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St Brendan's Friendship Club

MORNING TEA: All are welcome on Monday, December 7, at 10am in the Parish Centre at St Brendans, 54 Northam Ave Bankstown. Please bring a plate of food to share.

LASER LIGHT SHOW—St MARYS CATHEDRAL: Friday, December 18. Bus will leave from the Parish at 7pm. We will have Tea & Coffee under the Harbour Bridge. Cost is \$20 per person. To book, please contact Lena Galdes on 9644 7226 or 0433 157 080.

The Order of Malta Lourdes Day Mass

The Order of Malta invites all parishioners to Lourdes Day Mass 2015 to be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, 5 December at 10.15am. The principal celebrant will be Most Reverend Bishop Terry Brady. A Blessing of the sick will take place during the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. Those receiving the Blessing will, also be provided with a bottle of Lourdes Water for their personal use.

The Face of Mercy, the new Archdiocesan Advent Resource.

In April this year, Pope Francis announced a "Year of Mercy", to commence on 8 December. As part of our Archdiocesan response to this, an online daily Advent resource connecting the season of Advent with the theme of mercy will be provided. You can subscribe now for this free daily resource at <http://www.thefaceofmercy.org.au/>. For more information, please visit

India Pilgrimage with Fr Thomas

Fr Thomas is leading a pilgrimage to India from 12 September – 2 October, 2016. It will include Mother Teresa's place in Kolkata, St Francis Xavier's body in Goa, site of Martyrdom and land place of St Thomas the Apostle, Marian Shrine of Velankanni, Ashrams of Aurobindo and Bede Griffith, Tomb of the first Syro Malabar Saint Alphonsa, largest Catholic Oriental Seminary, original tomb of Vasco da Gama, Diaspora Synagogue in Kochi, Mysore Palace, Dutch Fort, Spice Tour, House Boat, etc. The price including airfares, transfers, coaches, premium accommodation, breakfast and dinner is only \$4750 (twin share) for 3 weeks. For info and booking Rajesh, Magi Pilgrimages 0385622246, or 0422215855 or australia@magiholidays.com. Contact Fr Thomas on kurunthanam@gmail.com (flyers avail in the foyer)

Universal Prayer



So far today, God, I've done all right.
 I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper,
 haven't been greedy, nasty or self-centred.
 I'm really glad about that!

But in a few minutes, God,
 I'm going to get out of bed,
 and then I'm going to need lot of help!
 Amen



It is now only **5 months** until our Parish's
100 years anniversary in March 2016.

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Mass times: Saturday 6pm (Vigil), Sunday 8am, 10am (Children's Liturgy), 6pm, 12noon (Polish).

Vietnamese Mass: 7 pm 1st Thurs of each month. **Saturday Morning Benediction - 7.00am.**

Reconciliation: Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm. Or by appointment Rosary: Saturday 8.25am

This week - Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday - 8.00am.

Wednesday - 7.00pm Young Adults Bible Study in Meeting Room, 8.00pm Benediction.

BAPTISMS: Baptism preparations are held on the 1st Sunday of each month after 10am mass in the presbytery. Baptisms by appointment.

MARRIAGES: Please contact priest at least 6 months prior to wedding date.

SICK CALLS: Anytime. If you know of anyone who needs anointing please ring the presbytery.



HOPE

First Sunday of Advent - C - 29th November 2105



The Lord is coming

Last week, we ended one liturgical year - year B and today the Church begins with a new liturgical year - year C with the first Sunday of Advent. The new liturgical year starts a new cycle of prayers and scriptural readings.

Derived from a Latin root, Advent means 'coming' or 'arrival'. It is traditionally a season of quiet and joyful expectancy. During the season of Advent, liturgical vestments are violet. Four weeks of Advent calls us to prepare for Christmas coming with special devotion as we prayerfully wait in hope for the coming of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. This is a wonderful time for us to prepare ourselves spiritually to welcome Baby Jesus into our lives, our families by following Jesus' advice "Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen."

"Advent" also refers to the Lord's coming in glory at the end of time. Pope John Paul II noted that the calculation of the passing years begins almost everywhere with Christ's coming into the world: this is the sign that the birth of Jesus has an unparalleled effect on the history of humankind. This week-end in the third Gospel, Luke describes the Glory Coming of Christ and tells us to prepare to stand before the Son of Man. It will be the time of fright for those who live unprepared, but of joy and happiness for the meek and humble who live in God's ways. "Men will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the earth." But those who live in God's way will "stand up straight and raise your heads, for your salvation is near at hand."

This is a season for prophecy, calling us to conversion, preparation and a constant sense of watchfulness. It calls us to have hope and believe that history continues open to the plan of God and to human creativity.

Our preparation for the Coming of Jesus Christ is to acknowledge God's presence in all paths of life. It is important for us to reflect on the purpose of our lives and our relationship with God and with other people, here and now. Let's pray that we will continue to be the source of hope, joy and peace for others whom we meet in everyday life.

