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Our sick: Grace Di Matteo, Josefa Dabu, Terry Quaily, 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: +;** **9.30am +** Antoni Brzozowski **Mon: +**
Tues: +; **Wed: +**Souls in needs; **Thurs: +;** **Fri: +**

November 18, 2017 (LifeSiteNews.com)

– The Vatican’s Pontifical Academy for Life co-hosted a conference on the topic of end of life issues that included several speakers who oppose the Catholic Church’s teachings on the right to life, including the president of the board of Switzerland’s Planned Parenthood affiliate, and the president of the pro-euthanasia Royal Dutch Medical Association. Pope Francis has sent a [message](#) to the conference participants, reiterating the Catholic Church’s condemnation of euthanasia by stating that euthanasia “is always wrong, in that the intent of euthanasia is to end life and cause death.” However, the pope added that “to determine whether a clinically appropriate medical intervention is actually proportionate, the mechanical application of a general rule is not sufficient. There needs to be a careful discernment of the moral object, the attending circumstances, and the intentions of those involved.” He made no mention of the withholding of food and fluids, which are often characterized as forms of medical treatment that can be withdrawn...

O God,
 the beginning and the end
 of all things, Who are
 always the same, and
 Whose years fail not, we
 now, at the close of
 another year, kneel in
[adoration](#) before You, and
 offer You our deepest
 thanks for the fatherly care
 with which You have
 watched over us during the
 past, for the many times
 You have protected us
 from evils of [soul](#) and body,
 and for the numberless
 blessings, both temporal
 and spiritual, which You
 have showered upon us.
 May it please You to
 accept the homage of our
 grateful hearts which we
 offer in union with the
 infinite thanksgiving of Your
 divine Son, our [Lord Jesus](#)
 Christ, Who with You lives
 and reigns forever and
 ever. Amen.

At the time of what was perceived as a real crisis in European civilization towards the end of the 19th century Pope Leo XIII instituted the Feast of the Holy Family, which feast was then extended to the universal Church by Benedict XV. I like to think that Leo was spurred on to establish this feast and to write his Encyclical Quam Plurimes that made St. Joseph the patron of the Universal Church by the words of Blessed John Henry Newman in his Bigletto speech in Rome when Leo made him a cardinal. For it was Newman who saw so very clearly the real consequences of a civilization permeated by a relativism that denied truth. And it was St Pope John Paul II who on the 100th anniversary of Leo’s encyclical issued his own encyclical on the importance of St. Joseph and the Holy Family, Redemptoris Custos, the Guardian of the Redeemer. That same Pope, reading the signs of the times and aware of a crisis within the understanding of the family, brought about in no small part by the sexual revolution of the 1960s, called a Synod on the Family and issued an Apostolic Exhortation, Familiaris Consortio, at the end of the Synod to explain and deepen the Church’s understanding of and commitment to the family. And in this context we read: The family—based on marriage (between a man and a woman) is the first and fundamental unit of society and is a sanctuary for the creation and nurturing of children. Together families form communities, communities a state and together all across the world each human is part of the human family. How these communities organize themselves politically, economically and socially is thus of the highest importance. Each institution must be judged by how much it enhances, or is a detriment to, the life and dignity of human persons. The attack on the family from an increasingly secularized and antichristian society has certainly reached new points of crisis that Leo and John Paul could not have imagined—and this in a relatively short period of time. So Pope Francis has called for a Synod on the Family, whose Extraordinary session was held October 2014. The proceedings of the Extraordinary Synod were at once controversial and disturbing. But the Synod did reveal for all to see that there is indeed a crisis in the understanding of the family, but this crisis was not brought about merely by forces outside the Church but within the Church herself... Today, after the Mass, go to the crib, look and ponder what this birth means, what this family means. And there offer your prayers to Jesus, Mary and Joseph, that your own family, with its imperfections, its problems, its sufferings, may be joined to the love of God that is at the heart of the Holy Family. And do not forget to offer a prayer for all fathers, mothers and children in this world who struggle to love each other in a world that each day deepens its falsification of love in the name of a false understanding of personal freedom.

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

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

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

Rosters 30th And 31st December 2017
Linen: Julie O’Hara; **Cleaning:** 5th January 2018 Robyn Crowe, Irene Riley
Readers: Rose-Marie Hoekstra, Jennifer Kratz; Elizabeth Pemberton, Alec Pemberton; Linda Gillies Ray Wooby
Communion: Elizabeth Pemberton, Greg Conroy; Kathy Cattanach, Madeline Salway; Linda Gillies, Sandra Moore
Homebound: Linda Gillies, Ray Wooby, Ada Bajt
Chesalon: 3rd January 2018: Rose-Marie Hoekstra

Please see noticeboards. for January Roster

The following Minsters to the Homebound have retired: Joan Hagley, Maggie Cranney, Melinda Hoskins, Beth Mattock and Kathy Moroney. We thank them for their service over the years.