



# Catholic Parishes of Deepdene & Balwyn and Camberwell

Sunday, 3 December 2017 • First Sunday of Advent, Year B

## Stop Press : Change of Mass

Due to electrical works being carried out at Deepdene for the entire day on **Saturday, 2 December the 5.30 pm Vigil Mass will take place at All Hallows Church, Balwyn.** Mass is also celebrated at Our Lady of Victories Basilica at 6.00 pm. Please make your way to either of these churches for Saturday evening Mass this week. Thank you for your understanding.

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## Reflection

A poster once said: who we are is God's gift to us; what we make of ourselves is our gift to God.

*Mary Coloe*

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## Worship

We extend a **warm welcome** to new and current **OLGC Primary School families** joining us at 10.30 am Mass at OLGC Church. Hospitality will take place after Mass in the Gathering Space hosted by the current Prep families. All welcome.

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## Upcoming Events

**Tuesday, 5 December**  
Parish School Education Board Meeting, OLGC School at 7.00 pm

RCIA, Gathering Space at 7.30 pm

**Wednesday, 6 December**  
Camberwell Parish Leadership Team, OLV Parish Meeting Room at 7.30 pm

**Thursday, 7 December**  
Penitential Service, All Hallows Church at 7.30 pm

Choir Practice, OLV Basilica at 7.30 pm

*Please contact the Parish Office to let us know when and where your parish group is meeting. We have many groups across our parishes and some wonderful meeting spaces.*

## 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,*

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 and your child may like to be involved in the Christmas liturgy. In preparation, a rehearsal will take place at OLGC Church on Sunday, 17 December from 9.00-10.20 am. Please contact **Tricia Norman** for more details.

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## Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

ACYF runs from 7-9 December in Sydney. This is the largest annual gathering of young people from across Australia. Our YEP team will be attending the festival along with Fr Sang. Genevieve Bryant, our YEP Coordinator, will be performing in front of a crowd of 20,000! Go **online** to find out more about this event. Follow the festival via **live-stream** on your computer or mobile device.

*The young heart of the church is alive!*

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## Season of Advent

### Reconciliation During Advent

A **Penitential Service** will be held on Thursday, 7 December at 7.30 pm at All Hallows Church.

#### 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

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Tricia Norman or Sharon Freeman.

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## 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

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**Our Lady of Good Counsel Church**

10 Whitehorse Road, Deepdene  
5.30 pm Saturday Vigil  
10.30 am, 5.00 pm Sunday

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**All Hallows Church**

17 Brenbeal Street, Balwyn  
9.00 am Sunday

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### Weekday Mass

**Our Lady of Victories Basilica**

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)

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**Our Lady of Good Counsel Church**

9.15 am Wednesday & Friday

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**All Hallows Church**

9.15 am Tuesday & Thursday

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### Reconciliation

**Our Lady of Victories Basilica**

Friday after Mass & Saturday 10.00 am

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**Our Lady of Good Counsel Church**

Saturday prior to evening Mass

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**All Hallows Church**

Tuesday and Thursday prior

This week marks the beginning of Advent and a new liturgical year. Our parishes have many opportunities for you to participate in this season, which prepares us for Christmas. Take home reflection and activity sheets will be available each week at our weekend Masses. A new initiative this year is our parishes **Advent Organ Concert Series** at 4.00 pm each Sunday during Advent (3, 10 & 17 December) at Our Lady of Victories Basilica. Music of the season will be performed by some of Melbourne's leading organists. The first concert on Sunday, 3 December will feature Rhys Boak, Organist and Manager of Music at St Michael's Church, Melbourne. Admission free. All welcome.

Once again this Advent you are invited to support the **St Vincent De Paul Society Christmas Appeal**. The theme this year is "You can make Christmas Wishes Come True" for thousands of Australian families experiencing disadvantage this Christmas. Donation envelopes are available in our Church foyers for early bird donations. Our school will be supporting the appeal by donating gifts for the many children living in poverty this Christmas for inclusion in the Christmas hampers.

