



Catholic Parishes of Deepdene & Balwyn and Camberwell

Sunday, 17 December 2017 • Third Sunday of Advent, Year B

Reflection

St Paul has told us in the Second Reading "Be always happy". This means that happiness is possible. And we are called to live it - with our feet on the ground and aware of the problems around us. Happiness as well as sadness are contagious. As Christians we must make happiness fashionable because we believe and are hopeful. And our faith is not artificially grounded.

Child Safety

We hold the care, safety and well being of children and young people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parishes. For matters that cause you concern, please contact one of our Parish Child Safety Officers, Tricia Norman or Sharon Freeman.

Season of Advent

Reconciliation During Advent Individual Confessions

Our Lady of Victories Basilica

Friday at 11.30 am

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

Sunday Masses 23 / 24 December

Our Lady of Victories Basilica

Mass Times

Sunday Mass

Our Lady of Victories Basilica

548 Burke Road, Camberwell

6.00 pm Saturday Vigil

9.00 am, 10.30 am, 6.00 pm

Sunday

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

10 Whitehorse Road, Deepdene

5.30 pm Saturday Vigil

10.30 am, 5.00 pm Sunday

All Hallows Church

17 Brenbeal Street, Balwyn

9.00 am Sunday

Weekday Mass

Our Lady of
Victories Basilica

Saturday at 6.00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday at 10.30 am

NOTE: No 9.00 am Mass

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

Saturday at 5.30 pm (Vigil)

Sunday at 10.30 am

All Hallows Church

Sunday at 9.00 am

**Christmas Eve Masses
Sunday, 24 December**

Our Lady of Victories Basilica

6.00 pm

12 midnight

(Carols from 11.30 pm)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

6.00 pm (family)

9.00 pm

All Hallows Church

7.00 pm

**Christmas Day Masses
Monday, 25 December**

Our Lady of Victories Basilica

9.00 am

10.30 am

All Hallows Church

9.00 am

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church

10.30 am

*NOTE: No evening Masses across the
parishes*

As we move into the third week of Advent a take home reflection and activity sheet is available at our weekend Masses.

The third and final concert in our parishes **Advent Organ Concert Series** at 4.00 pm on

**8.00 am Tuesday &
Wednesday**

9.30 am Thursday & Saturday

11.00 am Friday (First Friday

of the month followed by

Devotions and Benediction at

12.15 pm)

**Our Lady of Good Counsel
Church**

9.15 am Wednesday & Friday

All Hallows Church

9.15 am Tuesday & Thursday

Reconciliation

**Our Lady of Victories
Basilica**

Friday after Mass & Saturday

10.00 am

**Our Lady of Good Counsel
Church**

Saturday prior to evening

Mass

All Hallows Church

**Tuesday and Thursday prior
to Mass**

Baptism

Rite of Reception

First weekend of the month

Rite of Baptism

Second, third or fourth

Sunday of the month at

12 noon or during weekend

Mass

**Devotions at Our
Lady of Victories
Basilica**

Legion of Mary

Tuesday 1.30 pm and Friday

7.30 pm

Cenacle of Mary

Thursday 2.00 pm

Hospitality

Our Lady of Good Counsel

Sunday, 17 December at Our Lady of Victories Basilica will feature Christopher Trikilis, our own Director of Music performing music of the season. Admission free. All welcome.

Thank you from Fr Brendan, Fr Sang, Tricia Norman, Kate Baines, Sharon Freeman, Sally McIntosh and Chris Trikilis for all your cards, Christmas gifts and good wishes. We wish you every blessing for Christmas.

The **Parish Office** will be closed between Christmas and New Year and will re-open on Tuesday, 2 January 2018.

Save the Date: The **Opening of the Parish Year** will be celebrated on Saturday, 17 February 2018 at 5.30 pm Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Parish Groups and members will be commissioned for ministry at this time.

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 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 Tuesday morning Mass at All Hallows Church from Christmas Day until the end of January. The regular Mass schedule will resume on Tuesday, 6 February.

