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PARISH CALENDAR: 6th—13th Dec 2020

Sun 6th **2nd Sunday of Advent**

Mon 7th **St Ambrose**

Tue 8th **The Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary**

9:45am Exercise classes—online

Wed 9th 4:00pm Holy Hour

Thu 10th 9:30am Exercise classes—online

6:00pm Confirmation

Fri 11th 11:00am Divine Mercy Prayer Group

6:00pm Confirmation

Sun 13th **3rd Sunday of Advent**

Deadline for Bulletin: **10.00am Thursday**

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Advent and Christmas are special times for us in the church because we celebrate God's present and coming active presence in our lives. We were reminded last week to stay awake and alert to the Lord's coming. "Be watchful! Be alert!" Jesus told his disciples. Don't the exclamation points convey a sense of urgency? Advent reminds us we will not see the presence of Christ already among us, and coming, unless we are alert and looking for him.



Today's readings further that message. Not only are we to be alert, we must tend to our lives. Not only must we not doze our way through life, we must, as the Baptist proclaims in the desert, "make straight his paths."

The Baptist proclaimed, "a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins." When we hear the word "repent" we may not be moved by it. "After all," we might say, "I'm not a bad person." True enough. Aren't we here at church, listening to God's Word, praying and getting ready to receive Christ in his body and blood? Don't we do our jobs faithfully and honestly? Aren't we trying to be the best parents and grandparents we can be? Don't we work hard at school and treat our friends fairly? We all have faults, for sure, but we're basically good and decent people, doing our best. Our paths are pretty straight, our valleys not too deep, our mountains not too high.

But the Word of God these first weeks of Advent invites us to look more closely at our lives. John the Baptist says it in his way, "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." The sins and missteps of "good people" like us aren't very obvious until we take an opportunity to pause for a closer look. That's what we do in Advent. Take a closer look at: our complacency at the evils around us; our smugness that sets us apart from others; our preoccupation with wants, especially during this buying season; our negativity and lack of gratitude for God's many acts of kindness; our unwillingness to work with others to make changes in our world; our holding back from someone in need.

These are not listed in the 10 Commandments, but it's Advent, take a look around. In your life what would you add to the list of valleys that need filling in; mountains that should be made low; and roads that need straightening? These might not make the list of "big sins," but they still call out for attention, as we prepare the way of the Lord?

Fr Peter Toan Nguyen OP, PP

ST DOMINIC'S IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

At St Dominic's we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.

PASTORAL SERVICES

PRAYER WRITERS: 13th Dec Denis Fitzgerald

COLLECTION STATISTICS

Ave	Thanksgiving	Dom Priests	Loose
Nov	\$6,622.50	\$1,206.00	\$ 50.00

DOMINICARE Dominicare has been part of the parish for decades and is chance for people to help out a fellow parishioner with little tasks like lifts, shopping, nursing home visits and even changing light bulbs. In this time of social distancing and home isolation for older members of our Parish Community we want to stress that you should feel free to make contact with us. If you are in need of help, we will do our best to find someone to help out. Leave us a message on 0481 296547 or call the Parish office at 9912 6870 ext. 3. Please also call if you would like to help out.

PARISH AND PRIESTS CONTRIBUTIONS

Parishioners who normally contribute to the Parish Stewardship with envelopes and others who wish to contribute to the Parish may do so by either bank transfer (EFT) or by setting up a credit card direct debit. If you wish to use EFT please contact the Parish Office by phone or by email and you will be sent the Parish's bank details. If you wish to set up a credit card direct debit, you should contact the Parish Office and you will be sent a form to be completed. Any questions please ring 9912 6870 or email secretary@stdominics.org.au

If you wish to contribute to the Priests as well you can do it by EFT (ring the Parish Office) or sending an email to busar@op.org.au.

