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Sunday: 10.00am

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PARISH CALENDAR: 15th - 22nd Dec 2019

Sun 15th

3rd Sunday of Advent
St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal
7.15pm Solemn evening prayer
Tue 17th
10.00am St Dominic's End of School
Year Mass

5.00pm Siena Chapel Holy Hour **6.30pm** Adoration - **7:00pm** Benediction

Confessions are available during this time

Thu 19th
Fri 20th
Sat 21st
Sun 22nd
Thu 19th
7.00pm Choir practice—Church
8.00pm Rosary and Night Prayer
St Peter Canisius
4th Sunday of Advent

11.00am Profession of Vows-Br Reg

12.00pm Refreshments PC

6.00pm Youth Mass

7.00pm Choir Practice—Church7.15pm Solemn evening prayer

Deadline for Bulletin: 10.00am Thursday

"THE BLIND SEE... THE LAME WALK, LEPERS ARE CLEANSED, AND THE DEAF HEAR ..."

John the Baptist has been in prison and heard of the things that Jesus has done and said. He knows his life is likely to end very soon, so he wants to make sure Jesus is the awaited one. That's why he sends his disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?"

Herod may have put John in jail, but John's own expectations have imprisoned him. Herod's jail, the historical stones and mor-

tar, is an external symbol of the inner prison in which John now waits. It is the interior prison of disappointment and disillusion. He is confined by his own unmet expectations. He has heard about all that the Christ, the Messiah, is doing but where is the axe, the fire, the winnowing fork? Where is the wrath



in the midst of cleansing lepers, giving sight to the blind, raising the dead? So John sends a message, "Are you the one who is to come?"

John has been imprisoned by his own expectations of who the Messiah is and how the Messiah should act. His expectation of the Messiah is different from what he has heard about Jesus. That is the danger of holding our expectations too tightly. Whether they are expectations of hope or expectations of dread our own expectations often blind us to the one who is coming, to the one who is more powerful. We imprison ourselves with a view of God, the kingdom, the world, our own lives that is too narrow. We try to confine God's work and life to our expectations. But that is not who God is or how God acts.

We thought God would make our lives easy and instead he calls us to live more deeply. We wanted God to eliminate our suffering and instead discovered God standing with us in the midst of our pain. We expected God would make us great, but he called us to identify with the least, the last, the lost. We hoped God would destroy our enemies, but he commanded us to love them. We wanted to be the leaders, but God told us to be servants.

Jesus tells John's disciples to tell their master what they had seen



and heard, the signs of the messianic age: "the blind see... the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor". Advent is the season of letting go of our expectations so that we can see the signs of the Messiah's presence in our lives.

PASTORAL SERVICES

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: 21st/22nd Dec

Sat 06:00pm J Gibbs J Dowling Sun 08:00am D Thomas J Adderley

> 9:30am S Foale A Taylor

> > S Bell A Couto/Br Av

11:00am M Balsillie P D'Astoli

06:00pm H Fuller Mews 18th Dec L Nguyen

21st/22nd Dec **READERS**

06:00pm Sat C: M Conlan R: J Panaccio

Sun 08:00am C: M Meehan R:

> 9.30am C: Parish R: **Families** 11:00am C: Dominican R: **Brothers** 06:00pm C: E Petterson R: E Petterson

SANCTUARY CARERS FOR: December

Altar Washing: Anne Doherty Flowers & Candle: Loreto Byrne

PRAYERS WRITERS: 22nd Dec Bryan Barwood

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Geraldine Fennessy, Aileen Crothers This week John Smith, Margaret Coakley **Next week** Des Patrick, Peter McNamara **Christmas Counters**

