

Let us remember in our prayers ...

Recently deceased: Vernon Long How, Sebastiano Ravi, Felicula Perez, Sr Marie Therese Erickson OCD, Billy Tang, Myra Oliver, Ivo Andrade, Manning Archer, Joan Brittain
Anniversaries: Christopher Coffey, Members of the Archer family, Connie & Frank Martino, Victor Martino, Paul Torre
Sick: Judy Kerr, Ruby Johnson, Sergio Amadio, Patrick Sweeney, Patricia O'Hara, John Davidson, Mary-Rose Webb, Kathy Choate, Mercedes Ramos, Murray Casey, Barbara Ward, Richard Bryant

WHAT'S CHANGED?

POPE FRANCIS: December 2018

By Christopher Wells, Vatican News

The Holy See Press Office published Pope Francis' Message for the 52nd World Day of Peace. "Peace be to this house!" the Pope begins in the message, taking up the words proposed by Christ in the Gospel. The Pope notes that "the 'house' of which Jesus speaks is every family, community, country, and continent." Pope Francis says those who hold political office must exercise their office in service to others, basing their work on the foundation of charity and human virtues. At the same time, he warns of the vices that can afflict politics, including corruption, xenophobia, racism, lack of concern for the environment, and contempt for exiles. "When the exercise of political power aims only at protecting the interests of a few privileged individuals, the future is compromised, and young people can be tempted to lose confidence," the Pope writes. He encourages politics to "foster the talents of young people and their aspirations" in order to promote peace, noting that "everyone can contribute his or her stone to help build the common home." The Holy Father repudiates a politics of intimidation and fear and denounces "the uncontrolled proliferation of arms." Peace, he insists, is based on respect for each person ... respect for the law and the common good, on respect for the environment" as well as "the moral tradition inherited from past generations." In conclusion, Pope Francis says that peace "is the fruit of a great political project grounded in the mutual responsibility and interdependence of human beings." But, he says, "it is also a challenge that demands to be taken up ever anew" – a challenge that "entails a conversion of heart and soul."

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POPE JOHN XXIII: December 1959

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Peace is a gift of God beyond compare. Likewise, it is the object of humanity's highest desire. It is moreover indivisible. None of the lineaments which make up its unmistakable appearance can be ignored or excluded. In addition, since the people of our time have not completely carried into effect the conditions of peace, the result has been that God's paths toward peace have no meeting point with those of people. There is not a state of war, but neither is there peace, the thing which the nations ardently desire. This requires then before all else—it is necessary to repeat—"people of good will." These are precisely those to whom the angels of Bethlehem announced peace: "Peace among people of good will." But how will true peace be able to put forth the two-fold blossom of order and concord if the persons who hold positions of public responsibility, before selecting the advantages and risks of their decisions, fail to recognise themselves as persons subject to the eternal moral laws? It will be necessary again and again to remove from the path the obstacles placed by human malice. And the presence of these obstacles is noted in the propaganda of immorality, in social injustice, in forced unemployment, in poverty contrasted with the luxury of those who can indulge in dissipation, in the dreadful lack of proportion between the technical and moral progress of nations, and in the unchecked armaments race, where there has yet to be a glimpse of a serious possibility of solving the problem of disarmament.

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MUSIC & HYMNS	Entrance	Offertory	Communion	Recessional	Setting
6pm Vigil Mass	No Music at this Mass				
8am Mass	249	317	Prepare Ye	316	St Joseph's Mass (385)
10am Mass	249	317	214	316	Mass of St Benedict
6pm Family Mass	166	146	249	298	Rivers Youth Mass

THANK YOU to the young students who ably assisted in moving the manger statues and decorations from the crypt into the Church.

MASS TIMES (Subject to change - refer to Parish Diary for latest information)

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	28 December	Maggie MacDonnell & Bev Kinsella	4 January	Paul & Kelly Carpenter
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ADVENT WREATH

The 'Peace' candle is lit. Monsignor Kevin invites ALL to pray together.



*Lord Jesus,
 quiet the worries and fears in our hearts.
 Give us your peace.
 Thank you for the life you share with us.
 Help us to share your life with others.
 Come, Lord Jesus!*

THANK YOU PAUL CURTIS

Paul Curtis, our Youth Coordinator, is planning new endeavours and will not continue in the role for 2019. We greatly appreciate the time and dedication he has provided to the youth of the Parish and wish him well. He is not disappearing entirely and will remain an active member of the Sunday night choir.

