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Parish Newsletter 23 December Fourth Sunday of Advent

Holy days of Obligation: In Australia we have the Feast of the Assumption (15 August) and Christmas Day (25 December).



Mass Times and Services

Weekend Mass

Saturday	6.00pm
Sunday	7.00am, 9.00am & 5.00pm

Weekday Mass

Mon, Tue, Wed and Friday (NO Thursday Mass)	6.30am
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Exceptions

Saturday and Public Holidays	8.00am
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Benediction and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Exposition held after Mass
Friday 7am - 9am.
All are invited to join this devotion.

Reconciliation

Saturday	5pm-5.30pm
Or by appointment	

Baptism

Infant Baptism:
2nd & 4th Sunday after 9am Mass
Baptism preparation:
3rd Saturday 10.30am



**"Almighty God
as the feast day of our salvation
draws ever nearer,
so may we press forward
all the more eagerly
to the worthy celebration
of the mystery of
your Son's Nativity."**

Post Communion Prayer

Today marks the fourth Sunday of Advent. There are literally only two days in this last week of Advent. However, because it is so short does not mean it is not as significant as the first three weeks.

In the first week of Advent in the Collect we prayed
"Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,
the resolve to **run forth to meet your Christ.**"

The Second Sunday's Collect we prayed
"Almighty and merciful God,
may no earthly undertaking hinder
those who set out in haste to meet your Son.

Last week's Collect we prayed
"O God,
who see how your people faithfully await the feast of the Lord's Nativity
enable us to **attain the joys of so great a salvation**
and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing"

This week's Collect **reveals to us the central aspects of our faith.**
"Pour forth, we beseech you O Lord, your grace into our hearts,
that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son
was made known by the message of an Angel
may by his Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of his
Resurrection."

The Post Communion Prayer (above) enables us to focus on the reality of the great feast of Christmas. There is action and life in the words which encapsulate the essence of the reason God sent His Son to humanity. Note this Prayer speaks of '**The feast of our Salvation**'. May we keep moving to a deeper understanding of the mystery of this great feast and the implication it has for our lives and the lives of all humanity.

Liturgy of the Word

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Micah 5:1-4

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 79: 2-3, 15-16, 18-19
Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: Hebrews 10: 5-10

Gospel: Luke 1 39-44

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Acclamation of Faith:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come
again.

Prayer Requests

We give praise and thanks for blessings given and prayers answered. We pray for all our family members, parishioners and benefactors who are in need of prayer and for all those who are facing difficult times. We pray for them and for those who have asked for our prayers.

CONDOLENCE: Our prayers and thoughts are with those who are mourning the death of loved ones; especially:

- Palma Bucolo, Carmela Perricelli, Alice M Strong, Josephine Trimarchi, Bertha Vaz and Len Willis.

SICKNESS: Our prayers are asked for the sick, the housebound and all those who are in hospital, hospice or nursing homes.

If you would like the parish to pray for and have someone's name listed in our prayers each week, Mass Intention envelopes can be collected at the Church or from the Parish office.

Mass Times 2018

Reconciliation

First Rite of Reconciliation:

Saturday 22nd December - 5pm – 5:30pm

No Reconciliation at 5:30pm on the 23rd



Christmas Mass Times

**Christmas Eve – Monday 24th December -
(NO MORNING MASS)**

Vigil Mass of Christmas – 6pm 24th December
(orientated to children)

9pm Mass of Christmas - preceded by Christmas
Carols at 8.30pm

(NO MIDNIGHT MASS)

Christmas Day Mass - Tuesday 25th December 7am
and 9am.

Parish Office Hours

School Holidays - Monday , Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday and Friday - 9am - 1pm

Christmas and New Year - Closed from 24 December
2018 to 1 January 2019.

the lights of CHRISTMAS

CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN

Gather on the lawn at St Stephen's to celebrate the joy of Christmas with an extraordinary light and sound show.

The enchanting new show designed by AGB Events, the creators of Sydney's Vivid Lightwalk, will celebrate the season of peace, joy and goodwill. All the family will enjoy this exuberant Christmas tale, illuminating historic St Stephen's Cathedral every 12 minutes from 7:30pm through until midnight.

