

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH – SUBIACO

21 DECEMBER 2008

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Mass & Reconciliation

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| Tues/Wed/Thus | 9am |
| Friday | 7am |
| Saturday Reconciliation | 4:30pm |
| Saturday Vigil | 6pm |
| Sunday | 8am, 10am, 6pm |

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| Sun 21 st | 11.30am 12.00md 2.00pm 3.00pm 6.45pm | Baptism – Mikayla Quinn Baptism – Cosimo Ricupero, Pietro Offer, Milo Quirk, Mila Tana and Matilda Williamson Wedding appointment Baptism – Isabelle Dixon, Tahliah Gonsalves, Bailey Epps, Aurelia Wu, Parish visitation |
| Mon 22nd | 10.00am 1.00pm 7.30pm | Christmas Pageant rehearsal Organist practice. St Josephs Choir rehearsal |
| Tues 23rd | 1.00pm 4.30pm 5.00pm 6.30pm 7.45pm | Organist practice Wedding rehearsal Wedding rehearsal Parish visitation Cathedral Singers rehearsal |
| Wed 24th | 10.00am 1.00pm 6.00pm 9.30pm 11.15pm 12.00mn | Wedding appointment Altar Servers Christmas practice Children's Mass Vigil Mass Carol Service. Midnight Mass |
| Thurs 25th | 9.00am | Christmas Morning Mass |
| Fri 26th | | Mass will not be held |
| Sat 27th | | |

| ROSTERS | 2nd Week | 4th Week |
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| ALTAR LINEN ROSTER | Vivian Bowler | Mimma Lanza |
| SANCTUARY | Ian Hollick 21/12 | |

YOUTH –@ Dome after the 6.00pm Sunday Mass will continue through January..

Dear Parishioners,

These last two years have seen a new medical centre and parish office building rising from the ground of the old tennis court/parking area. This development has transformed the view as you look up Salvado Road. We can only imagine how it will transform the lives of people coming to the medical centre for hearing examinations and treatment. We can anticipate how the new parish office and meeting place will make our outreach and organisation more effective in the service of the community. We are confident that the partnership which the parish has forged with the Ear Science Institute will benefit greatly our church community in Subiaco for the future. Indeed it has already resulted in the much needed renovation of the church structure itself. As a heritage site, a "signature building" for Subiaco, you can imagine the burden that the necessary maintenance and repairs are on the parish. Thankfully, this project will help.

What a difference the completion of this project will make to our lives is another question of course. As human beings we work in our limited way on our little projects, hoping to contribute something small to the building of the Kingdom of God. The renovation of people's lives takes much more than bricks and mortar and money. Our work is important for sure, for without it there would be no growing, healing and developing at all. But to achieve the community of God's people, to carry out the work of the Church founded by Christ, to build happiness, wholesome and holiness needs God's grace as well. "Unless the Lord builds the city" says the Bible, "they labour in vain who build it".

So we look for the coming of Jesus, during this Christmas season, with a sharpened expectation. Much has been done, much more remains to be done. As each of us looks at our lives, and assesses where we are in relation to our families, our friends, our vocations, our community, our church, our country, our world and our God, we come together to seek forgiveness for the past, hope for the present and courage for the future. But we can be proud (quietly) and grateful (joyfully) for what has already been accomplished.

Many had a hand in the work. The Bible again, in the book of Ezra, Chapter 5, lists the names of all those who helped to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. Extraordinary, a list of the builders from over two thousand years ago... We will not list all those involved in our building project here. Suffice it to thank them all heartily and sincerely, and wish them a really happy Christmas and a holy and healthy New Year.

The parish offices will be on 'stand down' during the month of January to give our volunteers and staff a much needed rest.

Fr Joseph Walsh.

THANKS

We wish to thank the parish for their suggestions in naming the new community room. The committee has met and decided on the name 'GENACULUM'. In ancient Rome the Cenaculum was an informal dining and meeting room located on an upper floor. The Cenaculum is the traditional name given to the room for the Last Supper and the site where Mary and the Apostles waited for the First Pentecost.