

*Let us remember in our prayers ...*

**Recently deceased:** Marie Murphy, Lynn O’Hara, Angie Foley, Eileen van Wees, Br Terence Heinrich FMS, Sr Immaculata Cochetti PBVM  
**Anniversaries:** Paul Kerrigan, Mary Dillon, Fr Frank Birrell, Joseph Harold Durkin, Jack Durkin, Kath May  
**Sick:** Judy Kerr, Fiona Carr, Ruby Johnson, Anna Barrett, Barbara Mitchell, Sergio Amadio, Billy Tang, Patrick Sweeney, Patricia O’Hara, John Davidson, Sr Clare Sciesinski PBVM

**ADDRESS TO NATIONAL ASSEMBLY OF DIOCESAN PRIESTS, NZ** *by Bishop of Parramatta, Most Rev Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv*

**‘Being a priest in an unprecedented time of change’** It is a privilege for me to join you in this National Assembly of Diocesan Priests here in beautiful Christchurch. I thank you for the honour of being able to share with you my reflection on the priesthood in this time of great turmoil and upheaval in the Catholic Church worldwide. The crisis we face in the Church is deep-seated, perhaps not unlike the financial institutions whose culture of corruption and self-interest has been exposed in a fresh Royal Commission. Indeed, to many people, Catholics included, it is not only the case of a few bad apples. It is more like the apple that is rotten at its core. While Pope Francis was in Ireland for the World Meeting of Families, the former nuncio to the USA decided to spoil the party. He released a long letter accusing Pope Francis of covering up the McCarrick affair and demanding that the Pope resign. Who needs enemies with friends like that? This open opposition and hostility against a reigning pontiff was totally unprecedented. The sexual abuse crisis is inundating the whole Church like a tsunami and it has the potential to cause long-term damage, chaos and even schism. (Mind you, there is already a silent schism in that the majority of Catholics in many parts of the world have simply walked away from the practice of the faith.) It is the biggest crisis since the Reformation and it exposes the ideological conflicts that run more deeply than the New Zealand fault lines through the length and breadth of the universal Church. The anti-Pope Francis forces have accelerated their frontal attacks against him in a coordinated and virulent manner. The gloves are clearly off, and they have seized this moment of turmoil as an opportunity to undermine his papacy and derail his reform agenda. What is interesting, too, is the number of prominent clergy and laity who have chosen to sympathise with these forces and therefore shown their not so subtle disapproval of the way the Pope is leading the Church. Clearly, Captain Francis will have to weather both the storm and the mutiny onboard. I just hope and pray that he stay the course because nothing less than a deep and comprehensive reform will restore confidence and trust in the Church. Pope Francis has unleashed a new energy, he has poured a new wine which cannot be contained in old wineskins. He has challenged us to move in concert with him and bring about the rebirth of the Church. I am endeavouring to follow the pope’s lead. I have forfeited my oneworld club membership and now fly with no-frills budget airlines regularly – on a wing and a prayer. But that’s the easy part. The harder part is to do what most of you do, which is to labour at the coalface of the Church. It is have the smell of the sheep, to accompany our people in their joys and griefs, hopes and struggles. Transition times call for deep discernment, courageous imagination and prophetic action. It is becoming increasingly evident that clerical sexual abuse crisis is a symptom of a dysfunctional, corrosive and destructive culture in the Church. Pope Francis often denounces clericalism, which he sees as being endemic to many aspects and levels of the institutional Church such as the Roman Curia, Diocesan structures, seminaries et cetera. (For example, he compares ill-prepared young priests to little monsters and speaks of the pathology of power as one of 15 diseases of clericalism.) Ultimately, it is not just a question of individual manifestations of clericalism. Indeed there were and have been great priests who lived and ministered heroically even within the constraints of the old mould. The culture of clerical hegemony has been solidly entrenched in the Catholic Church ever since it took centre stage in the Roman Empire. It is a by-product of the Church model, which sees itself as self-sufficient, superior to and separate from the outside world. Its security, reputation and internal relationships are the centre of attention. The Church in this model becomes the Church of the ordained at the expense of the baptised. As a result, the ordained becomes and exalted and elitist club that protects the interests and privileges its members. This explains the obfuscation and cover-up, which is so endemic to this club mentality. It is a far cry from the model of the Humble Servant that Jesus exemplified, and this celibate clerical club provides the ideal condition for the disease of clericalism to fester. In my opinion, we really need to once and for all jettison the clericalist model of Church with its by-product of the exclusive clerical club. It has served us well beyond its use by date. *Continued next page*

