

**Let us remember in our prayers ...**

**Recently deceased:** Jeremy O’Driscoll, Sr Euphemia Kelly SJG, David Jefferson, Marco Marchesani

**Anniversaries:** Claire Woods, Josie Ocello, Ray Gleeson, Veronica Gederio, Giovanni and Giovanna Fonti, Grazia Lanza, Tony Condo, Mario Papalia

**Sick:** Judy Kerr, Ruby Johnson, Barbara Mitchell, Sergio Amadio, Billy Tang, Patrick Sweeney, Patricia O’Hara, John Davidson, Kathy Choate, Mary-Rose Webb, Mercedes Ramos, Sebastian Ravi, Felicula Perez, Murray Casey

**POPE AT MASS: ADVENT A TIME TO MAKE PEACE IN THE SOUL, FAMILY & NEIGHBOURHOOD** *By Robin Gomes, Vatican News*

*At his morning Mass at the Casa Santa Marta on Tuesday, Pope Francis spoke about how Christians can prepare for Christmas by building peace in one’s soul, in the family and in the world through humility.*

Pope Francis is urging Christians to prepare themselves for Christmas this Advent season by being humble and trying to build peace in their soul, in their family and in the world. Delivering a homily at Mass, the Pope said that peacemaking consists in not talking evil of and harming others, a bit like imitating God, who humbled Himself. Pointing to the pastoral scene evoked by Isaiah in the first reading, where the wolf and the lamb, and the leopard and the kid live side by side harmlessly, the Pope said the prophet speaks about the peace of Jesus that transforms life and history, which is why He is called the ‘Prince of Peace’.

**The soul:** Advent, therefore, is the time to prepare ourselves for this Prince of Peace by being at peace with ourselves, our soul, that is often in anxiety, anguish and without hope. For this, one needs to start with oneself. The Pope said that today the Lord asks us whether our soul is at peace. If not, then we should ask the Prince of Peace to pacify our souls, so we can meet Him. The Pope said we are so used to looking at the souls of others rather than our own.

**Family:** After being at peace with our soul, it is time to be at peace at home, in the family, the Pope said. He noted much sadness in families with much struggle, ‘small wars’ and at times, disunity. He urged Christians to examine themselves whether they are at peace or at war in their families or against others, whether there are bridges or walls that separate.

**World:** The Pope then spoke about making peace in the world where there is much war, disunity, hatred and exploitation. Christians should ask themselves what they are doing about creating peace in the world by working for peace in the neighbourhood, in the school and in the workplace. The Pope urged Christians to ask themselves whether they find excuses to make war, to hate, to talk ill about others and condemn or are they meek and try to build bridges. Children too can ask themselves whether at school they bully a companion they dislike because he is a little hateful or weak, or if they make peace and forgive everything.

**Peacemaking like God:** Peace, the Pope said, is never still but always moves forward. It starts with the soul, and after making its journey of peace, returns to the soul. Making peace is a bit like imitating God. When He wanted to make peace with us and forgave us, He sent His Son to make peace, to be the Prince of peace. The Pope said to be a peacemaker one does not have to be wise and learned and study peace. Peace is an attitude that Jesus speaks about in the Gospel. Jesus glorifies God because he has hidden these things from the wise and learned and has revealed them to the little ones. Pope Francis urged Christians to make themselves small, humble and be the servant of others. “The Lord will give you the ability to understand how to make peace and will provide you the strength to make it,” the Pope assured.

**Stop short of ‘small wars’:** The Pope said that whenever there is the possibility of a ‘small war’ at home, in the heart, at school or at work, we should stop short and try and make peace. “Never, never wound the other. Never,” he said, exhorting Christians to start by not speaking ill of others or firing the first cannon. This way, he said, we become men and women of peace, carrying peace forward.

MUSIC & HYMNS	Entrance	Offertory	Communion	Recessional	Setting
6pm Vigil Mass	249	186	60	70	
8am Mass	249	221	Prepare Ye	18	St Joseph’s Mass (385)
10am Mass	249	327	214	292	Mass of St Benedict
6pm Family Mass	102	289	169/210	Hymn Sheet	Rivers Youth Mass

**FRESCO COVER**  
The acrylic cover for the repaired St Joseph Fresco in the Church foyer was fitted this week. This will protect this work of art against future damage.

