



THE DOMINICAN

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St. DOMINICS PARISH

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“PREPARE THE WAY FOR THE LORD.”

St DOMINIC'S PARISH CHURCH – Mass Times

Monday to Friday: 12 noon and 6pm
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PARISH CALENDAR: 8th – 15th Dec 2019

Sun 8th **2nd Sunday of Advent**
7:15pm Solemn evening prayer
Mon 9th **The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary**
10:00am Funeral of Francis John Morris
Tue 10th 5:00pm Siena Chapel Holy Hour
Wed 4th 6:30pm Adoration - 7:00pm Benediction
Confessions are available during this time
Thu 5th 7:15pm SVDP meeting—DR
7:30pm Choir practice—Church
Fri 13th **St Lucy**
8:00pm Rosary and Night Prayer
Sat 14th **St John of the Cross**
Sun 8th **3rd Sunday of Advent**
7:15pm Solemn evening prayer

John the Baptist preached in the desert with this message: "Repent, for the kingdom of God is at hand!" He calls us to examine our lives, rethink our priorities, reorient our dreams and longings. Why should we make ourselves uncomfortable by such self-conscious examining? Because John doesn't just tell us to "Repent." He adds, "for the kingdom of God is at hand." God is about to fulfill promises and will draw very close to us. With that visitation about to happen ("one is coming after me") we will want to put our house in order.

John isn't preaching in a big city, or at the seat of power in Jerusalem. He's out on the fringe. Those in the centre, Jerusalem, are leaving homes, jobs and their communities to come out to hear him. They are leaving their comfort zones to move out to the edges to hear the Word of God. Advent is our chance to make space in our lives; to leave our centre of comfort and scheduled routines and search out a listening place to hear what God has to say to us. In the document "Evangelii Gaudium" (the "Joy of the Gospel"), Pope Francis wrote, "I do not want a church concerned with being at the centre and then ends by being caught up in a web of obsessions and procedures."

Our stripped-down worship space, set in Advent tones, encourages us to simplify, calm down and listen. What we will hear is the "old story" of the prophets' promise of restoration. John is another prophet who has gone out to the wilderness to encourage us to stand on tip toes of expectation, anticipating a deep-down renewal by the One who will wash us with the Holy Spirit and fire.

John's message is for now; it is in the present tense. He is preparing the way for our God. If we are stuck in a present condition of routine, then we experience our need for a saviour.



That's what John is promising us, one who can fire us up and renew our spirits by baptizing us anew with the Holy Spirit.

Advent calls us to repentance — that's step one. Then, we examine our lives to see if we are producing the goods fruit of the kingdom Jesus came to proclaim. We hope that the witness of our parish community will draw others, as John the Baptist did, away from their centres of comfort to join us as we hear the Word of God and are nourished at the table of life.

Deadline for Bulletin: 10.00am Thursday

Fr Peter Toan Nguyen OP, PP

PASTORAL SERVICES

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST:

14th/15th Dec

Sat 06:00pm D&N Tam
 Sun 08:00am J Czyzewski PDDM
 9:30am L Read J Arundell
 11:00am K Smith K Meldrum
 06:00pm D Fitzgerald
 Mews 11th Dec Sr Kim D Vu

READERS

14th/15th Dec

Sat 06:00pm C: S Mc Gee R: S Tobin
 Sun 08:00am C: Meehan R: M Meehan
 9.30am C: McCleave Family R: Davis Family
 11:00am C: Dominican R: Brothers
 06:00pm C: V Lillis R: V Lillis

SANCTUARY CARERS FOR: December

Altar Washing: Anne Doherty
 Flowers & Candle: Loreto Byrne

PRAYERS WRITERS: 15th Dec Denis Fitzgerald

COLLECTION COUNTERS

Frank Sharpe, Helen Dowsing This week
 Geraldine Fennessy, Aileen Crothers Next week

WELCOMERS 15th December

9:30am Sheehan Family, McLellan Family
 11:00am Chantal Thompson, Geraldine Fennessy

COLLECTION STATISTICS

| | Thanksgiving | Dom Priests | Loose |
|-----|--------------|-------------|-------------|
| Nov | \$3,922.78 | \$ 490.88 | \$ 1,240.45 |

NEW PARISHIONERS

are invited to 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:

