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WEEKEND MASSES: Sunday 23rd December 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent
Saturday Vigil.....6:00pm
Sunday8:30am & 10.00am
RECONCILIATION: Saturday.....5.00pm to 5.30pm
BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS..... Contact Office

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:

Monday	9:30am	LOW	Liturgy of the Word.	(NB: not a Christmas Mass)
Christmas Eve: Monday Evening	7:00pm	MASS	Outdoor Family	(Under Gum Tree)
	9:30pm	MASS	Vietnamese	(In the Church)
	12:00am	MASS	Midnight	(In the Church)
Christmas Day: The Nativity of the Lord				(NB: no 6pm Mass)
Tuesday	9:00am	MASS	Christmas Day	(In the Church)
Wednesday	9:30am	LOW	Boxing Day	St Stephen, the 1st martyr
Thursday	9:30am	MASS		St John, apostle evangelist
Friday	9:30am	MASS		The Holy Innocents, martyrs

Save the Date: Fr. Peter's 25th Anniversary as a Priest. On Sunday 6th January 2019.
 Fr Peter will be celebrating 25 years in the priesthood. On this weekend there will only be one open air mass at 10am followed by a party to celebrate. Further information are available in the foyer. Please join us for 10am and help Fr Peter to celebrate this special occasion.
 BYO Drinks & a salad or Dessert to share, meat will be provided.
NB: There will be no 6pm or 8:30am or 5pm Vietnamese Masses on this weekend.

Fr Peter is going on Sabbatical from the 2nd Week of January until the end of July 2019.
 Fr Peter's final Mass before his departure will be his 25th anniversary celebration on Sun 6th Jan. Fr Peter has arranged a selection of priests to cover weekend masses while he is away. Please keep Fr Peter is your prayers for this next stage in his spiritual journey.

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 2019 Departures Dates: Fr. Sebastian - 24 March, Fr. Kenneth - 26 May, Fr. Colin - 31 May.
 Book before 15 Dec for a \$200 discount 26th or 31st May or \$400 off 24th March departure dates.
 Additional Dates available for 2019 are: 18 Aug, 8 Sep, 17 Sep, 13 Oct, 10 Nov.

VINNIES NEWS
 We will be delivering 70 Christmas Hampers from the school hall after 10am Mass. If you can assist on Sunday with deliveries please be at the school hall to pick up your hamper delivery.
 "A Christmas without joy is no Christmas at all". Bring a little joy into peoples lives & share in the spirit of giving.

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School holidays have officially begun.
 As 2018 draws to a close we thank all the staff of St Thomas for a great & successful year. May all students & staff have a relaxing break & come back ready to teach & learn in 2019. May you all have a very Merry Christmas & a Peaceful New Year.

Christmas Eve Outdoor Family Mass
 7pm, Monday 24th December
 In the school grounds under the big gum tree. BYO picnic rugs/chairs. Children are invited to come dressed as Angels and Shepherds. Family and friends are invited to join this holy occasion. **HELP IS NEEDED** to set up the Christmas Eve Outdoor Mass. If you can help, set up begins at 4pm.

Weekly Collection: for weekends 15-16 Dec
1st Collection: \$1,690.00
2nd Collection: \$ 1,404.65

Elizabeth will be out of office until Monday 7th January 2018. Answering machine will be on & messages will be checked. I hope that you have a wonderful Christmas & a Peaceful New Year. See you in 2019.

	Roster for 5 th Weekend (29-30 Dec)		
	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Acolyte	Wayne P	John J	Warwick
Altar Servers	Noah & Georgia Jenkins	Grace Taylor Help Needed	Kimo G Chiara S
Readers	Chiara Strmota Help Needed	Angela Devlin Margaret F	Therese W Sonia C
Music	Help Needed	Margaret, Bernie & Sandy	Help Needed
Counters	Kim &	Trish	Collectors
Cleaners	Homan, Laughlin, Phillips & Healy		Ushers

Upcoming Events & Other Info
 Please see **notice board** for more info, & don't forget previously advertised events.
 Archdiocesan website: www.cgatholic.org.au

- St Thomas the Apostle Upcoming Events**
- **St Vincent de Paul Meets** Mon 7:30pm - Parish C.
 - **Becoming a Catholic - RCIA** Mon 7:30pm - Parish C.
 - **Bible Study / Prayer Groups** Wed 10am - Parish C Annette 6231 9357. Thu's 10am Moya's 6231 6015
 - **Fr Peter 25th Anniversary** 10am Mass Sun 6 Jan. Followed by lunch. Bring a salad or dessert to share.
 - **New Year Eve Midnight Mass** Mon 31st Jan 12am
 - **Fr Peter on Sabbatical** 2nd Week Jan - End July

- Upcoming School Dates**
- **Final Day of 2018 School Year** Friday 21 Dec 2018
 - **First Day of Term 1, 2019** Monday 4 Feb 2019
 - **Opening Mass of School Year** 9:30am, 7 Feb Church

Pope Francis (18 Dec) Jesus knows well the pain of not being welcomed. May our hearts not be closed as were the houses in Bethlehem.
#Internationalmigrantsday

The Vietnamese Christmas Dinner.
 With over 50 Parishioners in attendance we all enjoyed lovely food & great company with just over \$1,000 raised.
 Thank you to everyone who joined us. Many thanks to all that helped to make the event a great success and special thanks to the Vietnamese Community for the great food.

Christmas is upon us on this **4th Sunday of Advent**. Please check out & add your name to the Christmas Masses roster in the foyer.

Special Ministers for Christmas Masses.
7pm (5 x Needed) Rosanna, Kim, Ellen, & Pam
12am Michael, Deb, Wayne, Andrew, Cecily & Trudie
9am (1 x Needed) Angela, Annette, Barb, Jacky & Cheryl.

CHRISTMAS MASSES						
	7pm Outdoor	Midnight	9am Christmas			
Acolyte	Nick + 1 Needed	Ken Rose	1 x Help Needed			
Altar Servers	Angela Strmota 3 x Help Needed	Angela Strmota 1 x Help Needed	Samuel & Elise Warner			
Readers	Chiara Strmota Therese Warner	Chiara Strmota Kathy Syrette	Angela Devlin Therese Warner			
Music	Beth & Children's Choir	Mary, Murray, Sandy & Bernie.	Sandy Moore			
Counters	Kim, 3 x Help Needed	Michael & Dennis 2 x Help Needed	4 x Help Needed			
Cleaners	2 x Help Needed	Michael x1 Help	Cheryl & 1 Needed			