



St. DOMINIC'S PARISH

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THE DOMINICAN

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WITNESS TO THE LIGHT



Today's gospel passage comes right after the Prologue to John's Gospel: "In the beginning was the Word: the Word was with God, and the Word was God" (John 1:1). John, the very first human we meet in John's Gospel, is

immediately identified as sent from God... to testify to the light. John is a recipient of the light and that is his identity: he is one sent to share what he has received with others. He is not described as the baptizer, or prophet, but as a "witness." We have an early hint in this gospel, which is further spelled out in the Synoptics, how John will meet his fate. He will be martyred for witnessing to the light God has sent into the world. John's fate is also a hint to the opposition those who follow the Light of the world will meet. By our baptism we, like John, are called to be witnesses to the Word-made-flesh.

Who will be a witness to Christ? All of us baptized should be. We experience Jesus today in the Word and Sacrament; and in the teachings of our church; in our faith community; among the poor and outcast. As Christmas draws closer and we hear the story of the Holy Family's flight into Egypt we are reminded that Christ is also found among displaced refugees and exiles.

We also meet the Word in the world of nature, the arts and in our quiet times of prayer. In these and many other places, the light pierces the darkness of our world. Like John, we are then to be voices that prepare for the coming of Christ. We are reminded that, as John was a witness to Christ's coming, witnessing to Christ has its costs. Remember, "witness" in the Scriptures is derived from the word for martyr. John was a martyr and so are we to be. Most likely we will not meet severe reactions to our witnessing in Christ's name. In our society people will probably give a light listening and then ignore us, or call us naive. Still, our job description as Christians is to give witness to others and suffer the consequences, being treated severely, or just being shrugged off.

We come to worship in the midst of Advent. Just by our coming here we are witnessing to the light. We have made a statement about the importance of Jesus in our lives and, like John the Baptist, we're not preoccupied with ourselves, but are focused on Christ. Or, at least, we are trying to focus on him and being here, in our community of prayer, is one more step to our turning towards the true light who is coming into the world.

Fr Peter Toan Nguyen OP, PP

St DOMINIC'S PARISH CHURCH – Mass Times

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Booking: <https://www.trybooking.com/BMUJF>

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Monday—Friday: 7am, 12 noon, 6.15pm

Saturday: 7.30am and 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.00 am, 11.00am and 6.00 pm

We will continue to live-stream Mass from St Dominic's Church at 11.00am on Sundays

These can be accessed from our website

<https://www.stdominics.org.au/liturgies-homilies.html>

or from our Facebook page

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The Parish office will be opened this coming week on 14th, 16th and 18th December and the following week on 21st, 22nd and 23rd December

PASTORAL TEAM

PARISH OFFICE: Manuela Brambilla **9912 6870 X310**

OFFICE HOURS: Mon-Thurs: 9am-12noon; 1pm - 4pm

Friday: 9am-1pm

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PARISH CALENDAR: 13th-20th Dec 2020

Sun 13th 3rd Sunday of Advent

Mon 14th St John of the Cross

Tue 15th 9:45am Exercise classes—online

2:30pm PPC meeting—online

Wed 17th 4:00pm Holy Hour

Thu 18th 9:30am Exercise classes—online

Fri 19th 11:00am Divine Mercy Prayer Group

Sun 20th 4th Sunday of Advent

9:30am Confirmation

Deadline for Bulletin: 10.00am Thursday

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: 20th Dec Hanrahan Family

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 bursar@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:

Luciano Marinucci

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	13 th Dec	11:00am	<i>For the People of the Parish</i>
Mon	14 th Dec	7:00am 6:15pm	<i>Dominican Vocations Luciano Marinucci</i>
Tue	15 th Dec	12:00pm	<i>Gill Pirrie</i>
Wed	16 th Dec	12:00pm	<i>Marjorie June Whelan</i>
Fri	18 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/remembring-our-dead.html

to remind us to pray for those mentioned



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Enquiries: Librarian 9836 2632,
or email: stdomslibrary@op.org.au
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*"Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem.
May we let ourselves be drawn
by the light of God made man."
Pope Francis*



Happy Third Week of Advent
my friends! ♥ catholic comedy
christmas

Hymn: I heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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

DOMINICAN MISSION APPEAL will be held this Sunday. 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://enabl.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).



WELCOMING THE STRANGER APPEAL

THANK YOU to all who have generously contributed to the appeal in recent weeks. Some receipts may take some weeks to process but rest assured receipts will be given to all who requested them. Donations can still be made up to Christmas via the "Welcoming the Stranger" tab on the parish website <http://www.stdominics.org.au/> OR with a donation envelope at the church door and returning to the parish letterbox at the front of the church or at Mass next weekend. Thank you again for helping the parish's effort to support vulnerable people seeking asylum. Peter Charles (Welcoming the Stranger Committee)

EXERCISE CLASS GROUP G'day from the exercise groups. We've continued throughout most of the Covid-19 lockdown on Zoom like the rest of the world! It was surprisingly successful and even had new participants.

The Thursday group enjoyed each other's company over the computer for 31 weeks with only a short break in June. We also stayed in touch with a good number of our seniors and did chair-based exercises for 22 weeks from the end of July. To date our wonderful participants in both classes very kindly contributed \$575 (plus some anonymous donations) to The Welcoming Stranger appeal run by the Justice and Peace group in order to show their appreciation of the classes and \$100 donation to The Ruben Centre in Nairobi (another one of our favourite charities). Now that restrictions are easing we have progressed to a few participants joining me live in my garden whilst others are still zooming. I will continue this until we wind up for the year.

Thursday 10th will be both *live and zoom* and will be the last class for the year for the Thursday group

Tuesday 15th chair based I will do **ONLY zoom** (from my holiday in Sydney) and,

Tuesday 22nd chair based we will be back to both **zoom and live** with a breakup probably at my home.

Then hopefully in the New Year we can resume classes back in the Parish Centre and with our newfound technology I will also continue with Zoom for those geographically challenged. Thank you for your continued support and participation helping to keep all of us young. Yours Sincerely

Amanda Cubit

EAST TIMOR COFFEE East Timor Coffee will be sold at the Parish Office starting from this Monday. The cost is \$9 per packet and all proceeds are used for the education of young children in this poor country. Thank you for supporting this worthy cause.



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 **Kolędy** is a must to place under the tree It is an ideal Christmas gift- a gift that will keep giving throughout the year.



The next SENIORS BUS TRIP is tentatively booked for 24th February, 2021, to: Geelong, Pt. Lonsdale Light House (optional walk up the 200 steps!!), lunch in Queenscliff, view the new harbour facilities there and return

home via the Ferry (has a lift) and Sorrento with a short stop in the town. We have missed seeing each other so look forward to meeting up again, and of course new comers especially welcome (you don't have to be a senior). A Blessed Christmas to all and a better New Year. Enqs: Margaret 9836 1131.

DIVINE MERCY PRAYERS AT ST DOMINIC'S

Divine Mercy Prayer group will meet each Friday at 11am before Mass in the church. Rosary will be said at 11.35 am. All are welcome. More info at www.stdominics.org.au 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** 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: 3rd Sunday of Advent—Year B

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Responsorial Psalm

My soul rejoices in my God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

Today'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

Next Week's Readings

(4th Advent – Year B) 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Psalm 88; Romans 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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