

Sacramental Timetable

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| Sunday Masses: | Saturday 6pm, Sunday 8.30 am, 10.30 am |
| Weekdays: | Mon - Fri 9.15am |
| Rosary: | Monday – Friday after 9.15am Mass |
| Reconciliation: | Saturdays: 10.45-11.30am |

Sunday School

Enrolment forms for leaders and young people need to be filled in as soon as possible. A great year is coming up.

Rosters for Saturday, 28th and Sunday, 29th January, 2012

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| Prayers of the Faithful | Annie Choudhery, Mary Bhagwan | | |
| Ministers of the Sick | Pat Foo, Gayle Roberts, Philomena Joseph, Justin Tan, Brian Rycroft, Mike Lee | | |
| Counters | Graham Baker, David Ball, Patrick Griffin | | |
| Church Flowers | Wendy Rajapakse | | |
| Morning Tea after Mass | Ashok and Priscilla Ariyaratnam | | |
| | Saturday 6.00 pm | Sunday 8.30 am | Sunday 10.30 am |
| Sacristan | Robert Foo | Paul McCulloch | Robert Vecchio |
| Setting Up For Mass | Maureen Lyons | Tony and Glad Hough | Chris and Preethi De Silva |
| Welcomers | Aniban family | Glad and Tony Hough | Andy and Birgit Kuechler-Greer |
| Commentator | Barry Howard | Kath Chosich | Kier McKenzie-McHarg |
| Reader | Robert Foo | Jared Pereira | Catherine Drake |
| Lay Ministers | Christoph Ankenbrand Ian Tan Delphine Domingue Estelle Marianne | John Staunton Dot Staunton Jonathan Au-Yeung Kath Chosich | Patricia Costanzo Judy Byrne Peter North Coombes |
| Altar Servers | Ryan Fynn Liam Hartrick | Graham Perrin Jon Chavarria | Josef & Andrea Phua Rochelle Rodrigo |
| Music | Volunteer Group | Recorded Music | Trinity |

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| The Pilgrim Statue 29 th Jan – 5 th Feb 2012 | <i>Vincent and Lisa and family welcome Mother Mary. She prepares us for the task ahead in the Near Year.</i> |
| St Christopher's Syndal Community Helpers | For confidential care & support in emergencies & times of need. ☎ Cath 9803 7302, Pauline 9802 9743 or Margaret 9807 3560. |
| Telephone Prayer Chain | Available 24 hours a day. All requests & enquiries confidential. Ring Flo 9803 1717, Nicole/Peter 9802 9321, or Marilyn 9887 9139 |
| Financial last week | Thanksgiving offering: \$ 1,041.00 (upkeep of church) Loose cash: \$ 230.05 Total: \$ 1,161.05 First Collection: \$ 881.65 (upkeep of presbytery) |

RECENT DEATH - we pray for

Brian John, nephew of Robert Foo, who died on Wednesday, 18th January

ANNIVERSARIES - we remember

Michael Majboroda, Greta Spencer, Vincenza Cafiso, Dorothy De Silva, Michael Duffy, Mary Deighan, Catherine Axton, Ron Thiele, Ignacio Espiritu, Pietro Costanzo, Vera Crothers



IN THE CARE OF THE PALLOTTINES

ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
22nd January, 2012

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School Principal:
Shane Tobin

School Secretary:
Jenny Bamber

Parish Council Chair:
Justin Tan

Parish Council Secretary:
Bryan Drake

Today is the Feast of St Vincent Pallotti and the inspiration to all of us to be apostles to give ourselves for the urgent coming of God's Kingdom. The reign of God is breaking in upon us. We are to leave the past behind and believe in the future that God is creating for us, just as Simon and Andrew and the Zebedee brothers did. We bring the Kingdom about by hearing and responding to Jesus' voice and the needs of people in our everyday life. We make the future.



Pallotti's Feast and Australia Day ask us to make our nation truly Christian in the face of anti-Christian forces. Are we ready to stand up as Christians and citizens of a truly great nation?



READINGS THIS WEEK (Year B):

1st: Jonah 3:1-5.10
Resp Ps: 24:4-9
2nd: Corinth 7:29-31
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

ENTRANCE

ANTIPHON:

Sing a new song to the Lord! Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Truth and beauty surround him, he lives in holiness and glory.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Teach me your ways, O Lord.

GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia! Alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News. Alleluia!

COMMUNION

ANTIPHON:

Look up at the Lord with gladness and smile; your face will never be ashamed.

READINGS NEXT WK:

1st: Deut 18:15-20
Resp Psalm:
Ps 94:1-2,6-9
2nd: 1 Corinth 7:32-35
Gospel: Mark 1:21-28

A Word from St Vincent Pallotti



Vincent wanted to see, feel, think, treat others the way Jesus did – no matter at what cost to himself. He expressed it in this way: “The Son of God in becoming incarnate for us, has sacrificed himself and all His concerns for love of us, associating with all kinds of people until His death on the Cross. At the sight of Jesus our divine exemplar, there can be no person, so great, noble, rich, learned or powerful who, with reason, can refuse to imitate Him”.

