2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT — YEAR A/2

#### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

<u>PRAYER</u>: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

Prayers have been requested for the following:

**RECENTLY DECEASED**: Sylvia C Acala, Alex C Fadul, Violeta C Quiambao, Joan Anne Bold, Joe Pardoe, Ralph D'Agostino

<u>ANNIVERSARIES</u>: Margot Dearn, Mary Kelly, Ross Michael Bycroft, Anne Sutton, Lawrence Edward Barry, Rita Ryan, Phillis Wilson, Cecily Agnes Kehoe

SICK LIST: Shingo Sawabe, Sonia D'Angiolo, Riany Chandler, Juliet Wee, Jean Di Benedetto, Marie Dupois, Abigail O'Donell, Sophia Ding, Terry Owsnett, Ronald Sincock, Dolares Kelly, Mary McDonnell, Irene Warde, Pam Hopsick, Ron Sincock, Val Mai McErlean, Bill Walker, Courtney Blount, Reginald Cox, Simon Stretton, Philomena McAloon, Margaret Kwong, Letty O'Sullivan, Tony Collett, Ben Cebuliak, Marilyn Rodgers, Frank Hewitt, Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Mary Ann Boeheme, Maureen Currie, Harry Hunter, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Elizabeth Norris, Stephen Deshaies, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston

## Weekly Diary: 9<sup>th</sup> December-15<sup>th</sup> December 2019

Monday 9<sup>th</sup>

: 8.00 am. Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday 14<sup>th</sup>

: 9.30 am. Mass

:11.00 am. Baptisms
5.30 pm. : 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advo

5.30 pm. : 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year A/2 Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> : 7.00 am. + 9.00 am. : 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year A/2



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2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent — Year A/2

Sunday 8th December 2019

# PARISH PRIEST

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Hours: 8.30am—3.00pm Monday—Thursday (closed FRIDAY)

Reconciliation: 4.50pm on Saturday

### **Baptisms**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>
Saturday & Sunday at 11am.
Please contact the Parish
Office.

St Francis Xavier School: Principal: Kathy Fuller

Tel: 5537 2633

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year A/2 8<sup>th</sup> December 2019

1st Reading : Is 11:1-10 2nd Reading : Rom 15:4-9 Gospel : Mt 3:1-12

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent Year A/2 15<sup>th</sup> December 2019

1st Reading : Is 35:1-6,10 2nd Reading : James 5:7-10

Gospel : Mt 11:2-11

# **HELLO! From Fr Marty**







### Farewell to our Year 6's from SFX!

**Blessings** to all the beautiful staff who have retired this year, who have served the school with dignity and skill. Especially Ronnie Wilson, who has played a leadership role within our parish. May she be blessed in her new role.

**Blessings** to all those teachers who celebrated special milestones for their teaching careers.

Blessings to all the teachers, the support staff, the admin staff at front of house, tuckshop people (whom make very yummy sausage rolls), Glen the grounds man, Brad the IT guy, learning support teachers, library staff and our after school care carers. So many people giving their life to the ministry of educating our young, for the future. As you know, education is a beautiful privilege to have. May you continually remind the young people in your life how important an education is. Also, that there are so many people who do not have an education, even in 2019.

Blessings to all the students, from Prep, to year 1, to year 2, to year 3, to year 4, to year 5 and as I said, to our Year 6 students who now journey into the wonderful world of high school.

This is a special time of the year, for it acknowledges change. As adults, sometimes we need to be reminded that change is happening all the time. Just as the children grow, we are also growing and changing.

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#### Last weekend's collection

1st Collection : \$1055.85 2nd Collection : \$1771.40 Piety Stall : \$78.40 St. Anthony : \$62.60

Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Next week's counting Team: No. 2(09/12/19)

#### Your Generosity:

If you would like to join our planned giving program or if your circumstances have changed, please contact Audrey Ho at the Parish Office 55374320 x 2 (Weekdays except Fridays). Thank you for your generous support.



Holy Family SVDP Conference are holding their Annual Christmas Appeal this weekend. A Retiring Collection

will be held after each Mass. Envelopes will be placed on your seats and also at the back of the Church.

A member will make a brief address at the end of each Mass. Tax deductible receipts will be given to those who provide their names/addresses.

This Christmas, many families will experience a Christmas without peace of mind, or without a roof over their heads. We hope to provide as many hampers as we can to struggling families in our area and are most appreciative of the generosity and support of the Parish.

