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Our sick: Grace Di Matteo, Josefa Dabu, Terry Quailey, Rita Webb, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Marko Radmil, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Andre and Thea Van Gastel and friends from the Chesalon Home & housebound

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: **6pm** (for Summer)

Sunday: **8am, 9.30am**

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon **6.45am** Tues **7.30pm** Wed **9am**

Thurs **6.45am** Fri **9.00am** Sat **9.00am**

HOLY HOUR: Saturday 8.00-9.00am

RECONCILIATION: 10 mins before

Mass and Saturdays 8.00 – 8.55am

BAPTISMS: at **9.30am** Mass

BAPTISM Prep Thurs. 1st February 2018

7pm meeting room

WEDDINGS: By appointment.

ANOINTING MASS: next:

6th and 7th January 2018

NOVENA OUR LADY

DIVINE MERCY Tues. **6.30pm**

www.vocationcentre.org.au

EWTTN-Kids (internet catechism)

CatholicNewsService

Sat. 9 am: For the Holy Souls **Vigil 5 pm:** Pro Populo; **Sunday 8am:** +Mr and Mrs Nolan; **9.30am** + Johana Sri Janti Jahja **Mon:** + Giuseppe Pasqua
Tues: +Agnes Lucero Gayo; **Wed:** +Souls in needs; **Thurs:** +Wadad Sayes; **Fri:** + George Archer and Jack Mohan

Mass Times for Christmas

Christmas Eve is a Sunday this year.

On Sunday 24th December our usual Masses are 8am and 9.30am.

Christmas Eve Sunday evening 24th December

Family Mass 6pm Christmas Carols 10.30pm Night Mass 11pm

Christmas Day Monday 25th December

8am 9:30am 6pm

Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, Angels, Wiseman, Shepherds and sheep are needed for our Family Mass on Sunday 24th Dec. at 6pm. Please dress up and come along by 5.45pm. Be part of a beautiful Christmas Story. Join the choir at the Mass. We will sing the most loved and timeless Christmas Carols. At the end of the Mass Santa Claus will arrive to see us in the church.

For some years I tried to live with a peaceful heart and it doesn't mean everything is roses and rainbows. But it does mean that when someone is unkind to me, I realize that it is not something that I have to react to. Even little things like bad traffic, waiting in line, or waiting for tradesmen for days or even weeks – just do not seem worth thinking twice about. Having a peaceful heart I just do not get anxious about things like I used to. I want to save my precious energy for other things. Life is hard enough without living in a constant state of agitation over every little thing. And of course peaceful doesn't mean "easy." When we call upon Him, He will give us the "Divine Peace, which surpasses all comprehension" (Philippians 4:6-7). No matter what hardships we are faced with, we can ask for a Peace that comes from God that is not dependent on our own strength or the situation around us. This Christmas let us remember the Peace that God can bring. Restoration of the heart is the deep, abiding peace between us and our Creator that cannot be taken away (John 10:27-28) and the ultimate fulfillment of Christ's work as "Prince of Peace." (A thought for Christmas and a New Year resolution.)



Today we light the third candle of Advent. This is the candle of JOY. As the coming of Jesus, our Savior, draws nearer, our joy builds with our anticipation of his birth. From the Book of Isaiah we read the words of our Lord: "But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight."— Isaiah 65:18



From Australian Youth Festival 7 – 9 Dec. 2017, Sydney

Christmas envelopes are available for your consideration to support our retired and disadvantaged priests.

Audio-visual for readers' resource:
<http://catholicreadings.org>

Monday 25th from 11:30am – 1pm will be held BYO, ham, bread, butter, tea, coffee and Christmas concert will be provided in Church Hall. Do not stay at home alone

Pre-Christmas reconciliation on Tuesdays from 5 pm to 7.20pm during Holy Hour and Saturdays from 8am to 10.30am.

Readers please pick up the new Roster from the back of the Church

Rosters: 16th and 17th December 2017

Linen: Maggie Cranney **Cleaning:** 22nd December: Rhonda Hewitt, Lee Quailey

Readers: Rosemary Plowman, Sarah Greening; Michael Borg, Ray Martin; Lydia Horton, Glenn Horton

Communion: Geraldine Diamond, Peggy Saab; Tony Reed, Cheryl Reed
Deanne Buckham, Rita Zuman

Homebound: Melinda Hoskins, Marites Bairstow, Ada Bajt, Jeanette Hickey

Chesalon: 20th December 2017: Irene Riley

Rosters 23rd and 24th December 2017

Linen: Julie O'Hara; **Cleaning:** 29th December: **Volunteers Required**

Readers: Mary Harrison, Brian Phillips; Natalia Kollar, Ian Robinson; Agnes Lim, Sandra Moore

Communion: Julie O'Hara, Terry O'Hara; Barbara Shales, Aidan Gleeson; Linda Gillies, Jeanette Hickey

Homebound: Peter Madden, Linda Gillies,

Chesalon: 27th December 2017: Rose-Marie Hoekstra

From January 2018 Weekly Rosters will only be published on Website with a copy on the Church noticeboards, not in the bulletin.