Rosters for This Week 1st & 2nd December				
Counting Team No. 5	John Richardson, Larry Rigoni, Susan Jamieson			
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.30pm Mary Soppitt, Maria Laudato 8.30am Doreen Mitchell, Evol Farrelly 10.30am Alison Silke			
Mass Readers	6.30pm Elizabeth O'Keefe 8.30am Charles Hili 10.30am Kate Arnold			
Children's Liturgy	8.30am No Children's Liturgy–Prep Mass 10.30am No Children's Liturgy–Prep Mass			
Rosters for Next Week 8th & 9th December				
Counting Team No. 6	Jim Farrelly, Tim Kennedy, Evol Farrelly			
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.30pm Gail Tull, John O'Keefe 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Richard van der Merwe			
Mass Readers	6.30pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Anthony Verhoef			
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Rachel Nardo, Jacinta Sagona 10.30am Ros Jacklin, Jenni Falzon			
	IN OUR PRAYERS			



We pray for, Leo O'Brien, Haizil Joseph, Santhi Komatineni, Barrie Poulton, Bridget Walsh, Cathryn Walsh.

RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Marie Kosowski, Sr. Eileen McHugh, Stephen Rush Mladenka Obradovic, Mollie Maine, Dr. John Anchen, Ignazio Kucich, Teresa Rimbaldo, Dan Buckley, Ellen Croke, Gary Metcalf, Guiseppe Pecora, Maria Ivelja, Michael Hoctor, Graeme Bloedorn, Patrick Kirley, Carmelo Pagliaro, Kath Allman, Joel Finn, Cecilia Penn, Edward Maguire, Roland Zammit, Francesca Oliveri, Margherita Mangion, Luiza Kucich and Emanuel and Rosaria Raffaelle; whose anniversaries are at this time.



Offering Envelopes

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Please collect your stewardship envelopes from the rear of the Church. Envelopes are filed in alphabetical order. Thank you for your financial assistance to the Parish.

Columban Calendars 2019 The new Columban Calendars will be available for sale at the conclusion of Mass from the rear of the Church for \$9.00. Funds raised will support the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

A community where we bring together our gifts and talents



2nd December, 2018

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Parish Office Manager-Secretary Heidi Zahra

Tuesday 9:15am - 4pm Thursday 9:15am - 4pm Friday 9:15am – 4pm

Wednesday Secretary Kylie Skinner 8.30am-3.30pm

St. Mary's School Acting Principal -Joe Caruana Normal Mass Times Consult bulletin inside for any changes. Saturday at 6:30pm Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am Tuesday to Friday 9:15am Reconciliation Saturday 10:00am Silent Adoration in Church

2:30pm - 3:30pm Wednesday

Baptism Preparation Night

Third Thursday monthly 7.00pm at Parish Centre. Baptism must be booked prior to attending Preparation Night.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah. 33:14-16

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

SECOND READING:

3:12-4:2

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your

salvation.

GOSPEL: LUKE 21:25-28, 34-36

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon and the stars and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."



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A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.



Tuesday 4th December	<u>CHURCH CLOSED</u> —Professional Carpet Cleaners are in to clean. 7.30pm Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults at the Presbytery.	
Wednesday 5th December	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.6.30pm Marriage Rehearsal in Church.	
Thursday 6th December	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church. 6.30pm Parish Council meeting at the Presbytery.	
Friday 7th December	 9.15am WHOLE SCHOOL MASS—Parish Feast of the Immaculate Conception at St. Mary's Church. 11.30am SENIORS' MASS to celebrate Feast of the Immaculate Conception at St. Mary's Church 12.00pm Followed immediately by Christmas Luncheon at the Parish Centre. ALL ARE WELCOME. 	

Dear Parishioners and Visitors.

