



Week

SUNDAY 19

9am, 11am, 6pm Mass
Baptism Preparation
3.45pm

MONDAY 20th

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass

TUESDAY 21st

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass
9.30am Adoration
Reconciliation Service
7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 22nd

7.30pm Meditation
7pm Mass

THURSDAY 23rd

9am Mass

FRIDAY 24th

Christmas Eve Masses

7pm Children's Mass
9pm Mass
11.30pm Carols & Mid-
night Mass

**SATURDAY 25th
Christmas Day**

9am Mass
11am Mass
No 6pm Mass

SUNDAY 26th

Feast of the Holy Family
Mass 9am, 11am & 6pm

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**4th Sunday in Advent Time A -
18th-19th December 2010: No 47**

**ADVENT REFLECTIVE TIME
THOUGHT FOR EACH DAY
4th week in Advent**

Sun 19 Dec

Listen with Joseph. He too hears an angel saying don't be afraid to take Mary as your wife and when he awakes he does that; he takes Mary to his home. Wait with Joseph and Mary then. Wait in queues at the shops, in hospitals, in the traffic. *Matt 1:18-24*

Mon. 20 Dec

Make a space, draw breath, in the countdown to Christmas Day. How to do it? Just do it. However briefly 'Let the Lord enter he is the king of glory'. *Luke 1: 26-38*

Tue 21 Dec

St. Peter Canisius

If you have much to do, with God's help, you will find time to do it.' (Peter Canisius) Find time to be still for a moment. 'I hear my Beloved.' *Luke 1: 39-45.*

Wed 22nd Dec

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, for the Almighty has done great things for me.' Sing the raise of God today and join your praise to that of Mary in the Magnificat. 'Fill the hungry with good things' two days away from Christmas. *Luke 1: 46-56*

Thu 23 Dec

St. John of Kanty

John of Kanty was a physicist and scripture scholar. He gave away his teaching salary to the poor and lived on very little. Give away something of ourselves on the day before Christmas eve. 'Stand erect; hold your heads high because your liberation is near at hand.' *Luke 1: 57-66*

Fri 24 Dec.

Christmas Eve - Day of Penance

Each Friday in Advent pray and fast. Give up one meal, or eating meat. Join your prayer and fasting to the suffering of others. Reach out to someone, in some way. 'For you will go before the Lord to prepare a way for him.' *Luke 1: 67-79*

Sat 25 Dec

Christmas Day

'Love is always born.' Our longing is fulfilled everything is changed by this event. Invite someone to eat who lives alone. Together 'you will see his glory. *Luke 2: 1-14.*



Symbols and Images

One of the common ways for God to communicate with human beings, as related in the Scriptures, is through dreams—Abraham, Jacob, Joseph and Hannah are famous examples. In this text God communicates the importance of this child and the integrity of his mother to Joseph using God's favoured method. Being intuitive to the voice of God is an important aspect of faith.

Try to be intuitive to God's voice this week. What is being communicated to you at this time in your life



Parish Calendar, News & Events

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tuesday 7.30pm: Reconciliation Service

Christmas Mass Times

Friday December 24th

7pm Children's Mass

9pm A more contemplative Mass

11.30 Carols & Midnight Mass

Saturday December 25th

9am Mass

11am Mass

Sunday December 26th

9am, 11am and 6pm

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Christmas Hampers:

Congratulations and thank you to all who have provided hampers this year. They were a beautiful expression of the love and concern of the parish community for others. The hampers were really appreciated by the agencies who distributed them. The Andrew's Centre say 'thank you for providing the most beautiful and generous hampers to help many needy families over Christmas.' Wellsprings for Women say 'Thank you for helping us keep the dream and vision alive for women who are isolated –your generosity is really appreciated.' SVDP says thanks to all parishioners who have donated hampers, and all the volunteers who assisted with the delivery. We were able to pass on hampers to families who call on SVDP. May you receive many blessings in return. You have helped the rest of us to see that Christmas giving can be extended beyond just close family members and friends. Have a happy and safe Christmas & New Year.'

Christmas in Many Lands:

From the organizing group: 'A huge thank-you is extended to everyone who attended or performed at our Inaugural "Christmas in Many Lands" event. The night was a resounding success and all the performers were extremely entertaining and appreciated by all. Thank you to everyone for making the night so successful and we look forward to gathering together at our next Parish celebration in the New Year.'

From the Parish Team: A big, big thank you to the group who put such a lot of time, energy and enthusiasm into planning and promoting the event which was a great parish occasion.