St. Vincent Pallotti's Feastday
commemoration

Sunday, 22nd January, 2012

Pallottine Community House Kew

5pm gathering

Program: Prayer and Praise, followed by a
cuppa together

If you can join us, we'd love to see you there

Please bring a small plate to share.

Drinks will be provided.

2012 Columban Calendars for sale at the Vinnies kiosk for \$8. The calendar sales provide important funding for the work of the Columban Missionaries.



Congratulations to David and Lynette Buckley, on their **50th Wedding Anniversary.**

Lynette is Secretary of St Christopher's

Tennis Club and has been an active member for many years.

John and Jo Brideson will celebrate their **50th Wedding Anniversary** with a Mass on 27th January at 7pm.

LENTEN PROGRAMME 2012

Experience the Power of Mark's Gospel - the First Gospel

In 8 two hour sessions commencing

Monday February 13th, 7.30pm

or

Tuesday February 14th, 10.30am

at **St Christopher's, Doon Avenue, Syndal**

Facilitated by Dr. Brian Incigneri

Bookings: Parish Office ☎ 9802 8538,

Email: frp.jackson@syndalcatholic.org.au

Brian is the author of the book *The Gospel to the Romans: The Setting and Rhetoric of Mark's Gospel*, where he proposes that the Gospel was written to urge the Christians of Rome in 71 to have trust in God instead of giving in to their fear of further persecution and asks them to receive back into the Christian community those who had betrayed other Christians or denied their faith during the earlier persecution under Nero. This Gospel speaks strongly to all those suffering today. “My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?” is their cry.

St Christopher's School
First Term commences 1st February

Sunday School for Grade 3-Uni. starts on 12th February, 9.30 – 10.25am. *There will be no Confirmation this year.* The “Hands on” program for 4-year olds to Gr.2 begins 12th February, 9.30-10.25am.

~~~~ Volunteers Needed ~~~~

The Box Hill Call Centre of **St Vincent de Paul Society** needs people to spend a day a week taking calls for assistance from those who need a helping hand. A pleasant telephone manner and some computer skills are desirable. If you can help, please call the supervisor – either Sue or Kim – on ☎ 9895 5866. Also see the notice displayed at the Vinnies kiosk in the Narthex for further details.

AT A GLANCE: ☪

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETS 7TH FEBRUARY, AT 7.45PM

EMMAUS COLLEGE OFFICIAL OPENING OF ITS SENIOR LEARNING CENTRE & GYMNASIUM, SPRINGVALE RD VERMONT SOUTH CAMPUS, WED 8TH FEBRUARY, 9 AM.

RCIA COMMUNITY MEETS WED 15TH FEBRUARY AT 7.30PM. IF YOU ARE SEEKING TO FOLLOW GOD'S CALL INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, THE RCIA IS A JOURNEY OF FAITH IN A GENTLE & LOVING COMMUNITY, WITH OTHER SEEKERS. CONTACT FR PAT ☎ 9802 8538.

MARCIA RIORDAN WILL SPEAK AT ALL MASSES 25TH / 26TH FEB ABOUT “WALKING WITH LOVE” – HER MINISTRY WITH SINGLE, PREGNANT, YOUNG WOMEN.

NO ANOINTING MASS UNTIL 14TH MARCH.

Australia Day Mass
9.15am, Thursday, 26th January



Adoration Vigil
Friday,
3rd February,
Mass at 11.30am,
Adoration: Noon – 9pm

We have a great facility in the Hall with a very wide screen for films and Karaoke. I have 2 inspiring films I would like to show, perhaps on a Saturday night after 6pm Mass, and Sunday after 10.30am Mass, or a Friday night, 10th February. The films are “Johnny”, a very inspiring film, and “Of Gods & Men”, the witness of Trappist monks in Algiers.

I hope you had a restful Christmas holiday, with time for family and getting a good book, film, the tennis, cricket or other outings at the sea or the bush.



Chinese New Year celebration Sunday, 29th January, 10.30am. Mass, followed by a delicious luncheon of Chinese dishes. *If you would like to volunteer your assistance, please contact: Catherine Loo, Victoria Choi, Catherine Chong or Mary Tan.* Make it a joyful occasion. Musicians needed.

The new **General Coordination Council of the UAC in Rome** includes Mrs Tricia Wisolith from Perth. Out of the many nations where the Pallottine Family operates, an Australian will be represented on that body after Cheryl Sullivan's six great years of service in that role. Tricia's and Joe's daughter, Linda, is joining the Benedictine nuns at Jamberoo, NSW, in February.

If this year's combined **Year of Grace and Year of Faith** is to mean anything, or achieve anything, for the Church in Australia, then we all will need to embark upon the “New Evangelisation” with a vigorous determination and without any illusions about the battle before us. There are forces, very influential forces, aligned against the Church. If it were not for the promise of Christ – that the “gates of hell” will not prevail against his Church built upon the Rock of Peter – then I would indeed be fearful for the future of the Catholic Church. But instead we hear Christ's words: **“Do not be afraid; put out into the deep.”** (David Schutz)

If the Kingdom of God is a net to gather in God's people, then fishes are needed.