MUSIC & HYMNS	Entrance	Offertory	Communion	Recessional	Setting
<b>6pm Vigil Mass</b>	148	127	337	243	
<b>8am Mass</b>	280	21	298	148	Mass Shalom (370)
<b>10am Mass</b>	280	81	308	148	Our Lady Help of Christians (374)
<b>6pm Family Mass</b>	Hymn Sheet	169	165/368	148	Rivers Youth Mass

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY**  
 Children’s Liturgy is on **TODAY** during the 10am Mass. Suitable for children 3 to 8 years.

**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>	30 November	Conor & Izumi Mallen	7 December	Claudia, Isabella & Eli Walsh
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**JOINT STATEMENT FROM THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

The Catholic Bishops of Western Australia have written a Pastoral Letter to the Catholic community of Western Australia in relation to State Government’s Report on Voluntary Assisted Dying. The letter can be found on-line at [perthcatholic.org.au](http://perthcatholic.org.au). For those who would like a printed copy, these are available from the sacristy or the office.

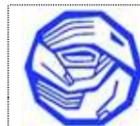
**ADVENT DISCUSSION GROUP: EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**

**3 & 17 December, 6pm, Upper Room**

An Advent Discussion Group with Monsignor Kevin will be held following 5.30pm Mass on both 3 and 17 December. At the first session you will be provided with a book. Please register your interest on 9381 0400 or [enquiries@stjosephssubiaco.org.au](mailto:enquiries@stjosephssubiaco.org.au).

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The Church as understood and articulated by the Second Vatican Council sees itself as a pilgrim People of God, incarnate in the world. It is a new paradigm – one that is based on mutuality not exclusion, love not fear, service not clericalism, engagement with the world not flight from or hostility against it, incarnate grace not dualism. Yet it seems that the deeply entrenched patriarchal and monarchical structures of the Church have failed to correspond with our lived experience. In fact, important as it is to consider the question of women ordained ministries in the Church (for which the Study Commission on Women’s Diaconate was set up), it is far worse to persist with structures that fail to convey the message of the Gospel to the deep yearnings of men and women of today. Adding women into the archaic structures that need fundamental reforms may be likened to pouring new wine into old wineskins. For the Church to flourish, it is crucial that we come to terms with the flaws of clericalism and move beyond its patriarchal and monarchical matrix. The Pope famously said that we need a new theology of women. I would like to postulate that what we need even more is to find fresh ways of being Church and fresh ways of ministry and service for both men and women disciples. The separated, exalted and elitist priesthood, which is a by-product of the ecclesiology that emphasises the perfection of the Church must be consigned to the past. This kind of priesthood has been mystified by a notion that a priest has exclusive and privileged access to the divine. There is no going back to the self-enclosed, elevated and exalted clerical world. We can be certain that the pieces of the old exalted and elitist priesthood cannot be put back together. The myth of the mysterious, heroic, uncontaminated, unblemished "men in black" has imploded. Instead of doctoring the image and reviving the mythology and mystique of the priesthood of yesterday, we can accept that what has been destroyed is irretrievable. Perhaps the end of the old world could lead to a new era and the current crisis offers the priesthood a chance to free itself from the manacle of clericalism. The priest is not a lone and exalted figure exclusively chosen and gifted with something, which most people do not have. Rather, the priest is the presence in whom the implicit priesthood of the baptised is called to become explicit and active. In this way, we learn to discover a deeper and more holistic identity as members of the People of God and as presbyters in the sense of going in front leading people but not hermetically sealed from them. We must rediscover the specific and full charism of the priesthood within the matrix of the universal priesthood of the faithful. The priesthood cannot be lived fully apart from the community of disciples. This is one of the key insights of the Vatican Council. The Church is not the Church of the ordained but of all the baptised. In effect, the priesthood of the ordained has assumed and usurped the rich and varied ministries of the baptised. It is time, therefore, that the notion of priesthood needs to break open anew so as to fully honour what Paul says, "everyone is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ." If we are to break open the priesthood and allow ministries of the baptised to flourish, I think we will need to revisit the clerical and patriarchal culture along with its many institutional dynamics such as titles, privileges, customs, structures et cetera. I am not suggesting the ordained and the non-ordained should be collapsed into one another. *Part 2 next week*



