

Rosters for This Week 8th & 9th December

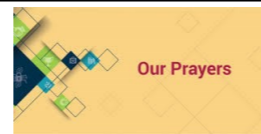
Counting Team No. 6	Jim Farrelly, Tim Kennedy, Evol Farrelly
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.30pm Gail Tull, John O'Keefe 8.30am Ivonne Cram, Jeanette Thompson 10.30am Richard van der Merwe
Mass Readers	6.30pm Daniel Corcoran 8.30am Peter Kirwan 10.30am Anthony Verhoef
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Rachel Nardo, Jacinta Sagona 10.30am Ros Jacklin, Jenni Falzon

Rosters for Next Week 15th & 16th December

Counting Team No. 7	Mary Ward, Jean McCutcheon, Greg Morgan
Ministers of the Eucharist	6.30pm Larry Rigoni, Beata Ocampo 8.30am Mary Frisby, Mary Debenham 10.30am Mimma Cutroni
Mass Readers	6.30pm Monique Marcina 8.30am Shannon Pedrotti 10.30am Jane McLaughlin
Children's Liturgy	8.30am Eilin Taylor 10.30am No Children's Liturgy

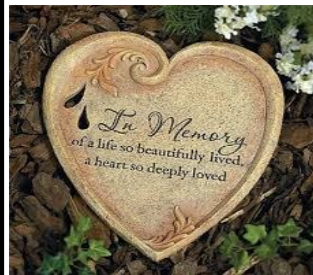
IN OUR PRAYERS

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



RECENTLY DECEASED & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for Mary Martin, Arthur Jones, Frank Cini, Brendan Harkin, Maria Napoli, Norma Arnold, Josie Wilde, Nora Doig, Stan Woodruff, Eric Flackhlam, Maria De Grassi, Merle O'Keefe, Marion Lorient, Libero Costanzo, Andrej Edovic, Giuseppe Pecora, Ersilia Portelli, Carmela Pisano, Nunzio Ficarra, Joseph Sammut, Eugena Fewster and Michele Cafagna; whose anniversaries are at this time.



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.



St Mary's Parish



A community where we bring together our gifts and talents

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9th December, 2018

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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

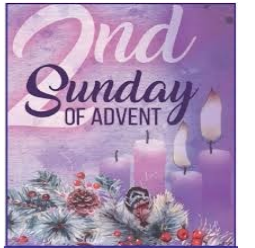
2:30pm – 3:30pm

Wednesday

Baptism Preparation Night

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of the prophet Baruch. 5:1-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING:

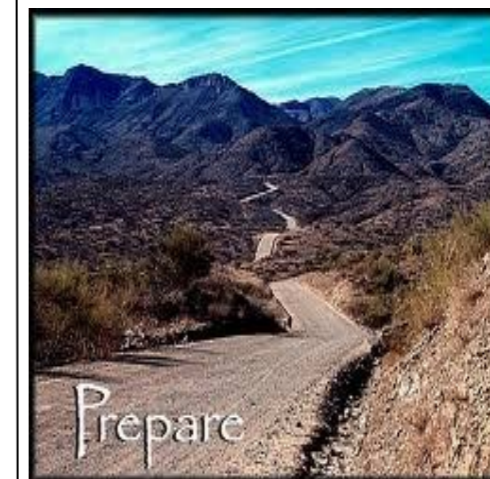
A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Philippians. 1:4-6, 8-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

GOSPEL: LUKE 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. He went throughout the region of Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah.



“A voice of one crying out in the desert:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’”

Sunday 9th December	11.30am Baptisms: Eden Daaboul, Easton Nolan, Lucy O'Dowd, Jacob Pante, Samuel Sparks.
Tuesday 11th December	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Wednesday 12th December	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Thursday 13th December	9.15am Mass at St. Mary's Church.
Friday 14th December	9.15am Communion Service at St. Mary's Church. (Fr. Greg celebrating Emmanuel School Mass for whole staff.)
Saturday 15th December	6.00pm–6.30pm Reconciliation Rite 2 at St Mary's Church.
Sunday 16th December	5.00pm–9.00pm Send off at Presbytery for acting Principal Joe Caruana. Light refreshments and drinks provided. All welcome, including children, as long as they are with parents.

Dear Parishioners and Visitors.


If you feel the need for reconciliation through the Sacrament of Penance, then please join Fr. John Healy Parish Priest of Altona Meadows and myself at 6pm next Saturday night. This will be a shorted Reconciliation Rite 2 Service as Mass will follow at 6.30pm. Please be early for this shorten Rite and know this will give you greater peace, strength and wholeness. Also if you are not staying for Mass that night you are welcome to leave soon after 'your forgiveness' of sin as I will give the common penance beforehand.

'The Swag' journal of the priests is available free after Mass today. It tends to cover a number of areas from our National Council of Priests Conference a few months ago but I am sure there are some articles there that will give you some extra food for thought.



As I stated last week that we can easily get side-tracked by the traditional cultural attachments of Christmas which cling and clutter like tinsel and glitter. Like the birth of the Son of God, normal human birth creates an instant parental relationship as well as an undeniable bond with an extended family. Within a family context, we celebrate the coming of a new little person, and we are convinced that the new life is interlaced with mystery. When the newborn finally arrives kicking and belting out his or her welcome vocal debut, lasting memories are born. Suddenly smiles appear, pain is forgotten and an infectious joy spills beyond the delivery room in widening ripples of good and wonderful news touching the hearts of all people of good will. If the joy of birth is one clue explaining the fascination of Christmas perhaps the image of dependence is another. A mother carrying and then delivering her child instinctively knows the cry of need as she feeds and cares for her infant. The same care although in a different way is found in the strong but silent figure of St Joseph. He responds to the dependence of the child Jesus by standing with and for Mary and new born son as loving faithful protector. Yet before long, a question arises to the surface: Why would God the Father, who created the Universe, choose to send his only Son into our world hidden in the dependence of a child? Obviously God chose this moment and location in human history to be a powerful moment of exchange. It is the moment of divine revelation through a human birth clothed in helplessness. This fact of God bending low to reveal the mystery of his presence within the human situation of poverty is stunning. It can only be matched by the action of Jesus bowing his head in death on the cross. Let us put up our hands in sheer thankfulness for knowing that our God is 'a God of love' and when Jesus says 'I call you friends' then let us not take any of this invited relationship for granted.

Yours 'In Christ'
Fr. Greg 6/12/2018




The Silent Night of Grace

REFLECTIONS IN ADVENT

Advent is a holy time of grace and blessing. It presents an opportunity for us at this busy time of the year, to reflect 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

PLEASE JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS DAY CAROLS CHOIR



We will sing Carols on Christmas Day from 9.00am until Mass time – rejoicing in the Birth of Jesus with all who come to Mass on Christmas Morning. Practice will be held **on Monday 10th & Thursday 20th December at 7.30pm in the Church.**

Please complete a slip on one of the clipboards which are on the tables at the front and rear of the church. Or email Sr. Patricia: patricia.stone@sosj.org.au
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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

	Saturday 22nd December	6.30pm	Normal Mass	
	Sunday 23rd December	8.30am & 10.30am	Normal Mass	
	Monday 24th December	6.30pm	Family Mass and Children's Pageant	
	<u>Christmas Eve</u>			
		8.30pm	Christmas Carols	
		9.00pm	Christmas Eve Mass	
	Tuesday 25th December	9.00am	Christmas Carols with the Choir	
	<u>Christmas Day</u>	9.30am	Christmas Day Mass (NB: One Mass Only)	

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)

