



**ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH, KAMBAH**  
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**WEEKEND MASSES:** Sunday 1st December 2019  
**1st Sunday of Advent .**

**Saturday Vigil.....6:00pm**  
**Sunday .....8:30am & 10:00am**  
**RECONCILIATION: Saturday.....5:00pm to 5:30pm**  
**BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS..... Contact Office**

**WEEKDAY LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:**  
**Year C - Ordinary Time**

Monday	9:30am	LOW	Liturgy of the Word .
Tuesday	6:00pm	MASS	St Francis Xavier, p.
Wednesday	9:30am	MASS	
Thursday	9:30am	MASS	
Friday	9:30am	MASS	Anointing Mass - followed by Care Group

Thu 5th Dec, 7:30pm - Baptism Preparation in the Parish Centre contact office FYI  
 Fri 6th Dec, 9:30am - Anointing Mass followed by Care Group Meeting in the Parish Centre.  
 Mon 9th Dec, 12pm - Parish Christmas Luncheon at the Labor Club Weston. All welcome.  
 Wed 11th Dec, 6pm - PPC Christmas get together. Parish Meeting Room.

**St Thomas Christmas Get together.** The PPC invites you to join us on Sun 15th Dec. After 10am mass. BYO drinks & salad to share. Sausages & Bread will be provided. This is not a fund raiser, just a chance to get together before Christmas for a picnic in the garden. Please sign up on sheet in foyer for catering purposes.

**As you are all aware there have been a lot of repairs going on within our Church. Thank you all for your patience. Unfortunately the water has come back up in the Sacristy. The insurance has been informed & the plumber is on the job.**

**What's next:** The water is again turned off & toilets & taps are not to be used, please use the facilities in the meeting room. Investigations are underway to try & find the cause of this leak. This is a new claim as far as the insurance is concerned. Lucky the damaged cupboard had not yet been repaired, these repairs will be delayed until we have a resolution, as has the replacing of the pavers & filling of the holes. We are currently getting quotes for this extra work.

**Restoration:** Water to sinks at the back of the church at our own cost is also delayed. **For your own safety please stay away from cordoned off areas. Costs:** Parish costs insurance excess 3 x \$500, roof make safe \$500, roof repair \$6,800 & pipe diversion \$1,700.

**Vatican City (CNS) Pope Francis.** Mass is the highest form of prayer & not an appropriate moment for small talk. At church, Catholics should spend their time in silence before Mass, preparing "to meet with Jesus" instead of engaging in "chitchat". Silence is so important. **In response to this message from Pope Francis** it is imperative that we observe silence in our Church especially before & after Mass. It is a **MUST** that we should have respect for all those who enter the Church to spend time praying & preparing themselves for Mass & time for reflection after Mass. Most importantly the reverence of being silent in the presence of the Lord in the tabernacle is a form of prayer in itself & helps us to receptive to hearing God's word.

**Christmas Mass Times**

Thu 19th Dec  
 6pm 2nd Rite Reconciliation  
 St Anthony's of Padua.  
**Weekend 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec**  
 Normal Masses Sat 6pm, Sun  
 8:30am, 10am & 5pm(V)  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
 7pm: Outdoor Family Mass.  
 9:30pm Vietnamese Mass.  
 12am Midnight Mass.  
**NB:** There will be **NO** 6pm evening mass 24th Dec.  
**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec**  
 9am Christmas Day Mass.  
**NB:** This is instead of 9:30am mass.

**VINNIES NEWS**

Christmas is a time when parents have to make tough choices for their families. For those who can't afford the basics from week-to-week Christmas heightens the anxiety felt during a period that is celebrated as "peaceful & joyful." Not everyone can experience that. If you are able to help to brighten up someone's Christmas please donate to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Cash, food, toys or appropriate gifts for teenagers are always useful & appreciated.

The Piety Stall at the back of our church has an excellent range of cards reflecting the spirit of Christmas and the birth of Christ. They are in packs of 5 & 8 they are very cheap to purchase.

**Advent Reflection & Carols. St Monica's, Evatt, 7 December.** 'Come Let Us Adore Him' This is a Christmas program with a difference! Please join us for carols, reflection & more from 3pm-6pm in the St Monica's School Hall, 1 Deffell St, Evatt. Come & be blessed!