COLLECTION STATISTICS

Ave Thanksgiving **Dom Priests** Loose Nov \$3.922.78 \$ 490.88 \$ 1,240.45

PARISHIONERS are invited NEW complete the (green) Membership Form available at all Church entrances. Completed form can be returned to the Parish Office or dropped into the Parish letterbox, which is situated in the front of the Church.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED: For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Frank Freston, Luciano Marinucci, Godfrey & Beryl Spicer The sick of our parish: Mandy, Ilena Wilson, Shirley Kennedy, Alina Kobylanski, Barbara Dunstan, Sarah Cumming, Yvette van den Driesen, Patricia McInnes, Kathleen Conlan, Martin Blake, Grace Dunn, Michael Taveira, Egmond, Victoria D'Astoli, Ken Pe-Grazyna Van tersen, Patricia Mooney, Joe Markham, Albert Mahoney, Sr Julie Thomas CSB, Ann Stewart, John Meehan, Baby Gracie Bresolin, Janet Hudin, John Carroll, Fr Karl Emerick OP, Fr Brian Reynolds OP, Lina Agius, Joy Patrick and those visited by St. Vincent de Paul Society this week.

MASS INTENTIONS			
Sat	14 th Dec	6:00pm	Luciano Marinucci
Sun	15 th Dec	8:00am 9:30am	Special Intention For the People of the Parish
Mon	16 th Dec	12:00pm 6:00pm	Annie Ros Dominican Vocations
Wed	18 th Dec	6:00pm	Frank Freston
Thu	19 th Dec	12:00pm	G & B Spicer
Fri	20 th Dec	6:00pm	Deceased Dominicans

AUDIO LOOP If you are wearing a hearing aid, the best place to hear in the church is in the middle near the audio loop

Our PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE BOOK

for the month of December is located in the St Joseph's Chapel to remind us to pray for those mentioned





St Dominic's Centre of Studies Library

The Library is now closed for the Summer break & will reopen mid-Feb 2020. Enquiries: Librarian 9836 2632, or email: stdomslibrary@op.org.au https://opau.follettdestiny.com



"Teach a Youth about the way they should go; even st. Pouls fouth when they are old, they will not depart from it? Proverbs 22:6

NEXT YOUTH MASS - 22nd December Musicians at 5pm. Refreshments for all afterwards in Parish Centre

NEXT YOUNG ADULTS CHILL N CHAT -

22nd December (aged 18-35) @8PM

Hymn: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel - Pentatonix Facebook: St. Dominic's Youth Camberwell – SDYC

Instagram: sdyc

CHRISTMAS PLAY Dear Parents, St Dominic's would like to invite your children to take part in the Christmas Nativity play during the reading of the Gospel at our **6pm**
Christmas Eve Mass 24th December. So put on your angel wings and shepherd cloak and come and join us. We would love to see as many of you as possible.

Columban Calendars (\$9) and SVDP Christmas Cards (\$8 per pack) are for sale in the Parish Office

ST DOMINIC'S PARISH SACRAMENTAL UPDATE

CHILDREN'S LITURGY for Children from Kinder to Year 5 is held at 9:30am on Sundays during school term. Please note children will be led after the entry procession of the Mass to the Parish centre by the adult leader/s. All Welcome.

15 DECEMBER

REGISTRATION FORM FOR RECONCILIATION, **HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION 2020** are now available from the Parish Office. You are required to complete this if your child is receiving Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation in 2020 and return it to the parish office with payment by 14th February 2020.

ST DOMINIC'S IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

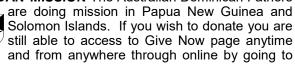
At St Dominic's we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

Solemn Profession of Vows

Br. Reginald Mary Chua

Sunday 22 December 2019 at 11am Mass All are welcome to attend and support Br Reginald in his journey in religious life

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CALLING OUR REGULAR SPECIAL MINISTERS,

READERS AND COLLECTORS Please volunteer to assist at Christmas Mass by writing your WARTER name and contact number down on the clipboards available at the back of the Church. Thank you



The **ASSOC OF HEBREW CATHOLICS** meets again at 1.00-4.00 pm in the Goold room of St Francis' Pastoral Centre Lonsdale St Melbourne on Saturday 21st Dec to reflect on our common heritage and the coming of the Messiah, which should be of interest to all those with-Hebrew and/or Catholic connections. Please ring Michael Renehan on 98894104 if you have any queries.

