

## FEAST DAYS

### Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 2018 to Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019

Mon 31 <sup>st</sup>	St Sylvester I, pope
Tue 1 <sup>st</sup>	Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	St Basil the Great, bishop, doctor St Gregory Nazianzen, bishop, doctor
Thu 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Most Holy name of Jesus

### Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jan to Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	St Raymond of Penyafort, priest
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>	The Baptism of the Lord

### Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Jan to Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019

Thu 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Anthony, abbot
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### Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Jan to Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Jan 2019

Mon 21 <sup>st</sup>	St Agnes, virgin, martyr
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St Vincent, deacon, martyr
Thu 24 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>	The Conversion of St Paul, apostle
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	Australia Day

### Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Jan to Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 2019

Mon 28 <sup>th</sup>	St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor
Thu 31 <sup>st</sup>	St John Bosco, priest
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Presentation of the Lord

May we live 2019:

Compassion of heart,  
Clear in word,  
Gracious in awareness,  
Courageous in thought,  
Generous in love,  
With Jesus at our side.

(Adapted from John O'Donohue, *Benedictus*, p.26)

## POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

### 29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 – Feast of the Holy Family

God, our Father,  
You care for us and look out for us  
as a parent attends to their child's needs.  
Teach us to be kind and patient, honest and gentle,  
and, most of all,  
at peace with those with whom we live.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

### 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 – The Epiphany of the Lord

God, our Father,  
You love all and want people of every nation  
to know Jesus Christ, Your Son.  
Help us know Him more profoundly,  
and that through our faithful discipleship,  
others will come to know Your redeeming grace.  
We ask this through Christ, our Lord.  
Amen.

### 12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 – The Baptism of the Lord

Lord God,  
You call us by name.  
Make our ears ever attentive to Your voice,  
our spirits eager to respond,  
and that, having heard You in Jesus,  
Your Anointed One,  
we may help others follow in His way.  
Who lives and reigns forever, and ever.  
Amen.

### 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

God our Father,  
in the person of Jesus, Your Son,  
Your Word summons us to faithfulness and love.  
Empower us to hear His call  
and resolutely follow in His way.  
Who lives and reigns forever, and ever.  
Amen.

### 26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Loving Father,  
Through the healing presence of Your Son,  
drive far from us all that is unholy,  
so that through our words and our deeds  
we may proclaim Him Messiah and Lord.  
Who lives and reigns forever, and ever.  
Amen.



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**Weekends of 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 – 26<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 (inclusive)**



*Normal weekday Mass schedule resumes with 9.15am Mass on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019*

### Readings for this liturgical year are from Year C

Should you wish to view the Scripture Readings for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) please visit:

<http://www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass.htm>

Navigate the texts of the week ahead via the right-hand column index.

### **29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.**

*Readings: - Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:41-52.*

### **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2019 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (11 am Mass)**

*Readings - Num 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21.*

### **5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 – The Epiphany of the Lord**

*Readings: Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12.*

### **12<sup>th</sup> /13<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 – The Baptism of the Lord**

*Readings: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Acts 10:34-38; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22.*

### **19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Readings: Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11.*

### **26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Readings: Neh 8:2-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30; Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21.*

*I have come that you may have life and have it to the full*

*(John 10:10)*



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**SCHOOLS:**  
**St John the Baptist** 9758 1013  
Principal: Catherine Mason

**St. Joseph's College** 9758 2000  
Principal: Catherine Livingston

**Mater Christi College** 9754 6611  
Principal: Mary Fitz-Gerald

**MASS TIMES:**  
**Saturday** 6:00 pm  
**Sunday** 9:00 am, 11:00 am  
Tuesday 7.00 pm  
Wednesday & Thursday 9.15 am  
Friday 11.00 am

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays at 5.15 pm

**BAPTISMS:**  
Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website. Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029 or via email at office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

**WEDDINGS:**  
By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

**CHURCH GROUPS:**

**CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP**  
The Prayer Group will take a break during January 2019 and resume their meeting on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 10.15 am in the Parish Hall for praise and worship, inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are warmly welcome. Enquiries: Judy 9752 2986.

