

We Remember those in God's Care

- ❖ Doris Murray, Nonie Camilleri, *and all who have died recently;*
- ❖ William John Hickey, James Joseph Sydes, *and all whose anniversaries occur now.*

We Pray for

- ❖ Pat Ryan, Joan Meehan, Margaret Nance, Leo Caffery, Tim O'Neill, *and all our sick.*

WATCHING FOR THE DAWN (...cont)

Whereas those with the 'celebrating Eucharist' vocabulary are more open to a richer link. The very word –celebration–means that this is something good and wholesome and life giving and energising. The word "Eucharist" is also replete with meaning, thanksgiving, union with Christ, food for the journey, community are some of the living implications of Eucharist. There is a powerful implication of a call to holiness and a call to develop that holiness, to change our lives for the better.

We don't become Christian champions by 'going to Mass'; we do it better by 'celebrating Eucharist'. This way, the dawn might shed some light in and our sometimes darkened minds.

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OR RENEWING
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1st Sunday of Advent

29 November 2009

WATCHING FOR THE DAWN

No, it isn't a symptom of insomnia; it is the parish theme for Advent 2009. What is this dawn that we are waiting for? And how do we wait for it? We are all familiar with the Barracudas Swimming Club in New York! Aren't we??

Anyway, the BSC has a philosophy about what a champion is. It says:
Champions do not become champions when they win the event, but in the hours, weeks, months and years preparing for it. The victorious performance itself is merely the demonstration of their championship character.

I guess that it is saying that champions are not defined by a successful single event but by a life.

Just like our Christianity. Jesus came to teach us a new way of living. The darkness of the old ways was swept away by the new dawn of Incarnation, Death, Resurrection and Ascension. All of these were a part of the life of Jesus, the man, and all aspects made him the champion and the model on which we strive to be champions in the Christian arena.

How are we going with it? Advent, like the fish quote above, is the time of preparation, the hours, days etc. How we use Advent, not what we do at Christmas, is what will define us as a Christian champion.

Take two expressions that we use, sometimes interchangeably, to describe one of our Christian habits. One expression is "going to Mass", the other is "celebrating Eucharist" As I said, we often use the two expressions interchangeably, but they aren't interchangeable.

Lots of people with the 'going to Mass' vocabulary simply do that, they go to Mass. They sit physically in a building while a ritual plays out near them, and then they go home. There is often little or no sense of this being a life changing experience—a call to holiness— or a spiritual encounter with God, others and self. Quite often the ritual itself can contribute to this lack.

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Weekends:

Saturday Vigil – 6 pm;
Sunday - 7.30 am, 9.30 am & 5.30 pm

Weekdays *this week*:

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday &
Saturday - 9 am

Wednesday,
Mass of Anointing, 10 am

RECONCILIATION

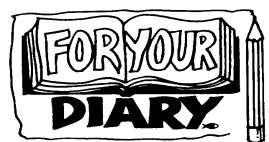
Saturdays 9.30 am – 10 am

MEDITATION

Wednesdays 6.30 am – 7 am

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

by appointment



SUNDAY 6 DECEMBER 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11
Luke 3:1-6*

Monday 7 December

Advent Programme at 9.45 am in
Church
St Vincent de Paul meeting in Carmel
Community Room, 7.30 pm

Thursday 10 December

Readers Preparation in Sacristy,
7.30pm

This week at Mt Carmel

Today is 29 November

1st Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Friends of Zumalai – East Timor Cake
and Craft Stall after all Masses

CLOW at 9.30 am Mass

Monday 30 November

Rosary after 9 am Mass

Advent Programme at 9.45 am in church

Wednesday 2 December

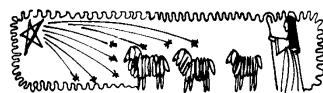
Mass of Anointing, 10 am

RCIA in Carmel Community Room,
7.30 pm

Thursday 3 December

Mt Carmel Social Club Christmas
Lunch at Coorparoo RSL, 12 midday
Readers Preparation in Sacristy, 7.30pm

COLUMBAN
CALENDARS
& CHRISTMAS CARDS
are available from
St Vincent de Paul Stall



What's Happening?

Thanks first to our primary school who presented me with a cheque on Friday for \$10,000 as a result of their spellathon. This money assists our East Timor mission. What a great result!! Thanks also to the Grade 7 boys from Iona College who presented us with a cheque for \$1,816 for East Timor. The 'Target Car' function at Regina Caeli held in October raised \$3500.

Our own fundraiser is evident in a Cake & Craft stall this weekend.

Our Grade 7 students graduate on Monday with a Mass in the church at 7.30 p.m. Good luck and our prayers accompany you as you move into secondary school life.

Now is a good time to tell you what is happening in our lead up to Christmas. Here goes!!

- Communal Rite of Reconciliation will happen at **7.30 p.m. on Monday, December 14th**.
- Christmas Masses are the same as last year, namely **Christmas Eve, 7 pm and 10 pm; Christmas Day 7.30 am and 9.30 am.**

For your information the St Vicent de Paul Bin has been removed from the school as part of the preparation of the construction of the school hall.

Laurie

Rosters

Ministers of the Word, Communion to the Sick and Hospitality Rosters for December – January are now available in Church foyer. Please remember to collect your copy. Thank you

Brown Sisters Annual Appeal

After 53 years the Brown Sisters are leaving. Each year they help the poor and this year they would like non perishable food for hampers and toys for the children marked Boy or Girl and Age. On the first three Sundays of December you can bring these gifts and place them in the Giving Circle. Thank you for your help over the past years