Dublin Docks. Harbourtown on 12/12/19. 11.30am for 12noon—\$25 Entertainment, raffles and a gift for

everyone! Catering for dietary requirements, so

please advise.

RSVP-9/12/19-Yvonne Collett at Church or 0419 895 156 **or** Jan Levinge 0419 019 877 or 5537 2407. Payment may also be paid to Audrey at the parish office.

# Thought for the week

Always pray to have eyes that see the best in people. a heart that forgives the worst, mind that forgets the bad and a soul that never loses faith in God

# **MISSA PRO POPULO** (The mass for the people.)

As Parish Priest, one mass on the weekend is to be said solely for the people of the parish. Today it is the 9.00am for the people.

# **FUN FACT FOR** SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

John Lennon is shot dead in New York in 1981. What do you remember from this year? Who are those precious people you need to connect to, so we can have fullness of life?

Acknowledgement to Fr Morgan Batt in his book, "Up the Beaten Track", Copyright 2003

Mass Duty Roster : December 14th /December 15th 2019			
Mass Co-ordinator 5.30pm Monique Labutte	Lectors Julius de Luna Rita Macbeth	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion  Dott Baker, Helen Topham, Joelle Braun Julie Dakin, Nola Wooster, Moniique Labutte	<u>Servers</u> Mia &Tyler
7.00am	Gloria Butt	Danielle Carter, Rose Hessen, Michael Nicholson	Brianna & Ashley
Michael Nicholson	Danielle Carter	Antona Brown, Bernadette Swindley, Celine Lobb	
9.00am	Jennifer Craig	Kathy Fuller, Jennifer Craig, Michael Laidler	Amber, Naomi & Jamili
Michael Laidler	Kathy Fuller	Joe Dorego, Averil Dorego, Yvette Valdez Robrigado	

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH? If you've recently joined the Parish, WELCOME! We'd like to formally greet you, so please complete a "NEW PARISHIONERS FORM" which is placed on the table at the back of the Church. You may wish to hand in the form at the Parish Office or place it on the collection plate.

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK! Have you thought of volunteering your talent and skill in the different Parish Ministries? We have different roles to suit different talents. All you need to do is contact the Parish Office and we'll do the rest!

# How to live the Gospel out this **Advent II.**



This weekend we are reminded of our Baptismal call that each one of us have the 4.30 pm children's mass on 24 entered into. Yet also, how Jesus comes to take away our doubt by giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit. I am not one to enter into the dialogue about why people have their children baptized or why adults have a conversion story to want to become Catholic. I don't enter into the mythological narrative that many people associate with Baptism.

Baptism is a wonderful sacrament! Each person's journey is unique. This is where we need to rely on the Holy Spirit, to be dynamic in people's lives. Our job, is to 2. 4 ushers to assist seating of children, sow the seeds, and allow the Spirit to do parents and parishioners - commencing at the rest. I have seen this too many | 3.45 pm prior to the 4.00 pm carols. times, where people have come forward genuinely and eagerly to be baptized. John the Baptist believed it, and we need to do the same, with the same energy and fire, to gather the wheat into the barn and burn away the things that pull us down.

**TASK:** If you know someone, parents with children, or adults, invite them to come to church and see what happens.

# **Volunteers needed for** Children's Christmas **Eve Mass**

A big thank you to those who have volunteered to assist with the varied tasks required. We still need volunteers with December.

(Carols will start at 4.00 pm before the

Kids are to come dressed as their favourite Biblical character!!!

We still need help with the following of which some may have multiple

- 1. people to help "setup" the chairs at 9.00 am on the 24th December, and assist in the removal of the chairs from the school quad after the 4.30 pm mass at around 5.45 pm.
- 3. at least 4 \* EMCs.
- 4. 8 \* collectors (1 collection only) the collectors will also complete a census of all attending the mass.
- 5. 4 \* parking marshals from 3.45 pm to direct cars into the school sports ground.

If you are able to assist, a form is placed on the back table for you to fill in your contact details. Otherwise, you may wish to leave your details with Audrey in the Parish Office. Thank you in advance.

If you are a Parish Volunteer or working in the parish the onus is on you to comply with all Archdiocesan policies. Safeguarding training and registration is available online www.safeguardingaob.com.au . If you see any unsafe practice or reportable occurrence please contact the Parish Office or STOPline Service - 1300 304 550; AOB@stopline.com.au; bnecatholic.stopline.com