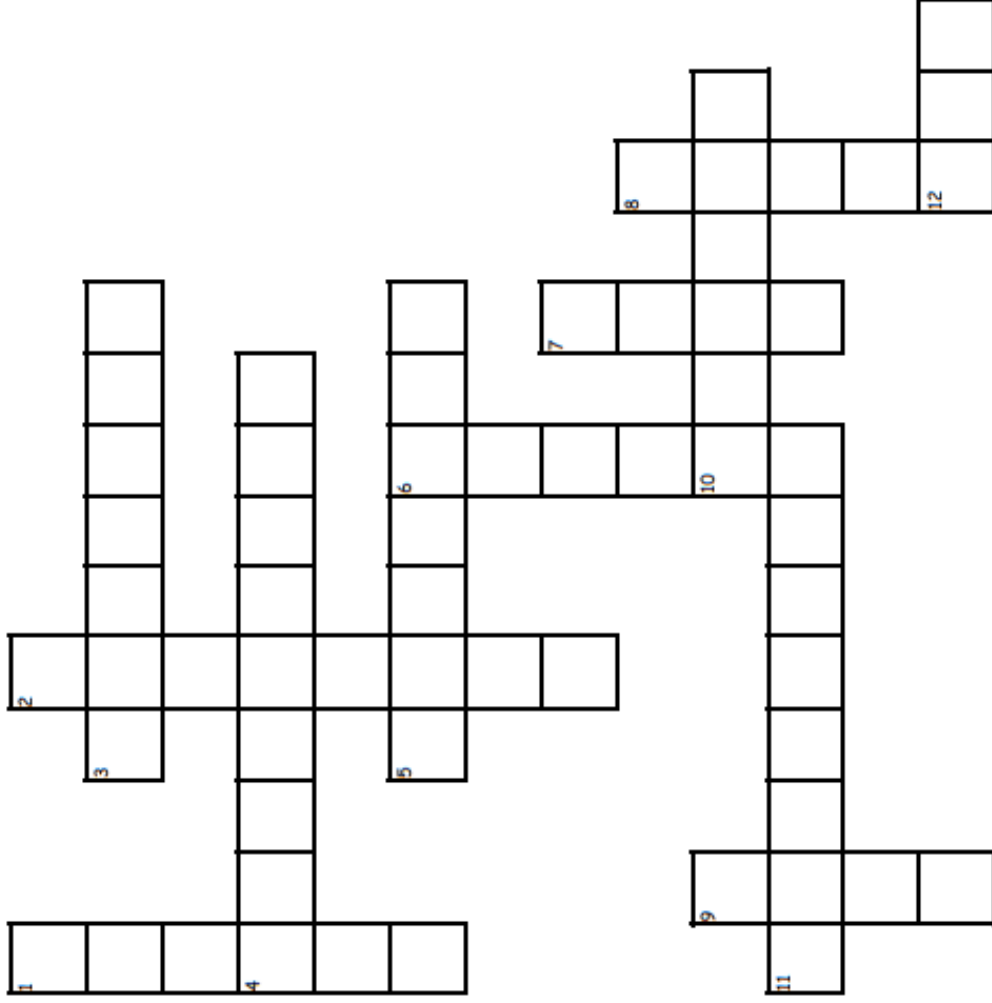
- → By hand at Tony's Café at St Anthony's Hall, 164 Neerim Road Carnegie  
Tuesdays and Saturdays between 12.30pm and 1.30pm OR  
on Thursdays between 3.00pm and 5.30pm
- → By hand or by post to St Anthony's Parish House, 74 Grange Road, Glen Huntly
- → By email to [stanthony.christmasdinner@gmail.com](mailto:stanthony.christmasdinner@gmail.com)

For more information, please phone St Anthony's Parish House  
9401 6336  
dedicated mobile 0432 087 494  
or email [stanthony.christmasdinner@gmail.com](mailto:stanthony.christmasdinner@gmail.com)