Catechism of the Catholic Church

524 When the church celebrates the liturgy of Advent each year, she makes present this ancient expectancy of the Messiah, for by sharing in the long preparation for the Saviour's first coming, the faithful renew their ardent desire for his second coming. By celebrating the precursor's birth and martyrdom, the church unites herself to his desire: 'He must increase, but I must decrease.'

This Weekends Readings - Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1Thessalonians 3:12 - 4:2;
Gospel - Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards are still available from the Piety Stall for \$7 per pack of 10. Get them early before they run out!

Home Mass

Fr Dominic will say Mass in the home of Robyn Molloy at 7.00PM on Tuesday 15th December. Everybody welcome. Please phone Robyn on 9707 1292, if you are interested in coming. We have had this Mass for a few years now and it is a different way to start the Christmas Season.


Friendly get-together

Come and join a group of people to spend the day together this Thursday 3rd December, in the Presbytery from 10.30am everyone is welcome, children included. Bring along your own lunch and your sense of humour. If you need transport or for more info contact Bev Lamaro on 0409 710 703.

Fete Raffle Ticket Winners

Congratulations to the following people who won prizes in Saturday's Fete Raffle —
1st Prize: Margaret Sarkis; 2nd Prize: Minh Le; 3rd Prize: Kyle Jiang;
4th Prize: Maribel Newton; 5th Prize: Christella Mylordi

Mass Intentions:

 **Recently Deceased:** Tony Joseph; Barbara Far Hat.
Anniversary: John Vujkovic; Maria Do Thi Tuan; Maria Chu Quynh Vi; Francesco Folinazzo; Eugenia Edwards.
Deceased: ALL NAMES OF DECEASED FOR THIS MONTH ARE IN THE BOOK INFRONT OF THE ALTAR.
Sick: Lauren (Chris' grand-daughter); Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Maria Nguyen Thi Tuu; Erlinda Ingaran; Kim Do; Henriette Tam Tinh Lam; Gerard Go; Fred & Shirley Salter.

Next Weekend - Second Sunday of Advent - Year C

Readings: Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11; Gospel - Luke 3:1-6

Feasts of the Week

30 November - St Andrew, apostle. Feast.

Born at Bethsaida (Galilee). A fisherman and perhaps a disciple of John the Baptist (24 June). Introduced his brother, Simon Peter (29 June), to Jesus and became one of the first to follow Christ. Mentioned a number of times in the gospels, for example, in introducing some Gentiles to Jesus (John 12:20ff.). Widely venerated since ancient times and remembered as one of the twelve who bore witness to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

3 December - St Francis Xavier, priest. Memorial.

Born in 1506 in Navarre (Spain). Died on this day in 1552 off the coast of China. Met Saint Ignatius of Loyola (31 July) while studying in Paris, became one of the first Jesuits, and went to Goa (India) as a missionary. Travelled extensively through southeast Asia to Japan, winning many converts and leaving behind organised Christian communities. Remembered for the witness of his poverty and for his tireless efforts as a missionary.

Break Open Word

The new Reader's books for this liturgical year are now available in the Sacristy for those who ordered one. Please sign next to your name when you collect it.

Wedding Congratulations

Lawrence Law & Katherine Nha Khanh Nguyen

are married at St Felix this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers.



Altar Society: 6/12/15 Group 1: Gloria Walker, Margaret Chan, Nice Collins, Lydia Leslie, Lyn Rowe, Khanh Le, Thi Thuy Doan, Theresa Nguyen, Hien & Vu Bui (Florist)

St Vincent de Paul: 6/12/15 M T Tran 13/12/15 J Obeid

Church Cleaners: 27/11/15: Mai Hai **Children's Liturgy:** 6th Dec - Ligaya

Weekend Choir: Saturday 5/12 - 6pm - St Anne's Choir
Sunday 6/12- 8am - Singing Servants of God. 10am - St Felix Choir

Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	29 NOVEMBER 8am	10am	6pm
C	Gloria Booby	Maureen Vincent	Thu Ha Kim	Lucia Mezentsef
R	Rushna Peter	Imelda Dela Cruz	Emanuela Viner	Kathleen Mezentsef
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Koreen Cueto	Mesake Mar	J Chong & Gordon West	Loreto Eduardo
M	Emmanuel Icard	Madelyn Nicole	Bev Lamaro	Amelia Mezentsef
6 DECEMBER				
C	Patrick Abourizk	Jeanette Rodrigues	Rita Dang	Anthony Hoang
R	Emmanuel Icard	Thuy Linh Nguyen	Mary O'Hea	Ben Saliba
A	Joseph Bui (A)	Joseph Cao (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)
M	Gloria Booby	Maria Huong	J Chong & Rosa House	Paul Ngoc
M	Emmanuel Icard	Robyn Molloy	Ala Pesamino	Phu Nguyen