**FRIENDSHIP GATHERING** will take a break from Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December till Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> January. We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

**Sundays 30<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 – 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2019**  
(inclusive)

**PRAYING FOR...**

*All those who have died recently  
and those whose anniversaries  
occur around this time.*



**RECENTLY DECEASED:**  
Wally Johnson, Alistair McCormack, Robert Martin.

**ANNIVERSARIES: Mon 24 Dec to Sun 30 Dec 2018**  
Peter South, Flora De Cristo, Hans Hauer, Donald Fraser, John Phillips, Darrell Phillips, Placentino Fabrizio & Laura Fabrizio (1 month), Maria Frederiks.

**ANNIVERSARIES: Mon 31 Dec 2018 to Sun 6 Jan 2019**  
Francis Breen, Roger Berriman, Anne Van Prooyen, Andrea Samtoy, Pasquale Parente (1 month),

**ANNIVERSARIES: Mon 7 Jan to Sun 13 Jan 2018**  
Carmel Dow, Linda Hughes, Frances Fenton, Peter Blackham.

**ANNIVERSARIES: Mon 14 Jan to Sun 20 Jan 2018**  
Gary Bailey, Vito Teofilo, Riccardo Garbuio, Anthony (Tony) Gannan, Thomas McCristal, Moya McDonald.

**ANNIVERSARIES: Mon 21 Jan to Sun 27 Jan 2018**  
Jadwiga Godsmark, Giovanni (John) Cecchin, Mary Williams, Margherita Crivellaro.

**AND ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Catherine Turner, Baby Xavier King; Giuseppina Zarro, Oscar Price, Brigida Mazzone, Daniel Vincent-Smith, Keith Scutt, Peter Commons, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Steve Reid, Ron Prince, Patricia Quinn, Charlie Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Lilian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Brock McAvaney, Beryl Turner, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, Miop Wirth, Ethel Arrowsmith, Eillien Patrick, Brendan Kearns, Elsie Johnson, Jill Neville, Maria Iaconis, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Barbara Kenny, and Clive Geach.

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS THROUGHOUT THE CHRISTMAS / JANUARY HOLIDAYS**

- Closed 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> December
- Open 27<sup>th</sup> December.
- Closed 28<sup>th</sup> December.
- Open 31<sup>st</sup> December

From the 1<sup>st</sup> 'til the 3<sup>rd</sup> of January, the office will be **Closed**. The Office will then be open on Mondays and Fridays until normal office hours resume on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January.

**BAPTISMS IN JANUARY 2019**

Congratulations to:  
**Wyatt Leonard, Sarah & Kye Pavia**  
The Church of God welcomes you with great joy



**MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP:** will take a break in January 2018 and resume their meeting on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February from 9 am to 10 am at the Parish Centre. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

**LECTORS ROSTER** the new roster effective from 6<sup>th</sup> January – 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2018 is now available for collection on the tables at the back of the Church. Thank you for your continued commitment to this Ministry.

**PLENARY COUNCIL 2020:** What is God asking of us in Australia at this time? To lend your input to this discussion, please consider visiting: [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/) by 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2019.

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE 2019** Study Options are Now Available! Undergraduate and Postgraduate Options. A Choice of Philosophy, Systematic Theology, Moral Theology, Religious Education or Christian Spirituality units. Audit options available Please Direct your enquiries to Mr John Bartholomeusz (Assistant Dean), either by Ph: 9412 3309 or Email: [ctc@ctc.edu.au](mailto:ctc@ctc.edu.au)



