

Let us remember in our prayers ...

Recently deceased: David Jefferson, Vernon Long How, Sebastiano Ravi, Felicula Perez, Sr Marie Therese Erickson OCD, Billy Tang
Anniversaries: Claire Woods, Josie Ocello, Ray Gleeson, Veronica Gederio, Giovanni and Giovanna Fonti, Grazia Lanza, Tony Condo, Mario Papalia, Christopher Coffey, Connie & Frank Martino, Victor Martino
Sick: Judy Kerr, Ruby Johnson, Sergio Amadio, Patrick Sweeney, Patricia O’Hara, John Davidson, Mary-Rose Webb, Kathy Choate, Mercedes Ramos, Murray Casey

POPE FRANCIS POINTS TO MARY’S TRUST IN GOD WHEN FACED WITH SERIOUS PROBLEMS

On the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis encouraged Catholics to imitate Mary’s deep trust and openness to God when faced with serious problems. “Today we look at the beauty of Our Lady, who was born and lived without sin, always docile and transparent with God. This does not mean that life was easy for her. Living with God does not magically solve problems,” Francis told pilgrims in St. Peter’s Square on 8 December.

Pope Francis highlighted Mary’s radical trust at the moment of the Annunciation found in her response to the angel, “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.”

“Why not start your days like this? It would be nice to say every morning: ‘Here I am, Lord, today your will be done in me,” Pope Francis said, noting that the Angelus prayer provides an opportunity to repeat Mary’s words. After the Annunciation, the angel departed and Mary’s “problems began immediately,” he said.

Mary knew that “she would become the Mother of God, but the angel had not explained it to others,” Francis explained. “Think of her irregular situation according to the law, the torment of St. Joseph, the skipped life plans, what the people would say. The angel leaves the Virgin alone in a difficult situation ... and she trusts,” he said. “We ask the Immaculate to have the grace to live like this.”

Pope Francis later prayed in the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, venerating the Byzantine icon, ‘Salus Populi Romani’ (*Madonna and Christ Child holding a Gospel book*), inside. The Holy Father then offered a bouquet of flowers at the foot of the Column of the Immaculate Conception in the piazza below Rome’s Spanish Steps.

Standing beneath the nineteenth-century Marian monument, Pope Francis entrusted all priests, religious, and Catholic families to the care of the Immaculate Mother. “O Mother of Jesus, one last thing I ask you, in this time of Advent, thinking of the days when you and Joseph were anxious about the imminent birth of your child, worried because there was a census and you had to leave your country, Nazareth, and go to Bethlehem,” Pope Francis prayed. “You know what it means to bring life into your lap and feel indifference, rejection, and sometimes contempt. This is why I ask you to stay close to the families that are living today in Rome, in Italy, in the whole world live in similar situations, so they are not abandoned.”

By Courtney Grogan, Catholic News Agency

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2019

Expressions of Interest for the Parish Sacramental Programs are now **OPEN**. These will **close on 20 February 2019**.

Parents need to email sacraments@stjosephssubiaco.org.au providing the child’s name, date of birth and the sacrament for which they wish to enrol.

Application Forms will be sent out **after February 20**, accompanied by a letter explaining the process and listing all dates and details. In the meantime, please check our website for specific information or if you have any queries or require further information, please contact Bart Welten on 9381 0400 [Monday, Wednesday or Friday].

| MUSIC & HYMNS | Entrance | Offertory | Communion | Recessional | Setting |
|------------------------|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-------------|-----------------------|
| 6pm Vigil Mass | No Music at this Mass | | | | |
| 8am Mass | 249 | Prepare Ye | 298 | 211 | Mass Shalom (370) |
| 10am Mass | 249 | 269 | 214 | 336 | ICEL Chant Mass (393) |
| 6pm Family Mass | 166 | Hymn Sheet | 249 | 153 | Rivers Youth Mass |

John & Barbara Mitchell would like to thank all in the Parish for their kind thoughts and prayers during Barbara’s illness. She is now on the road to recovery.

| MASS TIMES (Subject to change - refer to Parish Diary for latest information) | |
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| Monday | 5.30pm |
| Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday | 9am |
| Friday | 7am |
| Saturday Reconciliation | 5.15 - 5.45pm |
| Saturday Vigil | 6pm |
| Sunday | 8am, 10am, 6pm |

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| PARISH ROSTERS | Please refer to your respective rosters. | | | |
| Sanctuary | 21 December | Aine Sommerfield & Cecelia Turton | 28 December | Maggie MacDonnell & Bev Kinsella |

ADVENT WREATH



The ‘Joy’ candle is lit. Monsignor Kevin invites **ALL** to pray together:
Jesus, we want your coming
to make a difference in how we love.
Open our hearts
to hear your telling us
how we can bring peace and joy to others.
Come, Lord Jesus!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Please help people in need with non-perishable food (nut free) and non-alcoholic drinks for Vinnies Christmas hampers.
 To enable us to prepare hampers, please leave all donations by **Sunday 16 December**.
 If you prefer, envelopes for a financial contribution are also available.

