

Sacramental Timetable

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

Rosters for Saturday, 23rd and Sunday, 24th January 2010

Prayers of the Faithful	Brian Gleeson, Shelagh Gleeson		
Ministers of the Sick	Margaret Foley, Mary Makarucha, Gloria Bautista, Betty Robinson, Pat Foo, Justin Tan, Louise Pagliaro		
Counters	David and Helen Whalan, Genny Leeworthy		
Morning Tea after Mass	Patricia Ooi		
Church Flowers	Audrey Rawlins		
	Saturday 6.00 pm	Sunday 8.30 am	Sunday 10.30 am
Sacristan	Robert Foo	Paul McCulloch	Chris De Silva
Setting Up For Mass	Annette Atkinson	Pat Foo	Gill and Fran Valadon
Welcomers	Cini family	Tony and Glad Hough	Charles and Jenny Leeworthy
Commentator	Barry Howard	Karen Pereira	Kier McKenzie McHarg
Reader	Shane Howard	Jon Chavarria	Justin Tan
Lay Ministers	Ray Lamerand Ron Joseph Philomena Joseph John Hackett Basil Chitty	Brian Worcester Margaret Foley Alec Ngo Bridget Chan Sharne Rolfe	Noel and Gayle Roberts Kathleen Roberts Chris Smith
Altar Servers	Cameron Seong	Ivan Ooi Daniel Lee	Matthew and Stephanie Vecchio Bridget McKenzie McHarg Patrick Cook Carla Costanzo
Music	Recorded Music	Recorded music	Trinity
The Pilgrim Statue 24th – 31st Jan 2010	Charlie and Diana. Mary comes to ask her Son to strengthen our marriage and pour in the new wine of the Spirit		
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. Flo ☎9803 1717, Nicole/Peter ☎ 9802 9321, Marilyn ☎ 9887 9139		
Financial last week	Thanksgiving offering: \$ 1,429.00 (upkeep of church) Loose cash: \$ 141.70 Total: \$ 1,570.70 First Collection: \$ 727.10 (upkeep of presbytery)		



ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
17th January 2010

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IN THE CARE OF THE PALLOTTINES

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Justin Tan

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This is the Second Sunday of the Year. At Cana Jesus worked the first of the "signs" that won the faith of his disciples. A sign points beyond the surface to the deeper realities God wants to do in Jesus for us. Jesus is the real Bridegroom who gifts us with the best wine of his Spirit. Just as he transformed the water into wine at the wedding feast of Cana, Jesus wants to transform us into a holy people who live in intimate union with him and who manifest his love and power to all the world. Jesus replaces the Jewish purification rites by the richer purification of his Cross and so manifests his glory. Mary, the Mother of Jesus, is there at Cana telling us to do what he commands, as she will be under the Cross pointing to him who fulfils his Father's will. May we come to believe in him as Mary does.

ENTRANCE

ANTIPHON: May all the earth give you worship and praise, and break into song to your name, O God, Most High.

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM: Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

GOSPEL

ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! God has called us with the Gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!

COMMUNION

ANTIPHON: The Lord has prepared a feast for me: given wine in plenty for me to drink.



RECENT DEATHS - *we pray for* Clement Lazaroo, who died on Tuesday,

and Alain Sirmel Nuoton, who died recently

ANNIVERSARIES - *we remember*

Patricia Lawless, Patrick Glass, Jack and Peter Mahony, Eugene Thomas, Vicki McMahon Shepherd, Peter Foster, Elsie Hanrahan, Peter Martinello, John Carroll, Hilda Demajo, Michael Majboroda, Greta Spencer, Vincenza Cafiso, Michael Duffy

READINGS

THIS WEEK (Year C):

1st: Isaiah 62:1-5
Resp Psalm: Ps 95:1-3,7-10
2nd: 1 Corinth 12:4-11
Gospel: John 2:1-11

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

1st: Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10
Resp Psalm: Ps 18:8-10,15
2nd: 1 Corinth 12:12-30
Gospel: John 2:1-11

A WORD FROM ST VINCENT PALLOTTI

Mary is Queen of Apostles in a hidden way, because through desire, fasting, intercession and her devotion to routine, mundane things, she furthered her Son's redemptive work. She was closest to the Heart of her Son, throughout her life. She carried his desires and intentions in her own Heart. If Christ burned with the desire to cast fire upon the earth – his total mission to save all through his death – Mary's heart likewise caught fire. Vincent wanted this apostolic flame to burn in his co-workers, a fire that he experienced in prayer.



THANKS

"Dear Fr Pat, Sr Joy and the community of St Christopher's,
Of great comfort during our sorrow were the prayers and expressions of sympathy conveyed to us in so many ways.

Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated, and we thank you most sincerely.

Kath and all the Chosich family

CONGRATULATIONS

To **Louie and Lili Greer**, who will make their First Holy Communion on Sunday, 24th January.

