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 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](mailto: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, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020 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 12<sup>th</sup> December till Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January. We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.

**Sundays 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 – 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2020**

(inclusive)

**PRAYING FOR...**

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

**RECENTLY DECEASED:****ANNIVERSARIES: Mon 29 Dec to Sun 5 Jan 2020**

Flora De Cristo, Hans Hauer, Donald Fraser, Roger Berriman, Andrea Samtoye, Margaret James.

**ANNIVERSARIES: Mon 6 Jan to Sun 12 Jan 2020**

Anne Van Prooyen, Linda Hughes, Frances Fenton, Peter Blackham, Rosita Stavropoulos, Joh Abraham.

**ANNIVERSARIES: Mon 13 Jan to Sun 19 Jan 2020**

Vito Teofilo, Moya McDonald, Geraldine Fitzpatrick, Elaine Brain, Riccardo Garbuio, Gary Bailey

**ANNIVERSARIES: Mon 20 Jan to Sun 26 Jan 2020**

Mary Williams, Margherita Crivellaro.

**ANNIVERSARIES: Mon 27 Jan to Sun 2 Feb 2020**

Jadwiga Godsmark, Giovanni (John) Cecchin, Teresa Abraham

**AND ALL THOSE WHO ARE SICK** Lea Hartley, Tom Clynnnes, Cosimo Petracca, Christopher Windebank, Giuseppina Zarro, Lesina Maio, Peter Dunlop, Catherine Turner, Peter Commons, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Patricia Quinn, Charlie Kelly, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Lilian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Rosa Jones, Peter Mitchell, Beryl Turner, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, 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, Clive Geach.

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

- Closed Wed 25<sup>th</sup> & Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> December
- Closed Fri 27<sup>th</sup> December
- Open Mon 30<sup>th</sup> December.
- Open Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> January

The Office will then be open on Mondays and Fridays throughout January until normal office hours resume on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2020

**MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP:** will take a break in January 2020 and resume their meeting on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February from 9 am to 10 am at the Parish Centre. We wish everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

**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>

**LECTORS ROSTER 2020** is available for collection in the Church foyer.

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE 2020**  
 Study Options Now Available! The Parish and Pastoral Ministry in a New Environment. Parish life today is facing many new opportunities and challenges. The parish of the future will be built on the missionary creativity of people and priests working together in a changed social and ecclesial environment. Fr Brendan Reed, author of Engaging with the Hopes of Parishes, will be teaching this new unit in 2020. This intensive will be beneficial for anyone involved in parish life, parish councils, parish teams and parish ministry. It will be particularly of use to those wishing to engage in parish life in light of the 2020 Plenary Council. 12, 14, 19 March; 30 April; 2, 23 May + online learning (12 hours equivalent) Church History : Discover more about the Church's story and the journey of faith across the centuries. Units include; The Spirit of Trent and the Mystery of Vatican II, Lecturer: Rev. Dr Max Vodola – Semester 1, Wednesday 6-9pm. Two Centuries of Catholic Experience in Australia, Lecturer: Rev. Dr Christopher Dowd OP – Winter Intensive, 29/6, 1/7, 3/7, 6/7, 8/7, 10/7 9.30-4.30pm. The Reformation in the British Isles, Lecturer: Rev. Prof. Austin Cooper OMI AM – Saturday Intensive, Semester 1: 7/3, 14/3 18/4, 2/5. Semester 2: 1/8, 29/8, 12/9, 10/10 10-3.00pm. Contact the Academic Records Office for all study options and further information, on Ph: 9412 3309 – [AssistantDean@ctc.edu.au](mailto:AssistantDean@ctc.edu.au) – 278 Vitoria Parade, East Melbourne or via email: [ctc@ctc.edu.au](mailto:ctc@ctc.edu.au)

**AUSTRALIAN NATIVITY SCENE** Until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January at St Elizabeth's Parish, 107 Baker Rd, Dandenong North. Wilson Fernandez has been creating the Australian Nativity Scene (ANS) for sixteen years. This intricate display is now regarded as one of Australia's best nativity scenes. Wilson creates the village and township of Christ's birth with handmade huts, stables, buildings, bridges, palaces, houses and temples surrounded by mountains, rocks, lakes and rivers to convey the story of Christmas. It features scenes like Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay and finding only a stable free, the birth of Jesus, visits from the shepherds, the three kings and ends with the holy family fleeing to Egypt. This event is free and open to everyone. Children are to be accompanied by a guardian. Melway 81A8. Viewing time: After Mass and any other time by appointments only. Bookings: Wilson Fernandez, 0428 927 110 or 9795 6217

More information: [www.facebook.com/AustralianNativityScene](https://www.facebook.com/AustralianNativityScene)

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE STUDY TOUR OF THE BIBLICAL LANDS: INFORMATION SESSION**

On Saturday 18 January 2020, 2-4pm. This session covers information regarding our study tour of the Biblical Lands between 14<sup>th</sup> November and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Destinations include Jordan, Israel, Palestinian Territories and Greece and an option for 3 days in Crete and Delphi. Tour Leaders: Dr Rosemary Canavan & Rev. Anthony Dean CM. Bookings: Jenny Delahunt Ph: (03) 9412 3314, or Email: [jenny.delaunt@ctc.edu.au](mailto:jenny.delaunt@ctc.edu.au)

**SIX DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT** on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 5pm – Friday 24 January 2020 at the Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality, 99 Studley Park Road, Kew. To deepen your relationship with God, we offer you silence, a peaceful ambience, a spiritual director and ample time for prayer. Cost: \$925 (includes all meals and accommodation) To book please email [secretary@campion.asn.au](mailto:secretary@campion.asn.au) or phone 03 9854 8110.