St Caecilia's Choir will hold its annual Carol Service on 7:30pm, Sun, 8 December at the Chapel of St John the Evangelist, ANU. All welcome. FYI: Maria Henry [mrhnr@gmail.com](mailto:mrhnr@gmail.com)

An evening of Christmas Music & Readings With Friar Alessandro 6pm, Mon 9th Dec. St Christopher's Cathedral Canberra Entry FREE or by donation. Bookings Essential [www.voicefrommassisi.org.au](http://www.voicefrommassisi.org.au)

The Ecumenical Choir from Weston Creek invites you to "Sing Hosanna" at St John Vianney's Church at 2:30pm, Sun 15th Dec. It is a celebration of Jesus' birth in songs, carols & readings. All are welcome & bring your voices.

Arthritis ACT provides services for people with chronic pain, mobility or balance issues. If you would like more information about services please contact local volunteer Linden Moffatt on 0404 142 427 or please collect brochure from the foyer. Please share with family & friends.

**FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL.** Journey with St Paul as you relive the Acts of the Apostles & the famous letters of the New Testament. 10 night pilgrimage led by Catholic Priests explores Greece & Greek islands incl. Athens, Corinth, Mykonos, Kusadasi, Crete, Santorini, Hosios Loukas, Delphi, Thessaloniki, Philippi & Kavala. All-inclusive Land Package price of \$4490 + Tips. Covers Entrances & Sites as per itinerary, Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches, Premium Hotels, 3N Cruise with Lunch. All Breakfast & Dinners, Catholic Priest & English speaking professional guides. 2020 dates: **12th May & 20th Oct.** FYI **03 8839 6615 or 1300721561** or email [info@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:info@magiholidays.com.au)

**Upcoming Events & Other Info**  
 Please see **notice board** for more info, & don't forget **previously advertised events.**  
 Archdiocesan website: [www.cgatholic.org.au](http://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
- FYI Contact Murray on 0400 009 923
- **PPC Meeting** 6pm Wed 13 Nov Parish Centre
- **Bible Study / Prayer Groups**
- Wed's 10am Parish C Annette 6231 9357
- Thu's 10am Moya's Home 6231 6015

- **Parish Christmas Lunch** Sun 15 Dec,
- **Advent Reconciliation** 6pm Thu 19 Dec Wanniasa

**Other Information in the Diocese**

- **Buy a Brick for Marymead.** - [marymead.org.au](http://marymead.org.au)
- **2020 Plenary Council** [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)
- **Evenings for the Engaged** marriage preparation program, Contact Mark & Kathy Haseler, 6166 7634.

**Advent has begun,** Christmas is near. Please add your name to Christmas Masses roster in foyer.

The 1st Tuesday of each month our parish will pray the holy rosary in different languages during the holy hour. Mass 6pm, Silent Reflection 6:30pm-7pm, Rosary 7pm-7:30pm. All welcome.

**St Thomas has a Quest Payment System.** The EFTPOS tap & go machine is in the foyer. You can donate \$10 by tapping your EFTPOS card to the machine. Want to donate more simply tap your card again. All money goes to St Thomas to help with running the Parish (& repair costs). Last weekend \$170 was donated. Many thanks to those who tried the machine. Have a go.

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**Weekly Collection & Repair Fund 23-24 Nov.**  
**Required / wk:** \$ 950 **Required / wk:** \$ 1,200  
**1st:** \$ 963 **2nd Collection:** \$ 1,357  
**Roof & Pipe Repair Fund**  
**Target:** \$ 10,500 **Raised** \$ 8,104

**Pope Francis (25 Nov)** The world needs you. Never forget that! The Lord needs you, so that you can encourage all those people around us who are looking for a helping hand to lift them up.

**Roster for 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend of Month (7-8 Dec)**

	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
<b>Acolyte</b>	Nick	Bryce	Warwick F
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Angela Strmota <b>Help Needed</b>	Samuel & Elise Warner	Ian Rebello <b>Help Needed</b>
<b>Readers</b>	Pip & Rachael Niven	Maryellen M <b>Help Needed</b>	Janice R Prakash R
<b>Music</b>	Youth for Christ	Bruna Strmota	Margaret, Bernie, Sandy
<b>Counters</b>	Andrew	And	Cecily
<b>Cleaning</b>	Margaret Foodey		