Camberwell

Church

First Sunday after 10.30 am Mass

All Hallows Church
Second Sunday after 9.00 am Mass

Our Lady of Victories Basilica
Third Sunday after 9.00 am & 10.30 am Mass

Marriages

By arrangement with a minimum of three months' notice

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- There will be no 8.00 am morning Mass at Our Lady of Victories on Boxing Day, Tuesday, 26 December.
 - Friday morning Mass time at Our Lady of Victories will change to 9.30 am (previously 11.00 am) from Friday, 5 January.
 - Commencing in January, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place prior to Mass each Saturday morning at 9.00 am. Exposition followed by Benediction will take place on the first Friday of the month at 9.00 am.
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New Year's Day Masses

Our Lady of Victories Basilica

9.30 am

All Hallows Church

10.30 am

Sacrament Dates for 2018

Reconciliation

Wednesday, 14 March
and Thursday, 15 March

Eucharist

Weekends of 16/17 June
and 23/24 June

Confirmation

Sunday, 18 November

For young parishioners attending schools other than Our Lady of Good Counsel, online enrolments for all sacraments will be available from Tuesday, 19 December at

www.olgc.com.au Contact Sharon Freeman via **email** if you have any questions.

Worship

Welcome to the Kontoudis family presenting Elise; the Nicholls family presenting Hugo; the Kimberley family presenting Edward and the Jones family presenting Ethan for the **Rite of Baptism** this weekend. We pray that they may grow in faith and love as they start their journey in the Christian life.

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For more details, please visit <http://olgc.com.au/stewardship/child-safety/>

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Sunday Readings

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Congratulations to Aaron Calvano & Adelia Camarda and Julien Moussi & Kristy-Lea Deva who celebrated the **Sacrament of Marriage** this weekend.

Hospitality will take place this Sunday following 9.00 am and 10.30 am Masses at Our Lady of Victories. All welcome.

The **Christmas Family Mass** will be celebrated on Sunday, 24 December at 6.00 pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Your family is invited to be part of this Mass. A rehearsal will take place on Sunday, 17 December from 9.00-10.20 am at OLGC Church. Please contact Tricia Norman for more details.

Stewardship

The **Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse** has presented its final report to the Federal Government. The report follows the completion of the Commission's inquiry into how institutions and organisations with a responsibility for children have managed and responded to allegations and instances of child sexual abuse. The report findings and the significant media coverage are confronting, especially in relation to the failure of the Catholic Church in Australia to protect the most vulnerable from abuse. This may trigger in you emotions and feelings that cause you some distress. If you wish to speak with someone, please contact the Parish Office. We need to care for one another at this time, and continue to support those who have suffered abuse and hold them in our thoughts and prayers.

The December edition of **Communiqué** will be available in the Churches next weekend.

Learning

Congratulations to our Our Lady of Good Counsel School Leaders for 2018, Max MacIsaac and Isabelle Katsiamakis. Students,

parents and teachers will join the parish community at 9.15 am Mass on Tuesday, 19 December to celebrate the end of the school year.

Outreach

The December edition of **Melbourne Catholic** is available for purchase from the Piety Stall at Our Lady of Victories or the Parish Office in Balwyn. Cost \$4.00.

The **St Vincent de Paul Society** has launched its annual **Christmas Appeal** for 2017. You can make Christmas wishes come true for thousands of Australian families experiencing disadvantage this Christmas by contributing to the special collection that will be conducted at each of the Christmas Masses. Appeal envelopes are now available in the churches. Donations of non-perishable foods are also welcome. Boxes are available in the Churches.

Recently Deceased

Lloyd Fennell, Corazon Huang

Anniversaries

Guiseppa Barbaro, Martha Eitee Bendeich,
Philippa Cavanagh, Bernice Alonso Chua,
Maureen Gardner, Alice Hickey,
Thomas Hickey, Charlotte-Rose Jackson,
John Augustine Keely, Valma McErvale,
Richard Micallef, Joseph Micallef,
John Di Pietrantonio, Giacomo Portelli,
Georg Sallen, Jason Smith, Frederick Tyers

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