Francis John Morris, Peter Kiernan, Norman Campbell, Marie Williamson, Martin Owen, Johannes Goedemans, Sr Mary Britt OP **For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** William James Pearson, Margaret Littledale Tutton, Andrew David, Stephen Bynre **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, Grazyna Van Egmond, Victoria D'Astoli, Ken Petersen, 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 | 7 th Dec | 6:00pm | Mary Cassar |
|-----|----------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| Sun | 8 th Dec | 8:00am 9:30am 11:00am | William James Pearson For the People of the Parish Martin Owen |
| Mon | 9 th Dec | 12:00pm 6:00pm | Margaret Littledale Tutton Dominican Vocations |
| Wed | 11 th Dec | 12:00pm | Steve & Annie Lawrence |
| Thu | 12 th Dec | 12:00pm 6:00pm | Tara & Andrew Sciberras Andrew David |
| Fri | 13 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>



"Here in your midst I feel completely at home; for me, living means being here with you." - St. Don Bosco

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

Song of the week: Give Thanks - Janella Salvador
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.



Today we welcome
Adelaide Grace Martin
Alexander Peter Van Den Hengel
 into the life of the Catholic Church through the
 Community of St Dominic's

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.

DATE FOR (TERM 4) ARE:
 8, 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.

EAST TIMOR COFFEE Next weekend is the last opportunity to buy coffee until next February. Sincere thanks to all who have supported the children and farmers of Timor Leste, a country that has experienced much trauma and is still a struggling nation.

DOMINICAN MISSION The Australian Dominican Fathers are doing mission in Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands. This weekend we will have special collection for their mission. Although we don't have any special envelopes for this collection, you are still able to access to GiveNow page anytime and from anywhere through online by going to this link <https://www.givenow.com.au/SIPNGMission>. Thanks for your donation.

CALLING OUR REGULAR SPECIAL MINISTERS, READERS AND COLLECTORS Please volunteer to assist at Christmas Mass by writing your name and contact number down on the clipboards available at the back of the Church. We thank you for your participation.

THANK YOU from the Justice and Peace Group for your support of our cake stall last Sunday. We raised \$935 which will be forwarded to ACRATH for their work with victims of human trafficking here in Australia and working towards its prevention in numerous other countries. You may like to visit their site and check that your feasting and present giving this Christmas is not dependent on unethical work practices. You can make a difference.

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. Thanks.

6PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS CHOIR Parishioners are invited to join the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass Choir. We have a good number of singers so far, but would be delighted to have more. We will be having a practice on December 22nd at 7:00pm in the church, so please join us. Please contact me, if you are interested in joining the choir or have any questions. Thanks for your support, Fiona Markham pipnfi@yahoo.com

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 11.35am before midday Mass.

SVDP CHRISTMAS CARD is now selling! Please support the Vinnies by purchasing Christmas Cards (\$8.00 per pack) at the Parish Office.

PARKING AT ST DOMINIC'S It has been noted that while there are normally ample available parking spaces on-site (within the car park facility of the Church), some parishioners still chose to use on-street park spaces along Dominic Street. Whilst on-street parking is a public resource available for use by everyone in the community, we encourage all parishioners to use st Dominic's car parking where possible, to minimise the disruption to the local residential amenity. Thanks for your cooperation..

11am - Hymns for the congregation
E: 763 Ps: 175 O: 715 Accl: 1
C: 793 R: 722 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 two years. Among the poorest, many women giving birth have not completed primary school. Generally only 1% of young women complete secondary education. We are hoping that with your help we can make a difference. Watch this space!

CAN YOU HELP? Fr Kevin Condon (a former parish priest of St Dominic's) is now a resident of Nazareth House. Because 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 give your name and phone number to the parish office. Thank you!

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

COLUMBAN CALENDAR 2020 are now available for sale from the Parish Office. \$9.00 each.

FLOWERS AVAILABLE This Saturday and next Monday, Iris, Hellibore, Clivea, and Dutch Iris. Any time after 12.30pm. Will need some man power for removal of some plants. Many thanks, Bernadette 0488331787

CHRISTMAS 2019

RECONCILIATION:
Monday – Friday: 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th December
11.30 am – 11.55 am also 6.30 pm – 7.00 pm
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

Tuesday 24th December
12:00 noon Mass

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: 2nd Sunday of Advent, Year A

Entrance Antiphon

O People of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,
and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart

Responsorial Psalm

Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes
to you from God.

Today's Readings

(2nd Advent, Year A) Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 71; Romans 15:4-9; Matthew 3:1-12

Next Week's Readings

(3rd Advent, Year A) Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; Psalm 145; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

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