



## Catholic Parishes of Deepdene & Balwyn and Camberwell

Sunday, 23 December 2018 • Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C

### Reflection

Grace accompanied his first coming, glory will surround his last; this intermediate coming is a combination of both, enabling us to experience in the consolations of his grace a sort of foretaste of his glory. Blessed are those whose burning love has gained for them such a privilege.

*Guerric of Igny*

### Season of Advent

This weekend we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

You are warmly invited to the final concert in the **Advent Organ Concert Series** this Sunday from 4.00-5.00 pm at Our Lady of Victories Basilica. Christopher Trikilis, Director of Music for our parishes, will delight you with music of the season. Admission is free.

**St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal** message is "*Christmas without joy is no Christmas at all*". You can help 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 will be available in the pews. Donations of gifts and non-perishable foods are also most welcome. Boxes are available in the churches.

Christmas Eve  
Masses

Monday, 24 December

Christmas Day  
Masses

Tuesday, 25 December

*Our Lady of Victories Basilica*

6.00 pm

12 midnight

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*Our Lady of Good Counsel Church*

6.00 pm (family)

9.00 pm (youth)

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*All Hallows Church*

7.00 pm

*Our Lady of Victories Basilica*

10.30 am

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*All Hallows Church*

9.00 am

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*Our Lady of Good Counsel Church*

10.30 am

*Note: no evening Masses on  
Christmas Day*

## Fr Brendan's Christmas Message

Everyone has their favourite song or piece of music which inspires or comforts us. At Christmas time we are surrounded by carols old and new wherever we go. One of the lines that rolls around in my head is from *Hark the Herald Angels Sing*. It goes like this 'Peace on earth and mercy, mild, God and sinners reconciled.' Imagine if our singing became a reality. Imagine if we really believed every word. Imagine if, in the name of God, we could really experience the birth of peace, of reconciliation, of good will to all. Happy carolling everyone! May God's promise come true as we sing it out!

## Thank you

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

The **Parish Office will be closed** between Christmas and New Year and will re-open on Wednesday, 2 January 2019.

## New Year's Day Masses

All Hallows Church at 9.00 am

Our Lady of Victories Basilica at 10.30 am

## 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 for Deepdene & Balwyn 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.

## **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 are A5 sheets available in the churches for you to write a personal farewell to Fr Sang. These will be collated into a Farewell Book.

## **Worship**

Through **Baptism** we share in the life of Christ, called to reach out to all God's people. We reach out to and welcome Grace Waring as she is being presented by her family for baptism this weekend.

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The **Christmas Family Mass** will be celebrated on Monday, 24 December at 6.00 pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Your family is invited to be part of this Mass. Please contact **Tricia Norman** if you have any questions.

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The youth of our parishes invite you to join them for the **Christmas Youth Mass** at 9.00 pm on Monday, 24 December at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. For enquiries please email Genevieve Bryant at **yepmelb@gmail.com**

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## Participation

The **Friendship Group** invites you to join the first **Patchwork Afternoon** of 2019 on Wednesday, 30 January from 12.30 pm to 2.30 pm in the Gathering Space at Our Lady of Good Counsel. The group meets once a month on the fourth Wednesday for beginners through to the more experienced.

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## Learning

**Catholic Theological College (CTC)** 2019 study options are now available for undergraduate and postgraduate courses. For inquiries contact John Bartholomeusz the Assistant Dean on **9412 3309** or via **email**.

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## Sacrament Dates for 2019

### Reconciliation

Wednesday, 3 April and Thursday, 4 April

### Eucharist

Weekends of 10/11 August and 17/18 August

### Confirmation

Sunday, 27 October

For young parishioners attending schools other than Our Lady of Good Counsel, online enrolments for all sacraments will be available from the end of January 2019 on the Deepdene & Balwyn **website**. Contact **Sharon Freeman** if you have any questions.

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## Outreach

**Villa Maria Catholic Homes (VMCH)** will be opening a **Children's Opportunity Shop** at 463A Whitehorse Road, Balwyn in early February 2019 and are currently looking for volunteers who can work half to one day a week or fortnight. Volunteers will be provided with training and ongoing support. For further information contact Bron Summers on **0417 132 964** or to sign up as a volunteer on the **VMCH website**.

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## Save the Date

The **Opening of the Parish Year** will be celebrated on Saturday, 9 February at 5.30 pm Mass at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Parish Groups and members will be commissioned for ministry at this time.

### Recently Deceased

Kahlil Coelho,  
Sr Maryrose Dennehy fcj,  
Sr Stella O'Donnell NDS,  
Rosemary Spiteri

### Anniversaries

Jim Alexander, Penny Bailey,  
Giuseppe Barbaro, Severa Bonifacio,  
Loreto Caiolfa, Domenica Caiolfa,  
Kevin Carey, Gerard Crock,  
Lily Donald, Mary George,  
Chua Tiong Huat, Laurie Keir,  
Colleen Liersch, Joan Norman,  
Bill Olsen, Marie Paget, Peter Raftis,  
Concetta Ranieri, Helen Shepherd,  
Terence Wong Jen Keat

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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

[Read more](#)

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

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