# CROSSWORD

## His name will be Jesus

Lk 1:26-38



### Across

- 3: the angel sent by God to deliver a message
- 4: Mary's cousin who was also going to have a son
- 5: Mary said, 'I am the Lord's \_\_\_\_\_! Let it happen as you have said.'
- 10: the angel told Mary that Jesus would forever rule the people of which land?
- 11: unable to understand, mixed up
- 12: the opposite of daughter

### Down

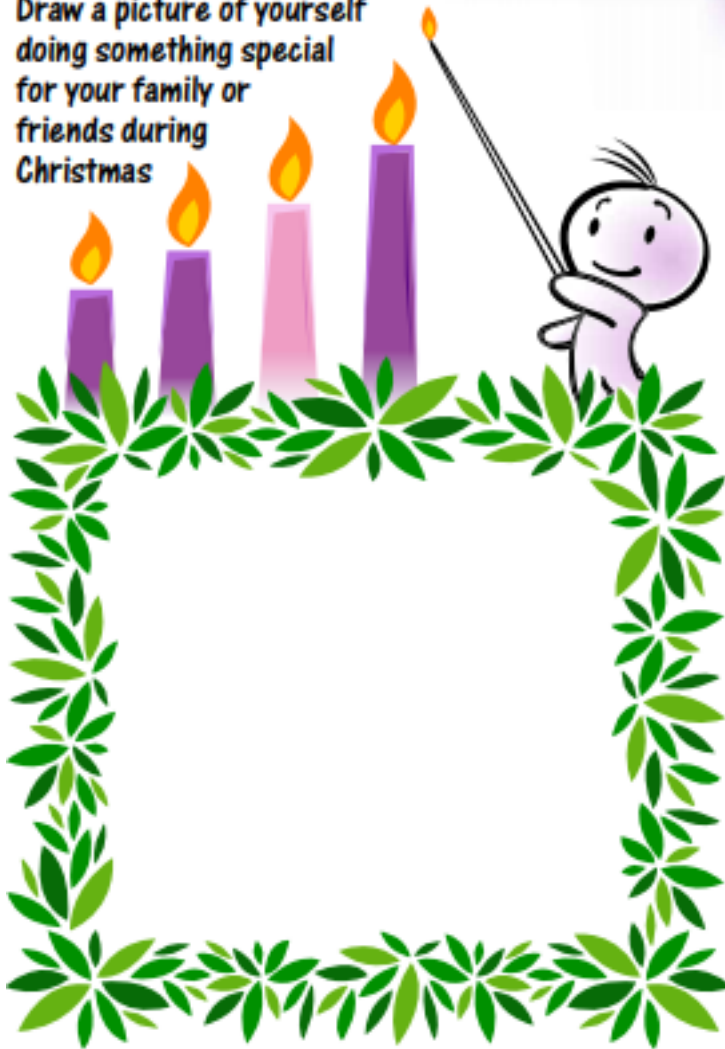
- 1: Mary was engaged to this man
- 2: the town where Mary lived
- 6: scared, frightened
- 7: the angel had a message for this person
- 8: Mary was told to give her child this name
- 9: the angel said, 'your child will be called the \_\_\_\_\_ Son of God'

# His name will be Jesus

4th Sunday of Advent, Year B



Draw a picture of yourself doing something special for your family or friends during Christmas



In the story of the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel tells Mary that God has chosen her to bring his Son into the world. What are some ways that we can bring Christ into the world for others?

Use the words below to find out what the angel Gabriel and the Blessed Virgin Mary are saying to each other.

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favoured one!  
The \_\_\_\_\_ is with you.  
Don't be \_\_\_\_\_!  
God is \_\_\_\_\_  
with you. You shall  
have a \_\_\_\_\_ and his  
name will be \_\_\_\_\_.



I am the  
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of the Lord!  
Let this  
-----  
as you  
have said.

