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8 December 2019 - Second Sunday of Advent

Parish Mass Times:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 6:30am

Thursday: 9:15am

Saturday: 9:00am, 6:00pm (vigil)

Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Public Holiday: 9:00am

Youth Mass: 6:00pm (4th Sunday of month)

Baptism: Fourth Sunday of each month by appointment

Wedding: Contact Parish Office at least 6 months prior notice

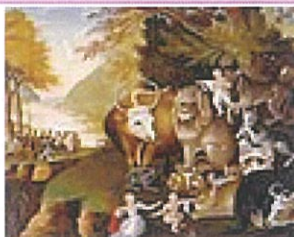
Morning Prayer: Monday - Wednesday & Friday: 6:10am Thursday: 8:40am

Anointing of Sick: 2nd Thursday of the month at 9:15am or by request

Eucharistic Adoration: Saturday 9:30 – 10am concluding with Benediction

Reconciliation: Saturday 9:30am

Rosary: Immediately after weekday Mass and Saturday (8:35am)



Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, with a little child to guide them. (Gospel)

Dear Parishioners and visitors to the Parish,

John the Baptist was not a king but he was a great leader because he recognised and submitted to

the authority of the coming messiah: 'the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals,' he told the people.

We can sit back and criticise the leaders of our day. Or we can imitate the psalmist and pray for them, that they may be filled with the spirit of God, a spirit of wisdom and insight. And we can pray for ourselves in our own leadership roles in our families and community, that Christ, whose coming we celebrate at Christmas, will bless us with wise judgement and compassion for the poor, the needy and the weak who need our help.

ROOF CEILING TILES: An adversity with opportunity.

I believe every adversity bears within itself the seeds of an equivalent or greater advantage. With regards to the roof ceiling tiles there has been a difficult challenge. Our building advisers have reviewed the overall quality of the work performed last year in July 2018, and have advised that the work was not carried out in accordance with best practice. We can now see them delaminating. If we attempt to complete only minor rectification works the tiles will continue to delaminate and fall off the ceiling. Unfortunately, this means that the whole job will need to be redone. Although the relocation is an inconvenience to parishioners, we would like to do the right thing to get the job completed to the best possible standard so that it can be enjoyed by us and future generations. I expect the work will commence on 6TH January 2020 and be completed prior to Easter. CCI are covering the cost of the work on the ceiling. With new air conditioners in the church, improved sound system and new lighting we can look forward to an excellent church next year.

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Every Friday

(during term time)

Lectio Divina facilitated by Fr Greg

10-11am, Hall Boardroom

First Friday

of Every Month

Exposition / Adoration at 7pm

Every Thursday

Morning Prayer prior to mass

8:40am

December

Sunday 8 December

Parish Choir

9:00a—11:00am

Sunday 15 December

Children's Choir

9:00a—11:00am.

Wednesday 17 December

Parish Reconciliation 7-8pm

Christmas Eve Mass Times

6pm—Family Mass

9pm—New Mass Time

11:30pm - Carols followed by midnight mass

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We will need to relocate to the hall but have managed to get two air conditioners for the hall paid for by CCI. The new lighting will be LED ones. They use a fraction of the power but we will have to purchase them. However, we are able to get them at a very good price. They will be installed at no cost when the ceiling tiles are replaced. We are grateful to Greg Malouf and Charlie Thompson as expert building advisers in relation to our building needs. In fact Charlie Thompson has provided expert support and help in various ways over many years but will relocate soon.

Greg Malouf has been the primary support in helping us sort out the above ceiling difficulty. He has been a tower of strength with his generous availability, expert advice and initiative. He has negotiated very good deals for us in the Parish. We are very grateful to him for organising the four new air conditioners in the church and organising the associated electrical connections. He was similarly involved in organising the two new air conditioners in the hall. So we are grateful for the above and look forward to improvements and opportunities provided by the ceiling tiles challenge.

May God bless you. Fr Greg Chee, OCD

BREAK OPEN THE WORD BOOK

Books are now available in the Sacristy for Lectors.

HAMPER MASS SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER - 10.00am

Your support to keep the Corpus Christi tradition of providing Christmas Hampers for the needy families of Holy Family Parish, Mount Druitt will be much appreciated. Fr. Pat Mullins, parish priest of Holy Family Parish, will concelebrate the Mass.

CHRISTMAS HAMPER SUGGESTIONS!

Canned Food Canned Fruits
Small Packet of Rice Box of Cereal

Christmas Pudding Christmas Cake
Packet of Biscuits

Non-alcoholic Sparkling Wine
Cordial or Soft Drink

Packet of Dried Fruit and Nuts
Bag of Mixed Lollies Packet of Jelly/Custard

Packet Tea Bags Instant Coffee
Packet of sugar Long Life Milk

And any other non-perishable goods you might like to provide!

Please place in a strong box or clothes-basket wrapped in cellophane or Christmas paper!