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. Christmas Appeal envelopes for a financial contribution are also available.  
**CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COLUMBAN CALENDARS** on sale each weekend (while stocks last) throughout November and December. Pack of 5 cards: \$2.50. Calendars: \$9.  
**SPIRITUAL READING FOR ADVENT - THE LITTLE BLUE BOOK:** Bargain price only \$2. Great reading. A daily spiritual stimulus for all the days of Advent and Christmastide.

**PARISH PLENARY COUNCIL DIALOGUE SESSIONS 2018:** These concluded on Monday evening with parish coordinators Tina Perez, Mary McComish and Dan Lynch outlining a summary of reflections from the sessions at parish, archdiocesan and national levels, and presented a challenge to all: to reflect and discern five areas of priority that **we** as a parish community can involve ourselves and begin to implement at our local Church level. These priorities would not require any changes to Canon law or official Church teaching. **We** can act now to bring renewed vitality and inclusion to our local parish. The **Parish Executive Summary** is available under the Plenary Council section at [stjosephssubiaco.org.au](http://stjosephssubiaco.org.au). If you do not have one, please collect a Plenary Council prayer card from the Church foyer.

**CHURCH SECURITY MEASURES:** As part of an ongoing process to increase security in the Parish, this week a safe has been installed in the Church. A much-needed measure, the safe will be used to store sacred vessels and other Parish treasures.

**PARISH DIARY**

<b>Sunday 25 November</b>	11am 11.30am 2pm	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Solemnity</b> Baptism: <i>Sienna Rose Panajia</i> Baptism: <i>Raphael Joseph Domenic Della Vedova</i> Church: <i>Claddagh Association Mass</i>	<i>Monsignor Kevin</i> <i>Monsignor Kevin</i>
<b>Monday 26 November</b>		<b>Monday, Week 34 in Ordinary Time</b>	
<b>Tuesday 27 November</b>	6pm 7.15pm	<b>Tuesday, Week 34 in Ordinary Time</b> Upper Room: <i>St Vincent de Paul Meeting</i> Church: <i>Schola Cantorum Rehearsal</i>	
<b>Wednesday 28 November</b>	10am 5.30pm	<b>Wednesday, Week 34 in Ordinary Time</b> Upper Room: <i>Women’s Prayer Group</i> Tribune Chapel: <i>Centering Prayer</i>	<i>Monsignor Kevin:</i> <i>Church Conservation &amp; Preservation Committee</i>
<b>Thursday 29 November</b>	4.30pm	<b>Thursday, Week 34 in Ordinary Time</b> Wedding Rehearsal: <i>Lauren Bellini &amp; Justin Casella</i>	<i>Father Joseph Laundry</i>
<b>Friday 30 November</b>	7pm	<b>St Andrew, Apostle, Feast</b> Upper Room: <i>Scripture Study</i>	
<b>Saturday 1 December</b>	1pm	<b>Saturday, Week 34 in Ordinary Time</b> Wedding Service: <i>Lauren Bellini &amp; Justin Casella</i>	<i>Father Joseph Laundry</i>