

NEWSLETTER

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Second Sunday of Advent

UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights



It is 70 years since the adoption of the Declaration of Human Rights. Archbishop Bernardito Auza, the pope's representative at the UN, initiated a panel discussion in which he affirmed that the anniversary was something to celebrate: the Declaration is one of the great achievements of the UN, defending human rights and fundamental freedoms.

The Declaration has been influential and effective, he said, because of its universality, objectivity and unity. The document seeks to 'formulate rights that would be valid in every age, place and culture.' The human rights it proposes are evident through rational reflection (objective) and are all linked together because once some rights become optional, they all do (unity).

At the time, there was an uphill battle to convince some of the major powers of the need to embrace human rights. Then there was the challenge to give the Declaration teeth: it was commonly felt that the sovereignty of individual states was a shield to prevent scrutiny of human rights abuses – challenging that perception was already a considerable achievement.

The discussion panel expressed concern that today there is a tendency of some individuals and groups to 'hijack' human rights for their own purposes. The extensive debate in Australia at present on the right to religious freedom is a case in point. Efforts to enshrine abortion or euthanasia among basic human rights are misguided. The danger is that the very idea of human rights is discredited and the entire system of international human rights law is weakened.

One of the greatest achievements of the 70 years of the human rights system – its institutionalisation – is also one of the greatest challenges it faces. Those responsible for implementing human rights can easily fall prey to special interest groups. How do we continue to prioritise the 'common good'?

Based on a report by Christopher White in Crux.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Word of healing, Alleluia.

Heal our sorrow. Maranatha!

Word of comfort, Alleluia.

Bring us hope now. Maranatha!

Word of gladness, Alleluia.

Fill our hearts now. Maranatha!

Word of wisdom, Alleluia.

Come renew us. Maranatha!

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



Please pray for our departed loved ones Frances Foley, John Wakeling, Jason Goss, Terri-Lyn Malyon, Brenda Billington and Nancy Thong **recently deceased and also for** Jill Patterson, Walsh Family, Maureen Walsh, Michael and Mary Walsh, Joyce and Felix Stefano, Deceased members of Begley and Bourke Families, Patricia Vieyra, Thomas Barry, Patricia Vieyra, Vincent Long, Marie Gifford, Stan Grzegorzolka, Gary Fletcher and John Fletcher.



Please remember the sick in your prayers
James Bates, Veronica Corcoran, Maria Skubis,
Carmen Turner and Mark Shori.

DATE CLAIMERS 2018

Thursday 13 December St Vincent de Paul meet 6pm
Sunday 16 December Mass in French 3pm
Wednesday 19 December Musician rehearsal 2pm(Christmas Carols)
Reconciliation Mass 7pm
Friday 21 December Community Christmas Carols

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Expressions of interest are being taken for the role of Pastoral Associate at Sts Peter and Paul beginning February 2019. 16 hours per week, flexible working hours. Please leave your name and contact details with the parish office and someone will be in touch.



CALLING ALL SHEPHERDS AND ANGELS - At the Christmas family Masses (6pm Christmas Eve and 8am Christmas Morning) we invite small children to come dressed as shepherds or angels. There will be a Gospel Tableau and they are invited to come forward as a group as part of the proclamation of the Gospel.

MESSE EN FRANÇAIS – Several times a year, Fr Tom celebrates Mass in French for the French-speaking community. It will be held here **3pm next Sunday 16 December**. French speakers and students welcome to attend.

CHURCH CANDLES - Lighting a candle is a prayer in action — an intercession to the Virgin Mary for someone who is ill or for some special intention. We ask for a gold coin donation to cover costs and support the parish. There is no point in lighting ten or twenty candles to decorate the shrine. Thank you for your cooperation. 

HOW CAN WE SEEK PATHWAYS FOR A THEOLOGICALLY GROUNDED PRESENCE OF WOMEN IN CHURCH LEADERSHIP? Join in the conversation. 12 December 6pm ACU Leadership Centre, Cathedral House, Brisbane. Bringing together a diverse range of voices, we will ask: how can we support the presence and formation of women for leadership roles in the church? Register at www.acu.edu.au/xaviercentre

VOCATION VIEW: Today, God's voice rings out, 'Go, prepare the way for the Lord'. Is this call for you? To talk to someone about your vocation, contact the Vocation Centre on 3324 3351



COLUMBAN CALENDARS on are sale at the rear of the church - \$10. Please place money in the St Vincent de Paul poor box at the church doors.

A sense of humour is a gift from God. Laughter unites us.