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ASPLEY CARE SAYS THANK YOU

Thank you to the Parishioners of St Dympna's for your generous donation of food items and gifts to the Aspleycare Christmas Hamper Appeal 2018. Our families in need now have a lot to look forward to this Christmas.



Next week liturgy

Catholic Leader

Dympna's Diary

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

**The Catholic Leader:
Keeping faith with you**

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 83:2-3,5-6, 9-10 How happy they who dwell in your house, O Lord.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2: 41-52

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

- **Aspleycare** offers Christmas help to those in need, thanks to sponsors and community support despite federal funding cuts
- 'Lights of Christmas' attracting thousands to CBD
- Federal Government moves to protect religious freedom in 2019 under new legislative proposals
- Archdiocesan priest Fr William (Bill) McOwen died on December 12, remembered by friends and family
- Queensland parents who pleaded guilty to treating their child with medicinal cannabis have been let off with fines but no convictions, spurring on the debate about the drug

Sun	23	Fourth Sunday of Advent
Mon	24	Christmas Eve
Tues	25	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Wed	26	St Stephen, the first martyr
Thurs	27	St John, apostle, evangelist
Fri	28	The Holy Innocents, martyrs
Sat	29	St Thomas Becket, bishop, martyr
Sun	30	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Date Claimers:

Sunday Collections Week End : 2 December

1st & 2nd Collections During Mass: \$2897.00 Direct Deposit at Bank: \$340.00 Total Income: \$3237.00

Christmas Rosters

24/25 December	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Vigil Mass of Christmas – Sunday 24th December 6pm (orientated to children)	G. Cox A. Spanevello I. Spanevello G. Webley K. Buxton D. Salvati Volunteer Please	Children Ministers	Ede Family	C. Kingston	Suzan Di
9pm Mass of Christmas (no midnight mass) - preceded by Christmas Carols at 8.30pm	Sr. M. Costello H. Hollamby M and B Hopewell B. Neill, C. Fernandes F. Gowans	First Reading M. Campbell Second Reading M. Gonsalves Prayers of the Faithful J. Mascarenhas	F. Hollamby	Volunteer Please	Choir
7AM Mass Christmas Day Tuesday 25 Dec	D. O'Keefe J. Bissell R. Perkins J. and M. Colebourne J. Bissell Volunteer Please	First Reading G. Bortuzzo Second Reading S. Ferlito Prayers of the Faithful Volunteer Please	A. Bissell A. Bissell	G. March	Yvonne?
9am Mass Christmas Day Tuesday 25 Dec	T. Hoang B Hopewell M Hopewell J. Patterson Volunteer Please Volunteer Please	First Reading J Ferris Second Reading S. Tam Prayers of the Faithful B. Kent	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please	Yvonne?

Rosters

29/30 December	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ministers of the Word	Altar Servers	Laptop Operator	Music Ministry
6.00 p.m. Mass in anticipation of Sunday	Sr M. Costello (B) T. Borger T. Borger D. Salvati G. Cox	First Reading M. Cafe Second Reading A. Borgeaud Prayers of the Faithful L. Dutton	D. Matthew S. Gonsalves	Volunteer Please	Judith Di
7.00 a.m. Mass	D. O'Keefe (B) D. Volter J. Vitaliano J. Bissell G. Bortuzzo	First Reading M. Colebourne Second Reading A. Spanevello Prayers of the Faithful J. Colebourne	F. Hollamby	I. Spanevello	Nancy Rod
9.00 a.m. Mass	R. Heskett (B) C. Heskett J. Patterson C. Gonsalves B. Neill G. Webley T. Hoang	First Reading M. Gonsalves Second Reading J. Ferris Prayers of the Faithful J. Frayne	J. Veza M. Veza B. Self A. Self	Volunteer Please	Yvonne Renata
5.00 p.m Mass	J. Bissell (B) M. Hopewell B. Hopewell K. Rye F. Gowans	First Reading K. O'Donnell Second Reading S. Tam Prayers of the Faithful B. Kent	J. Jameson A. McSweeney	Volunteer Please	Claude
Children Liturgy: 9am Kim O'Rourke	Cleaners: 22 Dec Paul Xavier Nigel Hughes Cleaners: 29 Dec Volunteers please	Counters 24/25 29/30: C. Smith and Christmas Counter Team :o)	Counters : 6 Jan R. Campbell T. Smith B. Smith J. Goh		