PLEASE NOTE: After Christmas, all Mass times at St Joseph's will continue as usual.

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Most recent events have created an atmosphere that makes obvious how rooted in the souls of all is the craving for peace. It is a function and office proper to the Church that it should devote itself to peace. The Church looks with favour on every initiative which can help to spare humanity new conflicts, new massacres and incalculable new destruction. Unfortunately, the causes which have disturbed, and now disturb, international order have not yet been removed. The causes of international sickness were clearly proclaimed by Pius XII, especially in his Christmas messages of 1942 and 1943. These causes are the violation of the rights and dignity of the human person and the overruling of the rights of the family and of labour; the overthrow of the juridical order and of the healthy idea of the state in keeping with the Christian spirit; impairment of the liberty, integrity and security of other nations to whatever extent; the systematic oppression of the cultural and language characteristics of national minorities; the egotistical calculations of all who strive to seize control of the economic sources of the materials of common use to the detriment of other peoples; and in particular, the persecution of religion and of the Church. It needs still to be noted that the peace which the Church prays for cannot possibly be achieved if it is mistaken for a yielding or a relaxation of its firmness in the face of ideologies and systems of life which are in open and irreconcilable opposition to Catholic teaching. Nor does peace denote indifference to the laments which come to us from lands where human rights are ignored, and falsehood is adopted as a system.

Thoughts concerning the peace of Bethlehem hold a foremost place among our anxieties. But that sacred conversation widens its scope before our eyes until it gathers around itself all those who, with us and with you, are particularly dear to us in the intimate love of Christ. We mean those who suffer from anxieties and miseries of life and to whom Christmas brings a sweet ray of comfort and hope: the sick and the infirm, who are the object of assiduous and watchful attention and very special affection; those who are suffering in spirit or in their hearts because of the uncertainties of the future, of economic hardships or of the humiliation imposed upon them because of some fault committed or presumed; the little children, especially dear to Jesus, who through their very weakness and fragility exact a more inviolable respect and require more delicate attention; and the aged, often tempted by moments of melancholy or by the thought that they are useless. Confronted by this picture, the Church pledges her prayer and her attention, as well as the solicitude of her apostolate, to all those who are particularly dear to her. She pledges these things not to them alone, but also to all whose state of life is undistinguished, to the poor, to workers, to employers, and to those who are vested with public and civil power. But they render all the more earnest our prayers for a truly universal return to respect for human and Christian liberty.

ARCHBISHOP'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE: Visit www.perthcatholic.org.au to view Archbishop Costelloe's 2018 Christmas Message.

THANK YOU for another year of generous contributions to the **VINNIES CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL**. We have arranged distribution of 40 hampers, assisting about 60 adults and 38 children. All children and most adults were also given a Christmas gift. Our **thanks also** to Bunnings at Homebase for supplying the hamper bags and to Xtend Barre Fitness Centre for organising the collection of toys for us.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS AND CHRISTMAS CARDS: On sale again this week in the Church foyer.

PLENARY COUNCIL: Plenary Council postcards will be distributed at all Christmas Masses. If you have not already, take this opportunity to engage in the *Listening and Dialogue* process. Completed cards may be placed in the boxes located in the Church foyer and the side entrance. The final St Joseph's Listening and Dialogue Discussion Group sessions will be held on **Monday 18 and Monday 25 February 2019**. If you are interested in joining us, please register at enquiries@stjosephssubiaco.org.au.

CHRISTMAS HYMNS: There will be special booklets of carols and hymns for all Christmas Masses.

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.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

On Christmas Day, Mass will be celebrated at 8am, 9.30am and 11am. There will also be a Youth Mass at 5pm.

PARISH DIARY		
Sunday 23 December		Fourth Sunday of Advent
		Monday, Fourth Week of Advent
Monday 24 December	6pm 9pm Midnight	Family Christmas Mass (Children may like to attend dressed as Nativity characters) Sung Mass of Christmas Solemn Midnight Mass (11.15pm Christmas Carols led by Schola Cantorum Choir)
Tuesday 25 December	10am	The Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity Solemn Mass of Christmas Day (This will be the only Mass in our Church on Christmas Day)
Wednesday 26 December		St Stephen, The First Martyr, Feast
Thursday 27 December		St John, Apostle, Evangelist, Feast
Friday 28 December		The Holy Innocents, Martyrs, Feast
Saturday 29 December		Fifth Day in the Octave of the Nativity