Congratulations to Sergio Bortoli, Louis Newman, Joe & Bridgette Carvalho, Jenny Satya Graha and Vianney Clark.

Christmas Crib & Christmas Tree: Thank you to the Anthony family who have built the crib in the Gathering Space during Advent and have added something each week to make the story come alive for us. Thank you too to Helen Sanders who has been adding to the Christmas tree each week.

Christmas Liturgies: There are sheets in the Gathering space for people to volunteer for ministries for our Christmas celebrations. Please sign up and you will be contacted by those preparing the liturgies.

Seniors Mass & Brunch: December 14th

10am: Thank you to Linda Daly and the team of helpers to come along to help set up Church, provide the Brunch and did the clearing up. Thank you to the younger members of our Parish who came to serve and to all who contributed food and beverages and Michael for the entertainment and of course Santa. Thank you too to all our seniors who attended the event and made it a very happy morning.

Apostleship Awards: Congratulations to all our Parish members who received Apostleship Awards this year. Marianne Bartuccelli, Denise Rodgers, Oswyn Trindade, Max Anthony, Bert Bonnett, Ivor Whiteman, Sandra Stone, Jennifer Bastian, David McGuire Carmel de Souza, Bertram Dias, Dina Mariette and this year two Youth Apostleship Awards went to Sophie Dang and Mark Harper.

Hearing Aid Loop in the Church

The hearing aid loop runs around the perimeter of the rear section of the church.

Melbourne Overseas Mission:

Thanks you for your generous response to this appeal. We have sent \$728.20 off to Melbourne Overseas Mission

Rosters for Ministries 2011:

Counting Rosters, *for those who did not receive a copy by email, are in the Gathering Space for collection this weekend. The new Roster commences first week of January .*

The Rosters for all other Ministries for next year are currently in process and will be ready for distribution during January in the gathering space. Any new people who have offered to be involved are being put on the rosters or are available for back up. Please look for your name when the rosters are placed in the

Gathering Space from the beginning of January. All Rosters will be effective from **February 5th/6th 2011.**

Time and Talent:

All those who offered their services through the time and talent have now been contacted. If for any reason you have not received a call please accept our thanks for your generous offers.

There are some people who have offered to be involved in activities within the Parish that are not done on a roster basis and we plan to keep your names and details on file so that you will be contacted when a need arises

Piety Stall

Christmas and general religious goods and gifts are available each week before and after Mass.

Preparing for Christmas

Loving God, Help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men.
Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.
May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.
Amen.

Robert Louis Stevenson

Other News & Events

Prayer for Peace in Sudan

*We are being encouraged by the Catholic Bishops of Australia and Caritas to keep praying for the Sudan at this time and especially as they have the referendum on **January 9th 2011.** We hope and pray that a new and better future will open up for the people of Southern Sudan.*

Look upon your sisters and brothers in Sudan as they face this moment of referendum. Send us your Spirit to guide us. Give them the wisdom they need to choose a future where they will know your true peace. Help them to work together for the good of all. Amen

Christian Traditions

Many people around us come from other faith traditions within the Christian context: Orthodox, Baptist, Anglican, Lutheran, Pentecostal, etc. How did these traditions arise and how do their beliefs and practices differ from those of the Catholic Church? This topic provides a unique opportunity to explore the beliefs of others with whom we come in contact in the classroom, at work or in everyday life.

16 hours of interactive lecture/discussion
Mondays in 1st Term 2011 commencing February 7th 6.30-8.30 pm: For more information contact

David Schütz 03 9926 5708 or email david.schutz@cam.org.au

Sunday Readings

THIS WEEK: (Sunday 4th Advent)

Isaiah 7 : 10-14

Rom 1 : 1-7

Matt. 1 : 18-24

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Midnight.

Isaiah: 9: 1-7

Titus 2 : 11-14

Luke 2 : 1-14



This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick:

Jackie Van Helmond, Alyson Jillian Mendoza, Brian Brennan, Cory Brennan, Tony Packeer, Doreen Harris, Beth Flores, Manuel Guinto, Bert Geileskey, Joseph H. Padamadan, Nellie Icaro, Angela Lai, Khoshaba Zaia, Steve Blackburn, Mary Dirckze, Pat D’Cunha, Alyzée Dromart, Maria Sepulveda, Markis Theodore, Edgardo Sotiar.

May they have the support they need.