ALTAR WASHING AND FLOWER/CANDLE ROSTER 2020 several vacancies exist in this Roster for 2020. If anyone is able to assist pls call Vincey Millemaci 9888 4104..



6PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS CHOIR

All Parishioners are invited to join. Our practice is on 22nd Dec 22nd at 7:00pm in the church, Please contact me, if you have any questions. Thank you for your support, Fiona Markham pipnfi@yahoo.com

HOME SWEET HOME at last after 5 weeks of hospital/rehab. Thank you to you all for your prayers, cards, phone calls and texts during this time. It cheered me no end and helped me recuperate after my mini stroke.



Imelda Purcell.

SISTER **DISCIPLES** OF DIVINE **MASTER** 830 Riversdale Rd is now stocking Christmas card, diaries, Advent candles & Christmas crib sets. 9888 4754



DOMINICAN MONTH OF PEACE

Please pray the special prayer for the people of the India each day and come to the special Rosary each Friday of this month at I 11.35am before midday Mass.

PARKING AT ST DOMINIC'S We encourage all parishioners to use St Dominic's car park where possible, to minimize the disruption to the local residential amenity. Thank you for your cooperation...



11am - Hymns for the congregation

E: 763 **Ps**: 178 **O**: **865 Accl**: 1 [☑] C: 863 R: 686 Mass Booklet 59-64

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NOTES **NEWS FLASH! NEWS FLASH!**

The Justice and Peace Group has begun the new 🖈 Liturgical Year by committing to support a special project for education in the Solomon Islands for the next 4 two years. Among the poorest, many women giving 🔅 birth have not completed primary school. Generally only 4 1% of young women complete secondary education. We are hoping that with your help we can make a 💃 difference. Watch this space!

Fr David's Report on His Recent Pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan

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Fr David returned from a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in mid November and is happy to share his experience with anyone who might be interested on Thurs 19th December 10 to 11am in the Parish Centre followed by Morning Tea.

CAN YOU HELP? Fr Kevin Condon (former St Dominic's Parish Priest) is now a resident of Nazareth House. As his health has declined significantly in recent weeks, he can no longer drive a car. Would there be any parishioners willing to join the Dominican priests and brothers on a roster to drive Fr Kevin to his medical appointments occasionally? If you can help, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

Catholic Theological College 2020 Study Options Now Available

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CHRISTMAS 2019

RECONCILIATION:

Monday -Friday: 16th,17th,18th,19th,20th December 11.30 am – 11.55 am <u>also 6.30 pm – 7.00 pm</u> **Monday - Tuesday 23rd and 24th:** 11.30 am – 11.55 am

Normal Saturday and Sunday Mass Times 21st / 22nd December Sat 6.00 pm

Sun 8.00 am, 9:30 am, 11.00 am and 6.00 pm

Monday 23rd December Mass Time **12:00 noon** ONLY





Christmas Eve Mass Times

4.00 pm - Mass

6.00 pm - Family Mass with Children's Christmas Play

8.00 pm - Mass

Midnight – Solemn Christmas Mass (Carols begin at 11.30pm)

Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day Mass Times 8.00 am, 9.30 am & 11.00 am ONLY

After Christmas, weekday Mass is as follows:

Thursday 26 Dec to Wednesday 1st Jan 9am ONLY From Thursday 2nd January 12 noon ONLY 6.00pm will be suspended till further notice.

The Parish Office will close at 4.00pm Monday 23rd December and re-open at 9.00am on Monday, 13th January. Office hours 9am – 1pm only (13th – 17th January 2019) Normal office hours resume Monday, 20th January 2019

Australia Day, Monday 27th January 2019 Parish Office will be closed and Mass will be at 9.00am ONLY

PROPER OF THE MASS: 3rd Sunday of Advent, Year A

Entrance Antiphon Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice.

Indeed, the Lord is near.

Responsorial Psalm Lord, come and save us.

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor Alleluia! Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear.

Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

(3rd Advent, Year A) Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; Psalm 145; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11 Today's Readings **Next Week's Readings** (4th Advent, Year A) Isaiah 7:10-14; Psalm 23:1-6; Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24

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