Jesus   afraid   happen   servant   Lord   Greetings   pleased   son

## SENIOR WORDSEARCH

# His name will be Jesus

B D Q N C O O G E U I M J Z P R Q  
Y T V L O L S N Q T J F P V R H F  
Y E R V I C U A Z N S C C K I S  
A J N C E K S E A Z H Z W Y K A O  
F U B C W S E C U T A H A R M T N  
R X T O F P J R E E J R V U Y N Q  
A U C Q G P R B E W Z B E R N A K  
I L E I R B A G G I S T A T G V M  
D F O W M Z H S K L I M N X H R D  
P A Q J I B S M M D S W W J M E O  
I L W L S U P E B R V D E F S H  
Y D E Y L O H S O Z A S G L G P M  
O F S A I I U R B E E C K T E P J  
C V C S J F L G O N L Z E S C R R  
Q Y W W N T H U W H E G O S X G C  
U W B O A W Y E D Q Q J N U M C R  
P M C B E Z D U F H P Z L Q O Z H

Try to find these words:

afraid  
confused  
Elizabeth  
Gabriel  
holy  
Israel  
Jesus  
Joseph  
Mary  
Nazareth  
servant  
son

# ST JOSEPH'S PARISH—Mass Times



## Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil—6.00pm (St Joseph's)  
Sunday—10.00am (St Joseph's)

## Weekday Masses

Monday—NO MASS  
Tuesday—MASS ONLINE  
Wednesday—MASS ONLINE  
Thursday—MASS ONLINE  
Friday—MASS ONLINE

## Reconciliation

by appointment only

## PLEASE NOTE!!

All Mass Intentions are being said by Fr Alan each morning at a private Mass.



Parish Office is closed until further notice.  
Please ring, 9401 6390 before you stop by to make sure there is someone in attendance.

## CHURCH OPEN

The Church is NOW OPEN for weekend Masses at 6.00pm Saturday and 10.00am Sunday.

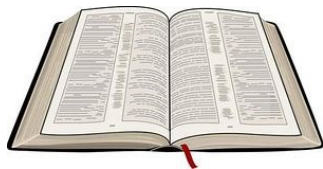
Unfortunately, personal visits to the Church are still not permitted until further notice.

## 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

**FIRST READING:** 2 Samuel 7:5.8-12.14.16

**SECOND READING:** Romans 16:25-27

**GOSPEL:** Luke 1:26-38



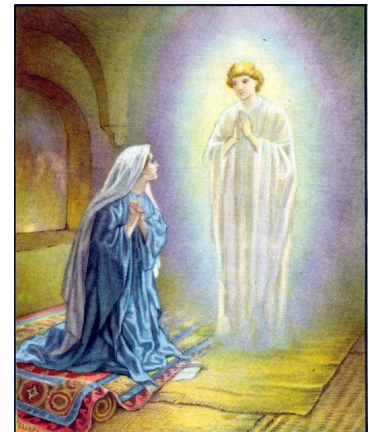
### Next Sunday's Readings

THE HOLY FAMILY OF MARY,  
JESUS & JOSEPH

Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6.12.14

Colossians 3:12-21

Luke 2:22-40



## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

### BAPTISM:

**THE SICK:** Fiona Egan, Frances Cushing,  
Barbara Westcott, Janet Murphy

### RECENTLY DECEASED:

Gennaro De Fazio

### ANNIVERSARIES:

Aileen McGoldrick, Rosina Bufalo



## MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 19 December Aileen McGoldrick (an)

Sunday 20 December People of the Parish

Tuesday 22 December

Wednesday 23 December

Thursday 24 December People of the Parish

Friday 25 December People of the Parish

Saturday 26 December Rosina Bufalo (an)

If you are wanting to book a Mass Intention,  
please call the Parish Office on 9401 6390 or  
[info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au](mailto:info@stjosephsmalvern.org.au)

## Acknowledgement of Country

We acknowledge that we are meeting on the traditional land of the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri people and offer our respects to the elders past, present and future. We recognise and respect the cultural heritage of this land.