The daunting complexity of modern life colours and challenges the way people experience the coming of God into their human experience. This season of Advent and Christmas soon to follow, evokes for most of us special memories, yet for some people, the Christmas season triggers extremely painful memories. It may be the loneliness after the death of a loved one, or the pain of a broken relationship. However, I believe even with those scenarios, there is the possibility of choosing grateful memories over the painful kind. Many youngsters remember the days approaching Christmas as filled with youthful enthusiasm, joy and great expectations. It usually means 'waiting' for that special day and 'getting' wonderful things. But some adults, long after childhood, might also remember a special insight which called them to a different kind of Christmas. Why not do something different and reach out to someone, the neighbour, the stranger or the homeless in sincere service and respect. Yes, we can easily get side tracked by the traditional cultural attachments of Christmas which cling and clutter like tinsel and glitter. We may need to search for deeper reasons why the birth of Jesus fascinates us. Even the word 'birth' suggests such a powerful mystery. The wonder of birth spans the whole spectrum of life. Human birth creates an instant parental relationship as well as an undeniable bond with an extended family. Even St. Joseph responds to the independence of the child Jesus, by standing with and for Mary and her newborn son as loving, faithful protector. May we, this Advent, sense the presence of the Son through not only the little ones around us but that 'new life' in all its forms, is just around the corner for all of us.

I feel confident it will be another great weekend for the Parish as we celebrate 'the new Preps' Mass' and the Parish barbeque immediately afterwards. Thank you to all who have been involved and those special people from the Parish Council who have co-ordinated the Parish barbeque.

As soon as singer/song writer Peter Kearney announced that he was coming down from Sydney and that he would be available for a Lenten concert-reflection in early April next year in the parishes of Melbourne, I made sure to get in touch with him. Fortunately, by a quirk of nature, he is performing his only solo concert in Melbourne this year on different other themes on Sunday 9th December at our own

'St. Joseph's by the Sea' at 3.00pm. He sings songs of hope and faith. If you want to join me you need to book early at: <u>concerts@peterkearneysongs.com.au</u>. Then it is only \$10 at the door.

On the topic of money, the purple booklet 'The Silent Night' (Reflections in Advent) is well worth the \$2 for this lovely little gem (available for purchase from the back table).

Fr. Greg 29/11/2018 Yours 'In Christ'



IOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL PARISH BBO THIS SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER 2018-11.30AM Meat, bread and cordial will be provided. Please bring a salad or dessert to share.





REFLECTIONS IN ADVENT

Advent is a holy time of grace and blessing.

on the many blessings God offers in our lives as we prepare for the greatest mystery - God breaking into the world and gracing it with the birth of a tiny baby, the Emmanuel.

Booklets are available on the back table. Donation: \$2.00



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at 7.30pm in the Church.

Or the Parish Office: williamstown@cam.org.au

Take the opportunity to bring the gift of song to our Christmas community and lighten all our hearts.

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0	Saturday 22nd December	6.30pm	Norma
0	Sunday 23rd December	8.30am & 10.30am	Norma
0	Monday 24th December Christmas Eve	6.30pm	Family
0		8.30pm	Christ
0		9.00pm	Christ
	Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day	9.00am 9.30am	Christ Christ

Children's Nativity Drawings for the 2018 Christmas Pageant Mass

Parish primary school age children are invited to submit a drawing depicting a religious Christmas theme (e.g. nativity, manger, wise men, camels, angels, shepherds, sheep, donkey) for inclusion in this year's 6.30pm Christmas Eve Mass slide show. Drawings need to be landscape profile on A4 paper, with your child's name on the reverse side. Bright colours and dark backgrounds work particularly well. Completed drawings will be gratefully accepted from Sunday 25 November to Sunday 16 December in the Parish Office, attention Heidi Zahra. Alternatively, drawings can be given to the Children's Liturgy Co-ordinators.

2019 PREPARATION CLASSES FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF RECONCILIATION, EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION.

Enrolment due by 14th December for children who do not attend St. Mary's School. For enquiries and enrolment forms, please email: patricia.stone@sosj.org.au or contact the Parish Office on 9397 6066.

Term 1: Reconciliation (Year 3+) Term 2: First Eucharist (Year 4+) Term 3: Confirmation (Year 6+ only)