NEW PARISHIONERS are very welcome at St Dominic's. You are invited to complete the Membership Form available on our website www.stdominics.org.au/forms.html Completed form can be returned to the Parish Office by email at secretary@stdominics.org.au or dropped into the Parish green letterbox, which is situated in the front of the Church.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

William Pearson

THE SICK OF OUR PARISH: Mandy, Ilena Wilson, Shirley Kennedy, Alina Kobylanski, Barbara Dunstan, Sarah Cumming, Yvette van den Driesen, Patricia McInnes, Kathleen Conlan, Martin Blake, Grace Dunn, Michael Taveira, Grazyna Van Egmond, Victoria D'Astoli, Patricia Mooney, Joe Markham, Albert Mahoney, Sr Julie Thomas CSB, Ann Stewart, John Meehan, Baby Gracie Bresolin, Janet Hudin, Fr Karl Emerick OP, Joy Patrick, Annette Fleming, Arden Nelson, Mary Burns, Carmel Gagliardi, Brian Begley **and those visited by St. Vincent de Paul Society this week.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	6 th Dec	8:00am 11:00am	<i>William Pearson For the People of the Parish</i>
Mon	7 th Dec	7:00am	<i>Dominican Vocations</i>
Wed	8 th Dec	12:00pm	<i>Marjorie June Whelan</i>
Thu	10 th Dec	7:00am	<i>Barry Hickey</i>
Fri	11 th Dec	7:00am	<i>Deceased Dominicans</i>

If you want to have a Mass offered, please call the office at 9912 6870 ext 3.

Our PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE BOOK

for the month of November is available on our website

www.stdominics.org.au/remembling-our-dead.html

to remind us to pray for those mentioned



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or email: stdomslibrary@op.org.au
<https://opau.follettdestiny.com>



*"At this Christmas when Christ comes, will He find a warm heart? Mark the season of Advent by loving and serving others with God's own love and concern."
St. Teresa of Calcutta*

To all our Youth,
we are praying for you
at this time when you have your final
exams for this year.
We wish you all the best of luck!
God Bless you all!
Br Oliver



Hymn: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (Advent Hymn)

Facebook: St. Dominic's Youth Camberwell – SDYC

Instagram: [sdyc_](https://www.instagram.com/sdyc_)

WEEKLY PARISH RESOURCES We currently send the Dominican and other parish information by weekly email, as well as place them on our website. Please let us know of anyone who would like to go on our mailing list. We deliver hard copies to those without internet access. Again, please let us know if you or anyone else would like these delivered to your mailbox. Contact the parish office at 9912 6870 or via email secretary@stdominics.org.au.

JOB OPPORTUNITY – Wedding Helper St Dominic's Church is the venue for a number of weddings throughout the year. We are seeking someone to assist with preparing the Church, Setting up for Mass, Ringing the Bell etc amongst other duties. The successful applicant needs to have availability mostly on Saturday afternoons but occasionally other times as well. The position is shared with others. This remunerated role might suit university students or those looking for casual employment. Please submit your application C/- of the Parish Office. Any enquiries welcome.

SISTER DISCIPLES OF DIVINE MASTER

830 Riversdale Rd. The shop is now open and is now stocking Christmas card, diaries, Advent candles and Christmas crib sets. Phone 9888 4754

SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This weekend the St Vincent de Paul Society will hold its traditional Christmas Appeal to support poor families and individuals who request assistance. The St Dominic's conference of SVdP is active in supporting the poor of the parish and the local area, and also a much larger number of people in the public housing areas of central South Melbourne.



The appeal will be held in a number of ways. The main way is by using the on-line format where parishioners can donate through

<https://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal>.

When a donation is made via this web address, there is a section at the bottom of the page entitled: Comments/Conference name. Please include "East Camberwell" Conference in this section so that your funds are allocated to our conference at St Dominic's. This will allow your donation to be allocated to our account, and from there it can be allocated directly to families that we assist. Otherwise it will go to the general fund of Vinnies.

Parishioners can also call the Vinnies donation telephone number **131812**. If you ring, then please ask that your donation is directed to the **East Camberwell conference #402**.

The traditional SVdP envelopes will also be available in the church this Christmas, and so envelopes will be another option for parishioners attending mass

Many parishioners like to donate Christmas gifts to the parish. This year SVdP will not be able to physically distribute Christmas gifts, and instead we intend to distribute Christmas gift cards through the mail or by other arrangements. Parishioners can either provide corporate gift cards to the parish mailbox, or make a donation for the purchase of gift cards through the on-line or telephone means above.