**2020 STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS CONFERENCE** Saturday 15 February 2020, 9:00am – 6:30pm, at 400 City Road, Southbank (Planetshakers Centre). A day of prayer and renewal for all Christians to come together and be strengthened and encouraged in their faith. Encouraged by Pope Francis' message that we are all called to be saints, the underlying theme of the conference is to rely solely on God's grace and strength – especially in times when your faith could be questioned and challenged. Guest speakers will include Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli, Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Fr Augustine Vallooran V.C, Lenyce Willason, Fr Ken Barker MGL & Lalith Perera. We invite everyone to this free event. If you are interested in participating, please register online. For more information & free registration visit [www.strengthinweakness.com.au](http://www.strengthinweakness.com.au)

**ROSTERS...**

Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 to Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020	
Flowers	Marg & Ange
Altar Servers	
Linen	Jean B
Welcomers	<b>6pm:</b> Myra <b>9am:</b> Marg, Adrian, Anastasia <b>11am:</b> Patrick
Lectors	<b>6pm:</b> Louise D <b>9am:</b> Caroline Q <b>11am:</b> Sarah M
Counters	Tony & Steph
Gardening	Tom, Chris

Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan to Sun 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020	
Flowers	Sue & Lynne
Altar Servers	
Linen	Sue O'H
Welcomers	<b>6pm:</b> Sue N Anna M <b>9am:</b> Rosa, Terry, Laurel <b>11am:</b> Gina, Pat
Lectors	<b>6pm: Volunteer 9am:</b> Gordon V <b>11am:</b> Trish M
Counters	Tony & Steph
Gardening	Tom, Chris

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan to Sun 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020	
Flowers	Carole & Lia
Altar Servers	
Linen	Carole D
Welcomers	<b>6pm:</b> Myra <b>9am:</b> Peter, Neil, Lorraine, Joanna <b>11am:</b> Maria L
Lectors	<b>6pm: Rosina 9am: Peter F</b> <b>11am: Peter J</b>
Counters	Bryon & Ruby
Gardening	Tom, Chris

Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan to Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020	
Flowers	Sue N
Altar Servers	
Linen	Laurel S
Welcomers	<b>6pm:</b> Louise, Peter <b>9am:</b> Sue, David, Thelma <b>11am:</b> Kath, Andrew, Maria
Lectors	<b>6pm Volunteer 9am: Tony D</b> <b>11am: Volunteer</b>
Counters	Bryon & Ruby
Gardening	Tom, Chris

Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan to Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb 2020	
Flowers	Marg & Judy
Altar Servers	
Linen	Alvi M
Welcomers	<b>6pm:</b> Myra N <b>9am:</b> Marg & Adrian, Anastasia <b>11am:</b> Patrick S
Lectors	<b>6pm:</b> Phuong B <b>9am:</b> Adrian S <b>11am:</b> Sue S
Counters	Peter & Dawn, George & Genevieve
Gardening	Barry Blake

## FEAST DAYS

### Mon 30<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019 to Sat 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

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

### Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan to Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

Tue 7 <sup>th</sup>	St Raymond of Penyafort, priest
Sun 12 <sup>th</sup>	The Baptism of the Lord

### Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Jan to Sat 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	St Hilary, bishop, doctor
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	St Anthony, abbot

### Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Jan to Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020

Mon 20 <sup>th</sup>	St Fabian, pope, martyr St Sebastian, martyr
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup>	St Agnes, virgin, martyr
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	St Vincent, deacon, martyr
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	St Francis de Sales, bishop, doctor
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup>	The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	Australia Day

### Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Jan to Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 2020

Mon 27 <sup>th</sup>	St Angela Merici, virgin Sts Timothy & Titus.
Tue 28 <sup>th</sup>	St Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor
Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	St John Bosco, priest
Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	The Presentation of the Lord

### May we live 2020 with hope in the Lord:

“For I know the plans I have for you”  
declares the Lord  
“Plans to prosper You,  
and not to harm You,  
plans to give you  
A hope and a future.”

- Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

## POST COMMUNION PRAYERS

### 28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 – 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.

### 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 – The Epiphany of the Lord

Lord God,  
you want the world to know  
that you have sent Jesus your Son  
to save us from our sins.  
Give us a share of your power,  
so that we will be like bright stars  
leading others to discover him,  
who lives with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

### 11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 – The Baptism of the Lord

Lord Jesus,  
In the waters of the Jordan  
You were united forever with the human family.  
As we were made one with you in our baptism,  
never let us be separated from your love.  
Amen.

### 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Loving God,  
You told the world about the coming of your Son,  
Jesus  
through John the Baptist.  
Now it is our turn to pass on the Good News.  
May we pardon those who hurt us just as  
Jesus forgives them and now lives with you, forever  
and ever.  
Amen.

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

Lord Jesus,  
give us the courage  
to answer your call without hesitation.  
May we all in some way share in your mission,  
so that your light may shine  
in all the dark places of our world.  
Amen.



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**Weekends of 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 – 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 (inclusive)**



*Normal weekday Mass schedule resumes with 9.15am Mass on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2020*

### **Readings for this liturgical year are from Year A**

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.

**28<sup>th</sup> / 29<sup>th</sup> December, 2019 – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.**

*Readings: - Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Mt 2:13-15:19-23*

**1<sup>st</sup> January, 2020 - Solemnity of Mary Mother of God (11 am Mass)**

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

**4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 – The Epiphany of the Lord**

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

**11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 – The Baptism of the Lord**

*Readings: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17*

**18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Readings: Is 49:3,5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34*

**25<sup>th</sup> / 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2020 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*Readings: Is 8:23-9:3, 1 Cor 1:10-13,17; Mt 4:12-23*

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

*(John 10:10)*