NO PARKING please on the paved area in front of the church

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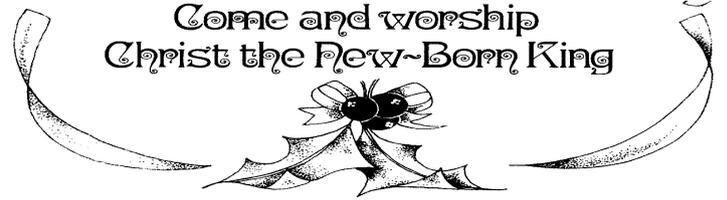


Christmas Masses

Monday - Christmas Eve – 24th December 2018
6pm, 8pm, Midnight Mass

Tuesday - Christmas Day – 25th December 2018
8am Mass

Come and worship
Christ the New-Born King



RECONCILIATION with Mass will be celebrated at 7pm Wednesday 19 December. The two sacraments will help you to get ready spiritually for Christmas. Don't miss it!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS in School Good Samaritan Hall Friday 21 December from 5:30pm. Another great event planned. Sausage sizzle and drinks. Super multi draw raffle. Bring chairs/rugs and the whole family for a wonderful night. 

RAFFLE PRIZES FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLS: Non-perishable donations are needed as prizes for raffles drawn at the Community Christmas Carols on Friday 21 December. (gourmet food, wine, sweets, decorations, etc.) Please place donations in the labelled box at the rear of the Church. THANK YOU for your generous support!

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS CHILDREN'S NATIVITY PLAY – shepherds, angels, kings, innkeepers needed to light up the stage for the Nativity play 21 December. Everyone welcome! Contact Lisa lisamagee@bigpond.com or 0410 701 704 

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS – with Christmas on Tuesday this year, we require volunteers for communion ministers, readers, sacristans and altar servers. **HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS** are required after each Christmas Mass to service cake and port plus hand out calendars to parishioners. Also needed are **DONATIONS OF FRUIT CAKES**. If you are available to assist or help in any of these areas, please contact the parish office with your details. 

SIMBANG GABI (Filipino for "Night Mass") devotional nine days of Masses practised by Catholics in the Philippines in anticipation of Christmas and to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass to be at Saints Peter and Paul's, 7pm on Tuesday 18 December. Supper afterwards in the hall. All welcome.

THE LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS – please come along to the lawn at the Cathedral of St Stephen to celebrate the joy of Christmas with an extraordinary light and sound show. 7:30pm until midnight from Wednesday 12 December to Christmas Eve.

PARISH ROSTERS NEXT SUNDAY

Readers, Communion Ministers, Sacristans and Altar Servers
Team 3 - please arrange a substitute if not available.
Hospitality Roster
24/25 December – Hospitality volunteers required for all Masses
Casserole Bank Roster
Group 2 – Please contact team leader Erica Wilcox.

+ Liturgy this Week 10 December – 16 December 2018

MONDAY	7:00am 10:00am		Mass at Lourdes Hill Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne Mass – Requiem for Nancy Thong
TUESDAY	-		-
WEDNESDAY	7:00pm		Mass
THURSDAY	-	St Lucy	-
FRIDAY	8:00am 8:30am	St John of the Cross	Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
SATURDAY	9:00am		Mass
SUNDAY	6:00pm (Saturday); 8:00am; 5:30pm		Mass: Third Sunday of Advent (Year C) <i>No Children's Liturgy during school holidays</i>
	Readings – Zephaniah 3:14-18 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18		

OTHER LITURGY AND PRAYER

RECONCILIATION	Saturday at 9:30am and 5:00pm
ROSARY/ANGELUS	Saturday before the 9:00am Mass
MEDITATION	Tuesday at 4pm Lourdes Hill Convent, 50 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne

ENTRANCE HYMN

ADVENT SONG

Gather in hope,
People of God.
Sing the Advent song!
Song of faith,
Song of trust,
A song to welcome the Christ.
Song to welcome the Christ.



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PENITENTIAL ACT

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

You came to call sinners

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

When we eat this bread and drink this cup we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.



COMMUNION HYMN

BREAD BROKEN, WINE SHARED

*CHORUS Bread broken, wine shared;
Jesus, here, taking our lives,
Opening our hearts, making us whole,
Setting our loving free.*

Take all our dreams, all that we are,
All we could ever be.

Lord of all life, we want to be yours,
We take bread and eat.

Open our minds, open our hearts,
Let love set us free within.

Lord of all life, we want to be yours,
We pour wine and drink.

Make us alive, filled with your hope,
Living what's really true.

Lord of all life, we want to be yours,
We know this is you.

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

LET HEAVEN REJOICE

*CHORUS Let heaven rejoice and earth be glad;
Let all creation sing.
Let children proclaim through every land
"Hosanna to our king."*

Sound the trumpet into the night;
The day of the Lord is near.
Wake his people, lift your voice,
Proclaim it to the world.

Rise in splendour; shake off your sleep;
Put on your robes of joy.
And in the morning you shall see
the glory of the Lord.



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