If you would prefer, you can also provide a small gift such as a box of chocolates.

Deliver to Corpus Christi Church before the 10am on Sunday 15 December.

Prayer Zone



Recently Deceased:

Valerie Brooks; Margaret Mansfield;
Antonio Oviedo

Please pray for the ill:

Bruce Wallace; Grace Cheah; Jan Davies;
Elizabeth Walsh; Joan and Tom Beram; Rebecca
Anderson; Maria and Jack Garcia; Jose Mestres;
Meacheal; Estelle Sok; Lewis Crinitti; Thi
Nguyen; Victoria; Carmel Hadley; Anne Baillie,
Carmel Hurrell, Mary Sanzone, Fergus O'Brien,
Michelle Soumier, Jane Donnelly, Lisa Doherty,
Carol-Anne Campbell, Jennifer Nancarro, Gina
Jaksetic, Jeannie, Gracie Spencer, Brendan
Stone, John Michael Walsh

If you know of anyone who can no longer attend mass due to illness; or if you have noticed one of our parishioners is no longer attending mass, could you please let the office know.

FEAST DAYS — NOVEMBER

Mon 9th, The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

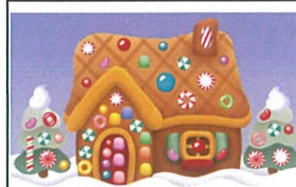
Fri 13th, St Lucy, virgin, martyr

Sat 14th, St John of the Cross, priest, doctor



CHRISTMAS FAMILY MASS

The Children's Choir are preparing for the Family Mass on Tuesday 24 December 2019. Please come along to our practices if you would like to join in. No experience required—just a love of singing. All are very welcome.
Rehearsals will be held after the 10am on: Sunday 15 December; and Tuesday 24 December at 4pm prior to the



REMINDER: The Gingerbread House event is on Sunday 15 December at 9am in the Hall.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

If you would like to be a lector or welcome our guests at Christmas, please register for the mass you will be attending. The sign up sheet is in the foyer.

Our Deepest Sympathy

The Corpus Christi parish family would like to extend its prayful sympathy to the family, relatives and friends of Valerie Brooks and Margaret Mansfield whose funerals was / will be held at Corpus Christi respectively on Friday 6 December at 10am and Tuesday 10 December at 11am . May Valerie and Margaret experience the fullness of Christ's peace.



CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS VIGIL 6PM MASS

We need children for our Christmas Nativity Story. If your child would like to join please leave your name and details on the list at the back of the church.

Practice times include:

Sunday 8 December at 3:30pm

Sunday 22 December at 3:30pm.

Christmas Eve at 4pm

Email Rebecca Wehrhahn, becwehrhahn@hotmail.com or the Parish office, office@corpuschristi.com.au for more information.



Join the Christmas Midnight Mass Choir

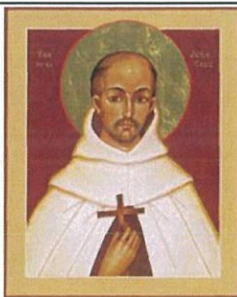
No experience required just a love of singing! Please come along and join us!

You are more than welcome.

Rehearsals are from 7:30pm on:

Tuesday 17 December; and

Tuesday 24 December from 10-11pm followed by a break before carols and singing and midnight mass.



We celebrate two very special feast days this coming week. On **Monday 9 December** it is the Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

On **Saturday 14 December** we celebrate the Memorial of St John of the Cross, priest, doctor.

Introduction of a new Christmas Mass Time

Following a suggestion from a parishioner we have introduced a new mass time at Christmas in-between the Family Mass and Carols. We will have a 9pm mass on Christmas Eve. Please come along and join us.



SOCIAL JUSTICE CORNER:

International Human Rights Day

Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December — the day the United Nations General Assembly adopted in 1948 the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). The Declaration is a milestone document proclaiming the inalienable rights which everyone is inherently entitled to as a human being regardless of race, colour, religion, sex, language, political or other opinion, national or social origin, property, birth or other status. Available in more than 500 languages, it is the most translated document in the world.

After a year marked by the 30th anniversary celebrations of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the United Nations plans to capitalise on the current momentum and spotlight the leadership role of youth in collective movements as a source of inspiration for a better future. The 2019 Theme for the Day is "Youth Standing Up for Human Rights."

Under a generic call to action "Stand Up for Human rights," the United Nations aims to celebrate the potential of youth as constructive agents of change, amplify their voices, and engage a broad range of global audiences in the promotion and protection of rights. The campaign, is designed to encourage, galvanise, and showcase how youth all over the world stand up for rights and against racism, hate speech, bullying, discrimination, and climate change, to name a few.

DECEMBER 10
INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY



Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

We wish to acknowledge the traditional custodians of these lands on which we gather and show our respect to the Elders past and present . We also wish to pay our respects to all Aboriginal people.



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