**AUSTRALIAN NATIVITY SCENE AT ST ELIZABETH'S PARISH** located at 107 Barkers Road Dandenong North. From Monday 10 December 2018 to Friday 11 January 2019, come and view the traditional and stunning nativity scene at St Elizabeth's, with this festive season's display marking fifteen years. This event is free and open to everyone—children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Viewing time after mass or by appointment. For details contact: Wilson on 0428 927 110 or 9795 6217 (parish office) Website: <http://www.australiannativityscene.org>

**SLAMS – THEATRE THAT SINGS-** are performing a production of "ALL SHOOK UP" in March 2019, at The Alan Ross Centre (Billanook College), 197-199 Cardigan Road Mooroolbark. You can order tickets now. For further information check the SLAMS web site at [www.slams.org.au](http://www.slams.org.au) or contact the SLAMS Ticket Secretary on 0409 100 044.

**THINKING OF A CAREER CHANGE IN THE NEW YEAR? POSITIONS VACANT ACROSS THE ARCHDIOCESE** Details can be found on the Archdiocese of Melbourne website for various administrative and liturgical positions. Go to: <http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>

**HOMESTAY HELP SOUGHT** Achieve2B is an inspiring intercultural exchange program for young people with disabilities. This organisation has a partnership with Interchange Outer East. They are currently in search of 2 Host Families for young people with disabilities to experience life in another country in 2019. Each student is coming for a term and attending Fairhills High School. If you think that you can assist, please contact Julia Hartshorne via email: [JHartshorne@achieve2b.org.nz](mailto:JHartshorne@achieve2b.org.nz) or visit the website at [www.achieve2b.org.nz](http://www.achieve2b.org.nz),



**ST PATRICKS CATHEDRAL MUSIC CONCERTS:** French Young Organists Concert – Friday 4 January 6.30pm - Book now or Johann Vexo and Damien Riviere – Tuesday 19 February 6.30pm -Book now. Tickets for all concerts are \$20.00 (No concessions) Children under 15 free. Go to the website at [www.cam.org.au](http://www.cam.org.au) and click on the concert information to book on trybookings.

**ROSTERS...**

Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 2018 to Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019	
Flowers	Sue N , Lynne K
Altar Servers	6pm: Nicholas
Linen	Sue O
Welcomers	6pm: Jayne, Myra 9am: Marg, Adrian, Anastasia 11am: Patrick, Angie, Coral
Lectors	6pm: Rosina 9am: Gordon V 11am: Kath V
Counters	Bryon & Ruby
Gardening	Tom, Chris

Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan to Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019	
Flowers	Lia U
Altar Servers	6pm: Nicholas
Linen	Anne J
Welcomers	6pm: Sue, Anna 9am: Rosa, Terry, Laurel 11am: Gina, Pat
Lectors	6pm: Louise D 9am: Peter F 11am: Carolyn S
Counters	Bryon & Ruby
Gardening	Tom, Chris

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan to Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019	
Flowers	Sue N
Altar Servers	6pm: Nicholas
Linen	Laurel S
Welcomers	6pm: Queenie J 9am: Peter, Neil, Lorraine, Joanna 11am: Tony, Christine
Lectors	6pm: Jenny K 9am: Caroline Q 11am: Peter J
Counters	Peter & Dawn, Genevieve & George
Gardening	Tom, Chris

Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan to Sun 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2019	
Flowers	Marg H, Judy G
Altar Servers	6pm: Nicholas
Linen	Sue N
Welcomers	6pm: Louise, Peter 9am: Sue, David, Thelma 11am: Kath, Andrew, Maria
Lectors	6pm: Rosina L 9am: Tony D 11am: Marg V
Counters	Peter & Dawn, Genevieve & George
Gardening	Tom, Chris

Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan to Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb 2019	
Flowers	Ann P, Connie B
Altar Servers	6pm: Nicholas
Linen	Alvi M
Welcomers	6pm: Jayne P, Myra N 9am: Marg & Adrian, Anastasia 11am: Patrick S & Coral M
Lectors	6pm: Evangeline L 9am: Adrian S 11am: Sue S
Counters	Tony & Steph
Gardening	Patrick, Harry