**St Vincent de Paul** are seeking volunteers to assist with delivering Christmas hampers on Saturday, 16 December in South Melbourne and Port Melbourne areas. Hampers will be available for collection on the day from All Hallows Church between 9.00 am and 10.30 am. Teams of two people deliver seven hampers to addresses provided. For enquiries or to volunteer contact Kevin Slattery via [email](#) or call **9819 3766**.

Tudor Choristers warmly invite you to their **Traditional Sing Nowell Concert** on Tuesday, 5 December at 7.30 pm at Our Lady of Victories Basilica. Tickets are \$30.00, \$25.00 concession or \$60.00 family. Book [online](#) or contact Joy Sharp on **9808 7979** or via [email](#).

## Worship

Welcome to the Keeghan family presenting Harry; the Swinard family presenting Lucie; and the Kontoudis family presenting Elise for the **Rite of Reception** this weekend.

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## 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 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

## Parish Office

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*9.00 am – 5.00 pm Tuesday to*

Congratulations to Reginald Joseph & Anne Peter Paul and Michael Qui & Rose Lee who celebrated the **Sacrament of Marriage** this weekend.

**Hospitality** will take place next Sunday following 9.00 am Mass in the McCarthy Centre at All Hallows Church. All welcome.

## Outreach

The **Brigidine Asylum Seekers' Project (BASP)** donation baskets are available in the churches this weekend. Your donations are currently being used to support thirteen refugee families in Victoria affected by the Government's ruling to withdraw income and housing support.

**Australian Council of Social Service (ACOSS)**, a national advocate for action to reduce poverty and inequality, has issued a joint statement with a broad cross section of Australian civil society voices calling on the Federal Coalition Government to respect the wishes of Australia's First Nations peoples in the *Uluru Statement from the Heart* and make constitutional reforms to allow them a voice in Parliament. Visit the ACOSS **website** to add your support or read the joint statement.

**Petition: Review of the word 'deceased' on birth certificates** John Pesutto, Member for Hawthorn in the Victorian Legislative Assembly, will present a petition to Parliament requesting a review of the Victorian Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages' standard practice of annotating the birth certificate of a deceased person, in particular those of newborn deceased babies, with the word 'deceased'. This practice is most distressing for grieving parents who want official documents to accurately honour their child's life – a birth certificate marking the birth and a death certificate for when their child died. The petition is available for signing in the churches or you can visit John Pesutto's **website**. Residents of Victoria can sign the petition. For further explanation, please visit the **Victorian Ombudsman's report** and The Age newspaper article **online**.

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## Parish Staff

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

## Our Lady of Good Counsel Primary School

[12 Whitehorse Road, Deepdene](#)

## Participation

The newly formed **Friendship Group** across Deepdene & Balwyn and Camberwell Parishes is gathering for lunch on Wednesday, 6 December at 12.00 noon at **Kew RSL, 63 Cotham Road, Kew.** Please contact **Tricia Norman** at the **Parish Office** if you would like to attend and if you require transport. Seniors' meals are available. All welcome.

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## Stewardship

Thank you to those who responded to the call for new members of the **Deepdene & Balwyn Parish Leadership Team (PLT)**. We will begin 2018 with a full complement!

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**Villa Maria Catholic Homes** are seeking a Senior Administration Officer to join the St Catherine's Aged Care team in Balwyn. Applications from qualified and experienced candidates are welcome. For further details or to apply visit the **SEEK website**. Applications close 7 December.

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**Melbourne Overseas Mission Annual Appeal** will be held at all Masses next weekend. The appeal assists the work of the Missions by enabling charitable works to take place across the developing world. Appeal envelopes will be available in the pews.

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### Recently Deceased

Maree Cunningham, Louis Scalzo

### Anniversaries

Mary Carlson, Catherine Dowling,  
Marjorie Eileen Lawson, Tecla Luna,  
Kevin Owen, George Rimbas,  
Stavroula Rimbas, Bill Somers,  
Michael Joseph Talty, Des Tehan,  
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## Websites

Deepdene & Balwyn Parish

[www.olgc.com.au](http://www.olgc.com.au)

Camberwell Parish

[www.cam.org.au/camberwell/](http://www.cam.org.au/camberwell/)

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## Sunday Readings

[Read more](#)

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