

PARISH TEAM & SERVICES

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MASS TIMES

Monday-Friday: 12.00pm only

Saturday: 9am and 6pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 8am, 11am and 6pm;

Public Holidays: 9am only

Reconciliation: Wed-Fri: 11.40am-11.55 am

Sat: 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm

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PARISH OFFICE will reopen on Monday, 18th January. Hours will be from 9.00 am – 1.00 pm until Friday, 29th Jan. Normal office hours resume on Monday 1st February

PARISH CALENDAR: 27th Dec – 3rd Jan

Sun 27th The Holy Family of Jesus

Mon 28th The Holy Innocents

Fri 1st Mary, Mother of God

Sat, 2nd Sts Basil and Gregory

Sun 3rd The Epiphany of the Lord

COLLECTION STATISTICS:

Ave T'giving Dom Priests Loose
Nov 6,622.50\$ \$490.88 \$1,240.45



THE LIBRARY OF THE DOMINICAN CENTRE OF STUDIES will **reopen mid-February.** Enquiries:

Librarian 9836 2632 or email:

stdomslibrary@op.org.au

WE PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED: and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sr Rosalie Lynch OP and Sr Joan Purcell **and 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, Gerald & Patricia O'Dwyer and **those visited by St. Vincent de Paul Society this week**


MASS INTENTIONS

Sun	27 th	8:00am	For the People of the Parish
Mon	28 th	12.00pm	Dominican Vocations
Wed	30 th	12.00pm	Marjorie June Whelan
Fri	1 st	12.00pm	Deceased Dominicans

Our PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE BOOK for the month of January is available on our website

www.stdominics.org.au/rememberin

[g-our-dead.html](#)

 to remind us to pray for those mentioned

READERS AT MASSES NEEDED

New readers are needed during the weekend Masses in 2021. If you attend the Mass during the weekend and want to help please send an email to

secretary@stdominics.org.au or call the Parish Office at 9912 6870 ext.3

AFTER CHRISTMAS, WEEKDAY MASS IS AS FOLLOWS:

After Christmas, weekday Mass is as follows:

Saturday 26 Dec 7:30am and 6:00pm

Sunday 27th Dec 8:00am, 11:00am and 6:00pm

From Monday 28th Dec till Friday 1st Jan 12 noon ONLY

Saturday 2nd January 9:00am and 6:00pm

Sunday 3rd January 8:00am, 11am and 6:00pm

From Monday 4th January 12pm

Mass ONLY on weekdays 6.00pm will be suspended till further notice



ST DOMINIC'S YOUTH GROUP

Dear Youth,

This year 2020 has been a very tough and stressful year for all of us.

We pray that 2021 may bring us a much better year full of laughter and joy. Myself and Manuela, would like to wish you all the best for this festive Christmas/New Year season.

We will pray for you that you stay safe and come back refreshed for next year.

We will resume our normal Youth Program in February, dates still to be decided, but we will let you know ASAP.

God Bless and all the best wishes!

Br Oliver and Manuela

Youth Coordinators

CHANGE OR SUPPRESSION (CONVERSION) PROHIBITION BILL 2020.

Parishioners are urged to familiarise themselves with this Bill which has already passed the Lower House in Victoria and will go before the Upper House early in the New Year.

This bill:

1. Will potentially make parents into criminals or domestic abusers, at risk of 10 years in prison, if they do anything less than fully support their young gender-questioning children in undertaking irreversible hormone replacement therapy.

2. Specifically names prayer as a criminal offence, also punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

3. Prevents same-sex attracted people asking for counsel to live faithfully according to their orthodox religious identity. Anyone counselling or providing pastoral support to help achieve this will be committing an offence and facing a potential jail term.

The bill is very likely to become law unless there is a strong protest from Victorian Parishioners like us. It is clearly the most anti religious legislation ever proposed in Victoria.

Please sign one of the protesting petitions at the Church doors over the next two Sundays.

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.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) The shepherds went in haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Infant lying in a manger.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Ps 104)

ANTIPHON: The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

RESPONSE: The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

LECTOR: Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name, make known his deeds among the peoples. O sing to him, sing his praise; tell all his wonderful works! **R.**

LECTOR: Be proud of his holy name, let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice. Consider the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face. **R.**

LECTOR: Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, the judgements he spoke. O children of Abraham, his servant, O sons of the Jacob he chose. **R.**

LECTOR: He remembers his covenant for ever, his promise for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. **R.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Alleluia, alleluia! May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and the fullness of his message live within you. Alleluia!

(Or)

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.

TODAY'S READINGS Sir 3: 2-6, 12-14; Col 3: 12-21; Luke 2:22-40

NEXT WEEK (Epiphany, Year B) Isaiah 60:1-6, Psalm 71; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12



27 December 2020 Holy Family Year B

Abraham and Sarah, an elderly couple, who trust in God are rewarded with the unexpected gift of a son in Isaac. Jesus is also an unexpected gift to a young woman Mary and Joseph, her spouse.

Abraham is asked to sacrifice his son to show obedience to God, but Isaac is spared, and Abraham and Sarah become the parents of nations. Forty days after the birth of their child, Joseph and Mary travel to Jerusalem to carry out the requirements of the Law which asks that the mother be purified, and the child be dedicated to God. They encounter two wise people who affirm that their son is a blessing from God who will play a major role in the redemption of the people.

Current family experience is distant from these two historical families, but they also cope with the unexpected, in the birth, the raising of children and their journey through life. Contemporary families have many configurations, but all follow the developmental cycle of dependence, independence to inter-dependence and perhaps ultimately dependence in old age. It is a journey of many joys, some disappointments, and a variety of challenges. We all have hopes for our children and these will be fulfilled in ways that exceed or fall short of our expectations.

After the purification and presentation, the Holy Family travelled to Nazareth and we hear that Jesus "grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour

of God was upon him." At the age of twelve he accompanied his parents on their annual pilgrimage to the Temple for the feast of Passover. On the day of their return, Jesus "lingered" in the Temple, but Mary and Joseph thought that he was among their group.

After a day of travel, they realised Jesus was missing, so they returned to Jerusalem, and found him in the Temple in discussion with the elders. Given his age, they were amazed at his learning. When admonished by Mary, Jesus replied: "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" "How is it that you sought me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"

Jesus grows in maturity and finds his identity in carrying out God's will. We do not know what Mary and Joseph expected from their son, but his public ministry, preaching, healing, death and resurrection must have been unexpected.

We do not know what direction our children will take but the greatest gift we can give them is to let them know that they are loved prior to achievement rather than because of their achievements. Secure in the knowledge of being loved, young people are free to become the people they are called to be and letting them go will enable them to return home no longer as children but as adults.

Michael A Kelly CSsR
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