After such a trying year your support will be greatly appreciated by the families we assist.

WELCOMING THE STRANGER APPEAL.



Despite some confused wording on the Catholic Care receipts, **please be reassured** that all donations will be used to help our asylum seekers, particularly the Pakistani family with 3 children where the father is in need of a liver transplant. Many thanks again to all for your support. Peter Charles (Welcoming the Stranger group)

DOMINICAN MISSION APPEAL

will be held next Sunday 13th December. In 1956, the first foundation of the Province's mission in the Solomon Islands was established at Nila on Poporang, one of the Shortland Islands, in the Western Province. In 1979, a foundation was made at Bomana, in Papua New Guinea. Please assist our mission stations to form the next generation of Dominican to proclaim the love of Jesus Christ to the people of SI and PNG. Donations may be made through <https://enablr.org.au/charity/1062314964998818> or by emailing julieth.vanegas@op.org.au for EFT transfer details for the Dominican Fathers Provincial Works account. (Unfortunately, these donations are not tax-deductible).



KEEPING THE FAITH WEBINAR

At 6.30 - 7.30pm on Tuesday 8th December all are invited to join online discussion with local families on how they have been keeping connected to their faith and each other during the COVID-19 pandemic. This a Zoom event, organised by the Boroondara Interfaith Network. St Dominic's parishioner Tanya Wilson is one of the speakers. Here is a link for registration, and with more information. [Families Keeping the Faith during COVID-19 | City of Boroondara](#)

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NOTES

International Human Rights Day: 10 December

It is clear that social divisions are being replicated online. More worryingly, as essential services continue to shift online, digital inclusion becomes mandatory for basic participation in society. It should therefore be considered a human right. This is especially important in the context of e-government, where the welfare the most vulnerable is at stake.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

INTRODUCING CLASSIC CHRISTMAS

KLASYCZNE KOŁĘDY During the Coronavirus, Imelda Purcell and Br. Oliver Bajon OP have recorded 11 well known and loved Christmas Carols sung in harmony with Br Oliver and/or with herself. These 11 well-loved carols from around the world (including Silent Night, O Holy Night) and from Poland (Bóg się Rodzi, Tryumfy Króla Niebieskiego) have piano accompaniment (due to Covid restrictions), but do not lose their simplicity and beauty. Classic Christmas Klasyczne is available either as digital download or a physical copy may be ordered through www.talkingmusic.online. Classic Christmas Klasyczne **Kołądy** is a must to place under the tree It is an ideal Christmas gift- a gift that will keep giving throughout the year.



DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS AT ST DOMINIC'S

Divine Mercy Prayer group will meet each Friday at 11am before Mass in the church. The prayers will be offered for the Parish, the Church, families, young people, and the world. Those who wish to participate need to

book for the Mass at noon also. Rosary will be said at 11.35 am. All are welcome. Please book online <https://www.trybooking.com/BMUJF> or call the Parish office to book at 9912 6870 ext. 3.

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA HOLY HOUR

The St Catherine of Siena Prayer Group meets **each Wednesday from 4pm till 5pm in the Church** for exposition and adoration of Our Lord in the Most Blessed Sacrament, the Rosary and consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please come and join us in prayer for the Catholic Church. Bookings are essential. Please contact Kathryn O'Connor on 9830 5489 or kathryn@oconnortravelworld.com.au no later than midday on Tuesdays.



ECUMENICAL JOURNEY AT ST DOMINIC'S

We pray for our fellow Christians



Christ prayed in his farewell discourse that 'all may be one' (John 17:21). As part of our commitment to ecumenism at St Dominic's, we are a member of the Canterbury Council of Churches. We pray in particular this month of December for the community at East Camberwell Baptist Church, and their Pastor, Murray Hogg. For further information about our ecumenical engagement visit [Ecumenism at St Dominic's](#).

PROPER OF THE MASS: 2nd Sunday of Advent—Year B

Entrance Antiphon	O People of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.
Responsorial Psalm	Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths; all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!
Communion Antiphon	Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.
Today's Readings	(2nd Advent – Year B) Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Psalm 84; 2 Peter 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8
Next Week's Readings	(3rd Advent – Year B) Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11; Psalm Luke:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

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