Our monthly **Mass with Anointing of the Sick** will be held on Tuesday 18 December at 9am in preparation for Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

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| Monday 24 December | 6pm | Family Mass (Children may like to attend as Nativity characters) |
| | 9pm | Sung Mass of Christmas |
| | 12am | Solemn Midnight Mass (11.15pm: Christmas Carols led by Schola Cantorum Choir) |
| Tuesday 25 December | 10am | Solemn Mass of Christmas Day (This is the only Christmas Day Mass in this church) |

POPE’S SURPRISE VISITS

By Cindy Wooden, Catholic News Service

Pope Francis made surprise visits last week to people receiving medical care far from their homes and to a dozen intellectually challenged young people. The late-afternoon visit to the CasAmica residence for families with a member needing long-term medical care far from home and to Il Ponte e l’Albero, a therapeutic rehabilitation home, were part of the pope’s continuing ‘Mercy Friday’ activities. Pope Francis began the Friday visits to hospitals, clinics, schools and residential communities during the Year of Mercy to demonstrate that mercy involves concrete acts of kindness and solidarity. Both the CasAmica and Il Ponte e l’Albero are on the extreme southern edge of Rome. The Vatican said most of the guests at the CasAmica are Italian families, mostly from the south, who cannot afford to stay in a hotel or rent an apartment while their family members are receiving treatment for cancer, leukemia or other serious illnesses. A few of the families, though, come from North Africa and from Eastern Europe.

"The pope rang the doorbell and was welcomed by the personnel on duty, who were dumbstruck at the unexpected visit," the Vatican said. Some of the guests were in the kitchen and some children were in the playroom. "The Holy Father stopped to play and joke with them," before listening to the parents of some sick children and offering them words of comfort. The visit to Il Ponte e l’Albero came in response to a letter from some of the young people describing "the daily difficulties that come from their mental disadvantages," as well as their desire and efforts to follow the programs their doctors have designed for them. According to a Vatican statement, the pope sat with the young people, listened to them, responded to their questions and encouraged them. The parents of some of the young people heard the pope was there and arrived in time to embrace him and thank him for the surprise visit.

PARISH OFFICE: The Office will be closed for Christmas and the New Year break from midday on Friday 21 December. For urgent matters please email enquiries@stjosephssubiaco.org.au. Where possible, all phone messages and non-urgent emails will be answered. Normal office functions will resume at 9.30am on Tuesday 8 January.

CARITAS GLOBAL GIFTS: PROTECT THE MIRACLE OF MOTHERHOOD THIS CHRISTMAS

When you choose a Global Gift card to give to family or friends this Christmas, you are providing **Water, Food** and **Sustainable Livelihoods** for women and children around the world.
 Order **Global Gift cards** online at globalgifts.org.au or call us on 1800 024 413.



ATAR ADVICE DAY

Tuesday 18 December, University of Notre Dame

Come and chat to our advisors about your university options at ATAR Advice Day. You’ll be introduced to degrees and pathways that align with your strengths and interests and help work out where your studies could take you.

Drop in anytime between 9am and 4pm to St Teresa’s Library at The University of Notre Dame, 32 Mouat Street Fremantle. Please register your interest at notredame.edu.au/events.

PARISH DIARY

| Sunday | 16 December | 11am | 3.30pm | Third Sunday of Advent |
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| | | | | Baptism: <i>Charlotte Joan Elizabeth & Juliette Mary Bradbury</i> <i>Monsignor Kevin</i> Wedding Service: <i>Celestine Tedjakefuma & Paul Gauci</i> <i>Father Garner Vergara</i> |
| Monday | 17 December | 7pm | | Monday, Third Week of Advent Church: <i>Rosary for Sebastiano Ravi</i> |
| Tuesday | 18 December | 9am | 10.30am | Tuesday, Third Week of Advent Church: <i>Mass with Anointing of the Sick</i> Requiem Mass: <i>Sebastiano Ravi</i> <i>Monsignor Kevin</i> Upper Room: <i>St Vincent de Paul Meeting</i> Church: <i>Schola Cantorum Rehearsal</i> |
| Wednesday | 19 December | 5.30pm | | Wednesday, Third Week of Advent Tribune Chapel: <i>Centering Prayer</i> |
| Thursday | 20 December | 4.30pm | 7.15pm | Thursday, Third Week of Advent Wedding Rehearsal: <i>Georgia Hart & Joshua Court</i> <i>Deacon Bruce Talbot</i> Church: <i>Schola Cantorum Rehearsal</i> |
| Friday | 21 December | | | Friday, Third Week of Advent |
| Saturday | 22 December | 3pm | | Saturday, Third Week of Advent Wedding Service: <i>Georgia Hart & Joshua Court</i> <i>Deacon Bruce Talbot</i> |