

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Parish of St Thomas the Apostle Kambah.



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Tuesday 25th December 2018
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)
WEEKDAY LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:

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**

Saturday Vigil.....6:00pm
Sunday8:30am & 10.00am
RECONCILIATION: Saturday.....5.00pm to 5.30pm
BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS..... Contact Office

Fr Peter, & Elizabeth of St Thomas the Apostle Kambah would like to thank you & your families for joining us during this Christmas Season.

Christmas is about spending time with family & Friends. It's about creating happy memories that will last a lifetime. May the closeness of friends, the comfort of home, & the unity of our nation, renew your spirits this festive season.

May you have a very Merry Christmas & a Peaceful & Holy New Year.

Many thanks to all that have helped during 2018 in any way big or small we appreciate everything that you have done. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2019.

Archbishop's Christmas Appeal.

The Archbishop's Christmas Appeal for 2018 is conducted at all Christmas Masses throughout the Archdiocese & will again have the funds raised split.

Our support will continue for the ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal & its work in bringing hope & opportunity to those in need in Vanuatu, Myanmar, Zimbabwe, Syria & Pakistan. Contributions will be made to support Diocesan projects locally, within Wilcannia Forbes Diocese & Broome Diocese, & globally, within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria. Other endeavours will include support towards: helping the rural parish of St Joseph's, Battambang in Cambodia provide improved and extended education opportunities to students beyond their infant years to primary, secondary & tertiary levels whilst also seeking to improve the self-sufficiency of the parish and their community is envisaged, projects focused on helping the poor within the La Salette Matha Province in India, & student assistance for those in need at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land.

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There are many examples of bringing joy into the lives of those we help. That was exemplified by the support we received to deliver our Christmas Hampers last weekend. That you all for your support. We wish each & everyone of you a blessed Christmas full of love, fun & blessings.

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 priests to cover weekend masses while he is away including Fr. Kevin Brannelly, Fr. Michael Mullen, Fr. Bernie Hennessy, Fr. Adrian Chan, Fr. Brian Ebert & Fr. Bernie Patterson.

Please make our visiting priests feel welcome & keep Fr. Peter is your prayers for this next stage in his spiritual journey.

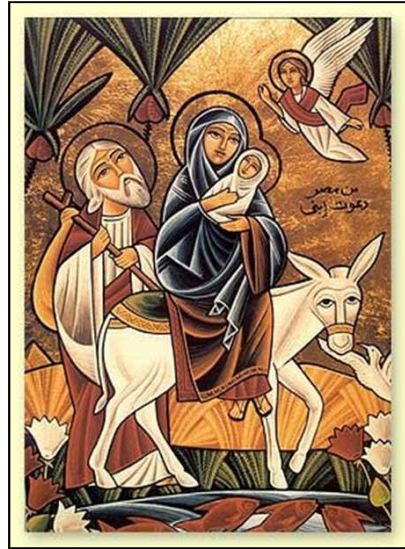
Save the Date: Fr. Peter's 25th Anniversary as a Priest. On Sunday 6th January 2019.

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 & 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.



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

- **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

- **First Day of Term 1, 2019** Monday 4 Feb 2019
- **Opening Mass of School Year** 9:30am, 7 Feb Church
- **Mass of Welcome for Teachers & Staff** 6pm, 9 Feb.

Other Information in the Diocese

- **Buy a Brick for Marymead** - marymead.org.au
- **Evenings for the Engaged**, marriage preparation program, Contact Mark & Kathy Haseler, 6166 7634.
- **2020 Plenary Council** plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au
- **Catholic Voice website** www.catholicvoice.org.au
- <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicVoiceAustralia/>

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

If you wish to be part of planned giving please contact Elizabeth in the Office in the new year. Any amount appreciated, DD, CC, Cash, Cheque accepted.

During Summer there are still many flowers around, signs of new life are everywhere. If you have flowers in your garden that you could donate to help decorate our altar **particularly for New Year**. Please either drop them by the Church on Fridays or contact Barb Phillips, Jenny Szabo or Elizabeth in the office on 6231 9219. Many thanks in advance.