**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.

<b>Sanctuary</b>	14 December	Office Staff	21 December	Aine Sommerfield & Cecelia Turton
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**ADVENT WREATH**



The ‘Love’ candle is lit. Monsignor Kevin invites **ALL** to pray together:

**Come, Lord Jesus.**  
**Warm our hearts with your love.**  
**Help us to prepare for your coming.**  
**Help us to see the good things we can do.**  
**Help us to see the good things others do.**  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**



All available at foyer table

**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. Take a tag from the Christmas tree in the foyer and return it with the selected item to the basket provided. **Please leave all donations by Sunday 16 December.** If you prefer, envelopes for a financial contribution are also available.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COLUMBAN CALENDARS**

These are on sale each weekend throughout December. **Pack of 5 cards: \$2.50**  
**Calendars: \$9**

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY** has finished for the year. but will resume in 2019 at the **8am Mass**. Please note this time change.

**Thank you to Gloria Acuna, Giorgi Lamattina, Donna Tobin and Elizabeth & Laura Ogilvie** for their commitment to this valuable program. If you would like to volunteer to assist, please email [enquiries@stjosephssubiaco.org.au](mailto:enquiries@stjosephssubiaco.org.au) or phone 9381 0400.

**PONDERINGS**

*Maria & Carl Torre have submitted this article supplied by their son, Dr Luke Torre who joined the euthanasia discussion on Radio 6PR News Talk*  
I’ve been a doctor for 19 years - I’m an intensive care specialist - so I’ve overseen the deaths of hundreds, if not thousands, of human beings, and I’ve always been able to do it with dignity, never having to euthanise anyone, using appropriate medication and care. And it was so interesting when the last caller said, ‘the last two weeks were torture for the immediate family – not the patient, but the immediate family.’ It’s interesting how we lose sight of who we’re actually looking after here – and we need to look after the patient. My comment is really simple: if you make laws with regulation about certain levels of suffering and certain levels of terminal illness, then for the rest of eternity you will simply face a discrimination suit from people who say, ‘Why is my level of suffering not good enough to qualify for euthanasia? Why is being 88 years old not okay for euthanasia, but being 90 is okay? Why is a 6-month terminal illness okay to be euthanised, but not a 9-month terminal illness? Why is my pain any less than someone else’s pain?’

Once you start down that path of regulation, there will be discrimination suits over and over again, and people will tell you that you are discriminating against them, based on their health problems, **and you will lose every time.** Eventually you will end up like Holland and Belgium, where people can get euthanasia just because they want it – like Douglas Godall did - with no other problem. There was nothing wrong with him at all. He was 104 years old, and he just wanted to die – and he got it. That is the problem, and that is why we should not do this.

**UWA CHORAL SOCIETY CONCERT**

**Sunday 16 December, 4pm, Winthrop Hall, UWA**

Haydn’s ‘Creation’ Concert, which draws on the interwoven themes from Genesis, the Psalms and John Milton’s *Paradise Lost*, reminding us of the Biblical links between the birth of Christ and the Creation of the Universe, is to be performed. The evening will conclude with a BYO picnic gathering around the Reflection Pond. Tickets are available from [ticketswa.com/event/creation](http://ticketswa.com/event/creation).

**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 ensuring more women can access the support they need for a safe birth and healthy child. Order **Global Gift cards** online at [globalgifts.org.au](http://globalgifts.org.au) or call us on 1800 024 413.



**PARISH DIARY**

Sunday	9 December	11am	11.30am	12.30pm	6pm	Second Sunday of Advent	
		Baptism: <i>Stella Coco Menzies</i>	Baptism: <i>Benjamin Knight-Smith Chapman</i>	Church: <i>Catherine Haydon Annual Piano Concert</i>	Upper Room: <i>Marist Association</i>	<i>Monsignor Kevin</i> <i>Monsignor Kevin</i>	
<b>Monday</b>	<b>10 December</b>	8.30am	<b>Monday, Second Week of Advent</b> Upper Room: <i>Holy Cross College Faith Story and Witness</i>				
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11 December</b>	6pm	7.15pm	<b>Tuesday, Second Week of Advent</b> <i>Optional: St Damasus I, Pope</i> Upper Room: <i>St Vincent de Paul Meeting</i> Church: <i>Schola Cantorum Rehearsal</i>			
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>12 December</b>	5.30pm	<b>Wednesday, Second Week of Advent</b> <i>Optional: Our Lady of Guadalupe</i> Tribune Chapel: <i>Centering Prayer</i>				
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>13 December</b>	4.30pm	<b>St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr, Memorial</b> Wedding Rehearsal: <i>Anita Maio &amp; Mark Palumbo</i>				<i>Father Tony Chiera</i>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>14 December</b>	<b>St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor, Memorial</b>					
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>15 December</b>	1pm	<b>Saturday, Second Week of Advent</b> Nuptial Mass: <i>Anita Maio &amp; Mark Palumbo</i>				<i>Father Tony Chiera</i>