Those who have died

Leslie Wignall, Josephine Caruana, Benedetto Faiola, Pietro Rubino, Evenyn Gunasekara, Walter Carvalho, Anthony Tong Nang Nguyen, Adrian Golotta, Tony Medina, Odisho Khoshaba, Josephine Bower, Rita Byrne Quinn, Ana Mesquita Andrade, Cesar Salinas, Laure Barallon, Rozalia Toskov,

May they Rest in Peace

**St Paul Apostle
Catholic Community**

Priests:

Fr Tim O'Toole CP (PP)
Fr James Fernandez CP
Fr John Auram CP

Pastoral Associates

Sr Joan Smith CP
Sr Brigid Murphy CP

Parish Staff

Mrs Liz Spear
(Administration & Finance)

Passionist Community

Fr Peter Addicoat CP
Fr Brian Gleeson CP
Fr Tim O'Toole CP
Fr James Fernandez CP
Fr John Auram CP

**Sisters of Cross and
Passion**

Sr Anne Cunningham CP
Sr Brigid Murphy CP
Sr Joan Smith CP

**St Paul Apostle North
Primary School - 9700
6068**

Prinicpal
Mrs Christine White

**St Paul Apostle South
Primary School - 9700
3663**

Principal
Mrs Helen Greenhill

**St John's Regional
College - 9791 3366**

Principal
Mr Andrew Walsh



Rosters for this Weekend: 18th –19th December

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	L. Phan, Euch Mins	D & S McGuire	Euch. Mins	Euch. Mins.
Sacristan	P. Miller	S & D McGuire	Volunteer	K Jayasinha
Gifts	J. Menenthly	D & H Jayasuriya	O'Connors	Volunteers
Readers & Commtrs	A. Rosario, K Rolfe, R. Young	N Dimitrakis, E Choo	C. De Silva, A Astin.	M Keating, K de Alwis, P. Mendonca.
Communion	P. Negri, I & M White-man, L. Phan M Boissezon, C.Emmanuel, G.Mutthumani L Phan	E & W San Giorgio, M La Blanche, D Vaifale, A Nadarajah, P Smith, D O'Hara	G.Johnson, D Kearney, W Barr, M Dawson, R O'Connor, E Fourlize, Z Carlow	M Meerwald, D Candido, E Rebeiro, K De Alwis, V Hassett, P Carvalho
Servers	N.De Zilva, J Satyagraha,	V Jayetileke, M Harper,	M.O'Connor, K Mehes,	J.Weerasinghe

Rosters for Next Sunday December 26th (4th Sunday)

	6pm	9am	11am	6pm
Welcome	No Mass	J Bilton	A Gargano	E Mins
Sacristan		N Raveche	L Forkgen	S Jayamah
Gifts		M Magee	Volunteers	Volunteers
Readers & Commtrs.		J Callery L Lapierre	H Greenhill L Newman	N Fernando C Bird
Communion		B & E David J Aldag, F Hall, D Mariette, K McArdle, M Nadarajah	F Lucette, J Solari Y Sherwin, Z Carlow, J Foenander, G Calixto, M Dawson	K Jayasinha, R Mathias, J Catania, N Sangalang
Servers		S Jayasuriya V Jayetileke, K Dimitrakis	M O'Connor, K Fernandes, A Del Socorro	
Communion to the Sick		A: C De Silva C: G. Calixto & R. Martyn		
	Church Prep Volunteers after 11am Mass on Christmas Day	Flowers Christmas Flowers on 24th Dec—Whole team to collaborate	Counting A Astin D Karkas, G Doran	Rosary: Alleaume Family

Parish Finances

Parish (1st)	Pledged Weekly	Rec'd
T/G Envelopes	\$3,100.66	\$ 2,402.60
(303 pledges)		(153 received)
Credit Card & Direct Debit	\$2,345.58	\$2,345.50
(173 pledges)		
Cash		\$ 331.40
Total		\$ 5,079.50
Priests (2nd) Collection)		\$ 1,266.60

Parish Sacrament Information

Baptisms are held on the 1st Sunday of the month. Preparation is on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Information from the Parish Centre.

Marriages require 6 months notice to one of the priests, participation in a FOCCUS marriage preparation program, or a Centacare Course. Information Forms at the Parish Centre.

Anointing of the Sick is held during Mass on the 1st Friday of the Month at 9am. Before going to hospital for major surgery, why not ask one of the priests to pray with you and anoint you.

Children's Sacraments require full participation in the preparation phase. Registration forms at the Parish Office