



Catholic Parishes of Deepdene & Balwyn and Camberwell

Sunday, 16 December 2018 • Third Sunday of Advent, Year C

Reflection

Advent joy springs from the realisation that the presence of God in our midst can so transform our lives that the promises of peace and security will be fulfilled.

Dianne Bergant CSS

Christmas Family Mass and Youth Mass

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church will celebrate two Masses on Christmas Eve, Monday, 24 December :-

- **Christmas Family Mass at 6.00 pm.** All families are welcome to be part of this Mass. Children are invited to assist Fr Brendan in the telling of the Christmas story as Mary, Joseph, shepherds, angels, readers and singers. Parents are invited to assist during Mass as choir members, collectors and ushers. Please contact **Tricia Norman** for more details.
- **Youth Mass at 9.00 pm.** You are invited to join with the youth of the parish to be involved in this Mass. You may like to join the singing group or assist with the liturgy. Please email **Genevieve Bryant** the YEP Coordinator for more information.

Christmas Eve Masses

Monday, 24 December

Our Lady of Victories Basilica

6.00 pm

12 midnight

Christmas Day Masses

Tuesday, 25 December

Our Lady of Victories Basilica

10.30 am

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

6.00 pm (family)

9.00 pm (youth)

All Hallows Church

7.00 pm

All Hallows Church

9.00 am

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

10.30 am

*Note: no evening Masses on
Christmas Day*

Reconciliation During Advent

Individual Confessions

Our Lady of Victories Basilica

Friday & Saturday at 10.00 am

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

Saturday at 4.45 pm

All Hallows Church

Tuesday after 9.15 am Mass

UPCOMING EVENTS ...

Monday, 17 December

1.30 pm Kitty Craft Group, Barnsbury Club House

Thursday, 20 December

7.30 pm OLV Choir Practice, OLV Basilica

Friday, 21 December

9.45 am Friendship Group Tea and Cards, Gathering Space

Season of Advent

As we move into the third week of Advent you are invited to subscribe to our parishes electronic **Daily Advent Reflection**. Each day a short reflection and the readings of the day will be sent to your in box. To subscribe visit the Parish **website**.

You are warmly invited to the third concert in the **Advent Organ Concert Series** this Sunday from 4.00-5.00 pm at Our Lady of Victories Basilica. Jennifer Chou, organist from Toorak Uniting Church, will entertain you with music of the season. Admission is free. For enquiries contact the **Parish Office**.

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal message is "*Christmas without joy is no Christmas at all*". Thousands of Australian families will experience disadvantage this Christmas and your gift could change someone's life. Donation envelopes are available in our Church foyers for early bird donations and may be placed with regular collections. There will be a special collection after communion at all Christmas Masses. Donations of gifts and non-perishable foods are also welcome to be placed in the boxes in the church foyers.

Worship

We welcome the Ferguson family presenting Madeleine; the O'Connell family presenting Joseph; the Phillips family presenting Benjamin and the Zito family presenting Antonio for the **Rite of Baptism**. Through their baptism in Christ, may God, who knew them before they were born, become the focus and strength in their lives.

The **Rite of Acceptance** will take place at 6.00 pm Mass this Sunday at Our Lady of Victories Basilica. We welcome RCIA candidate Michael Drysdale and RCIC candidates Angus Beechey, Maya Beechey, Isaac Nguyen, Winston Nguyen and Remy Wilson as they commence their journey towards full initiation into the Catholic church.

Hospitality will take place this Sunday in the Gathering Space following 10.30 am at Our Lady of Good Counsel. All welcome.

You are invited to join the **OLGC Choir** at 10.30 am Mass this Sunday. A rehearsal will take place at 9.30 am prior to Mass.

New Year's Day Masses will take place at 9.00 am at All Hallows Church and 10.30 am at Our Lady of Victories Basilica.

Participation

You are invited to **Kitty Craft Group** on Monday, 17 December from 1.30 pm at the **Barnsbury Club House, 27 Barnsbury Road, Deepdene**. For further information contact Barbara Arbon on **0438 982 738**.

The **Friendship Group** invite you to the final tea and cards morning for the year on Friday, 21 December at 9.45 am in the Gathering Space at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.

Learning

Congratulations to our **Our Lady of Good Counsel School Leaders** for 2019, Kiara Kalpage and Toby Di Pietro. The school community will celebrate the end of a successful year on Tuesday, 18 December. We wish the school community a safe and happy holiday.

Congratulations and farewell to Rosemary Cussen who is leaving after 17 years of teaching students at Our Lady of Good Counsel Primary School. We thank her for her dedicated service to our school community.

Farewell to Fr Sang Ho

Father Sang will celebrate his final Masses in our parishes on the weekend of 5 & 6 January before taking up his new appointment at St Bernard's in Belmont. All parishioners across our parishes are warmly welcome to celebrate Mass with Fr Sang on Saturday, 5 January at 5.30 pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Deepdene and join him afterwards for hospitality in the Gathering Space. There will also be a Farewell Book in the churches for you to sign and leave your best wishes.

Parish Life during January

With many people on holidays during January our parishes will be a little quieter and the following arrangements have been put in place:

- There will be a holiday roster for Leaders, Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers to ensure that we are covered for these essential roles in our celebration of the Eucharist. If you have volunteered for any of these ministries, please present yourself to the Sacristy prior to Mass.
- Altar Servers are asked to check in at the Sacristy before Mass if they are able to assist.
- There will be no weekend newsletter until the first week of February. If you would like something brought to the attention of the parish community, please email or leave a note at the Parish Office.

Deepdene & Balwyn

- There will be no 9.15 am Mass on Boxing Day, Wednesday, 26 December at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church.
- There will be no Tuesday morning Mass at All Hallows Church from Tuesday, 8 to Tuesday, 29 January. The regular Mass Schedule will resume on Tuesday, 5 February.

Camberwell

- There will be no 8.00 am Mass on Boxing Day.

- From Christmas Day to the end of January, weekday Masses at Our Lady of Victories will only take place on Thursday and Saturday mornings at 9.30 am.
- There will be no 6.00 pm Mass on Sunday evenings during January.

Recently Deceased

Nicola Cimetta,
Corey Slykerman

Anniversaries

Emma Carroll, Bernice Alonso Chua,
Maureen Gardner, Ng Lun Gat, Alice Hickey,
Tom Hickey, Andrea Ilag, Charlotte▲Rose Jackson,
Jack Kyne, Anaishe Elizabeth Mpoju,
Claire Elizabeth Penno, Felix Perera, Henry Restall,
Georg Sallen, Frederick Tyers

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Mass Times, Sacraments, Devotions, Reconciliation, Baptism and Marriages

- [Our Lady of Good Counsel and All Hallows](#)
- [Our Lady of Victories Basilica](#)

Sunday Readings

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For more details visit the [Professional Standards for Child Safety](#) page on the parish website.

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