CENACLE NIGHT OF PRAYER & HEALING

FRI 22ND JAN 8. – 9. PM

Vincent Pallotti died on the 22nd January 1850. Join with Mary Queen of Apostles, other apostles in prayer before the Lord in the Blessed

Sacrament. Quiet, guided meditation and song opens us to the healing power of God's Spirit.

WELCOME - to **Jemima**, daughter of Matthew and Simone Redmond; to **Harley Lee**, son of Hamish and Adrienne Strachan; and to **Thomas**, son of Michael and Sonya Ferella, who will be presented to our community this Sunday in preparation for Baptism.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Leaders and Leaders-in-Training meet in Presbytery, Sunday, 24th January at 9.20am

St Christopher's Meditation Group (led by Dr John Gill) Tuesday, 19th January 7.30pm (third Tuesday of the month). *Welcome to all.*

"Sit still and upright. Close your eyes lightly. Be relaxed ..." Fr John Main, its founder, recommends the prayer phrase or mantra "Ma-ra-na-tha" be repeated throughout the meditation. This Aramaic word, mentioned in the New Testament, means "Come, Lord Jesus"

TERM 1 begins Thurs, 28th Jan for our school children. *I hope everyone had a good break over the holiday period. We're looking forward to getting together and for the great things 2010 will bring. Welcome back to Bryan & Catherine Drake and family! – Fr Pat*

Sister Joy left for Singapore on 11th January to attend the launching posthumously of her brother, Rex's last book about the life and work of their uncle, a dedicated doctor who cared for the poor. She will return on 22nd January.

HEALING MASS AND RETREAT

By Fr Vijay Michael Antony, V.C. (Asst Director, Divine Retreat Centre, Kerala India) and Fr Sunil Aenekatt, V.C.

16th January, 11.00am
at St Peter's Church, Clayton

Avatar: the film: Your view?

In Sydney I took in the film Avatar, the \$500 million semi-animated 3D movie, directed by James Cameron. I wondered what you thought about the movie. I certainly wanted to see it.

The word, 'Avatar' refers to a Hindu myth of the descent of deity to earth in incarnate form, except that in the movie it is Americans taking on Na'vi form in order to subjugate the people – on one side, anthropologists seeking to understand the ways of the Na'vi, and - on the other, industrial might backed by military power wanting to move the Na'vi from their home in order to mine rich mineral deposits.

Cameron proudly declares 'Avatar' is an allegory for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, with the capitalist, imperialist Christian West the villain. He portrays the U.S. soldiers who arrive on Pandora in the service of some multi-national corporation as moronic, sadistic and determined to wipe out the peace-loving nature-worshipping natives just so they can mine the valuable substance under their home. The triumph at the end of the movie occurs when the Na'vi slaughter the Americans, shooting down their helicopters and gunships.

A cheer went up from the movie audience as the conquered Americans were led off the planet. Miranda Devine, on p. 7 of the Sydney Morning Herald (Jan 2/3rd), wrote "It's extraordinary that while American soldiers are dying in dangerous wars on foreign soil, a mainstream movie would show such cartoonish contempt for them." Devine's critique, "Hit by the leftie sledgehammer" outlines Cameron's simple formula: "Humans bad; planet (Gaia) good; noble savages good; flaky pagan worship good; America bad; American military very bad; capitalism bad; mining – raping the planet – bad. The blissful irony is that Cameron has used the most advanced technology known to man to create an anti-technology movie about how much better are the ways of the noble savage." "I'm sure it will be a 'must see' film for Al Qaeda and Taliban supporters, if North Americans can put down and caricature their own so readily. It's often American soldiers who are the first to lend a hand in crises such as Port au Prince.

Your comments would be most welcome!

FEAST OF ST VINCENT PALLOTTI

This will be celebrated at all Masses next weekend. St Vincent is the founder of the Pallottines who have cared for the parish since 1961. Come and celebrate with us.

James Cheong and Jill Teo invite parishioners to their wedding, February 13th at St Mary's, West Melbourne, 3.00pm. James does great work with and for the PYE group and Jill with her girls group.

Rosters Coming Soon, and to help us could you please let me know your preferences and availability. *Fr Pat*

The Year of the Priest

"No success without a successor." Have you seriously thought of a vocation to servant leadership as a Pallottine priest, brother or sister? 'Moments that reveal a priestly heart: are recognising the presence of Christ in the Eucharist, reconciliation and anointing; breaking open the Word to others; the experience of being a privileged part of our people's lives, at birth, death, preparation for marriage, being with the sick; at the times of our own celibate solitude, in prayer and recollection, in which we recognise the emptiness of celibacy as the space of rich hospitality (*cf David Ranson*)

Urgent Help Needed

The news coming out of Haiti are horrendous, 100,000 feared dead. Government buildings & great churches destroyed; the archbishop, priests and hundreds of seminarians under rubble; homes, agriculture, infrastructure and communications affected. Most urgent needs of medicine, water, food, clothing and shelter. It's akin to the tsunami '04.

A collection will be taken up at Mass