

MASS FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS

The Life, Marriage & Family Office warmly invite all expectant mothers and their families to the Mass for Expectant Mothers. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Denis Hart at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 14 May (Mother's Day) at 11.00am. Registrations can be made online at: www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily or alternatively by contacting: 9287 5587 or lmf@cam.org.au. Please note that registration closes on Friday 5 May. Expectant mothers who register will receive a small token of recognition.

CARDS AFTERNOON

Join us on the last Monday of every month for Cards in the Parish Centre commencing at 12.15 pm. All welcome, please bring a plate to share.

FRIDAY MORNING TEA

Come and share, every Friday morning in the Parish Centre after the 10.00 am Mass.

INDOOR BOWLS EVERY FRIDAY:

Please join us for Indoor Bowls at the Parish Centre every Friday afternoon from 1.30 pm. All welcome, equipment provided.

PROJECT COMPASSION



In Vietnam, young Nguyet was isolated as a result of her severe disabilities, until a Caritas-Australia supported program offered her education, creative outlets and community interaction.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for education and inclusion in their community.

St. Vincent de Paul Parish Prayer

Loving God, through St Vincent de Paul, we seek your guidance and constant protection, for our parish community.

Gathered together as your people, we come as we are, to live out the Gospel message, in a faithfilled, welcoming and caring community.

Grant us your help in our weakness, that we may proclaim to all, your abundant goodness.

We praise and thank you for your gifts given freely, to share with one another.

May we never lose faith in you and always strive to live, in a spirit of strength and gentleness.

On our journey, may we be an example of your love, to those we meet.

Loving God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
may you always watch over us in all we do. Amen

CATHOLIC CHURCH INSURANCE EASTER HAMPER RAFFLE

CCI has offered us an Easter Hamper to Raffle. The proceeds will be used to support our pastoral outreach this year.

Tickets for the Hamper are only \$1.00.

The hamper is valued over \$150.00. A list of contents is available with the hamper at the Piety Stall in the Narthex of the Church or the Parish Administration Office.



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Sunday Mass: Saturday Vigil: 6.00 pm **Sunday Morning:** 8.30 am & 10.30 am

Weekday Masses: Tuesday - Saturday 10.00 am

Our Church is Open: Tuesday - Friday 7.00 am - 5.00 pm for private prayer

Sacrament of Penance & Reconciliation: Saturday 9.00 am or by request

Sacrament of Baptism: Baptism will be celebrated only by appointment and after a preparation evening, arranged through the Parish Office.

First Sunday of the Month: During our weekend Masses

Second Sunday of the Month: 12.00 noon

Third Sunday of the Month: 12.00 noon

Sacrament of Marriage: By appointment with at least six months notice.

*A community celebrating Christ in life by striving to maintain
a strong sense of belonging and generosity of heart.*

LORD THAT I MIGHT SEE

The readings of this Sunday invite us to rejoice as we consider the gifts that God desires to give, so that nothing may stand in the way of our relationship with him. As I come respectfully into God's presence, I try to bring to mind whatever obstacles may have blocked me from my relationship with Christ this week. I also thank God for any moments of deep faith and consolation as I prepare myself for receiving his Word.

In the Gospel here Jesus gives the blind man his sight; but only after abuse and rejection does the man fully realise who Jesus is. The blind man could be me as I try to develop a greater faith and trust in Jesus, my Light, in the events and sometimes struggles of my daily life. I try to enter into this dramatic story: which character do I focus on? What do I hear? Do I become one of them?

Does my darkness need to be 'washed' away: fear, prejudice, anger? Can I let Jesus touch me? I speak to him from my heart.

Take some time to reflect upon the Scripture reading for this weekend.

