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**WEEKEND MASSES: Sunday 8th December 2019**  
**2nd 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**

<b>Monday</b>	9:30am MASS The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary	<b>Christmas Mass Times</b> <b>2nd Rite Reconciliation</b> <b>7pm, Wed 18 Dec St John Vianney's - Warramanga</b> <b>6pm, Thu 19 Dec. St Anthony's - Wannassa</b> <b>Weekend 21<sup>st</sup> 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b> <b>Normal Masses Sat 6pm, Sun 8:30am, 10am &amp; 5pm(V)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	6:00pm MASS	<b>Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <b>7pm: Outdoor Family Mass.</b> <b>9:30pm Vietnamese Mass.</b> <b>12am Midnight Mass.</b> <b>NE: There will be NO 6pm evening mass 24th Dec.</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9:30am MASS	<b>Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec</b> <b>9am Christmas Day Mass.</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	9:30am MASS	
<b>Friday</b>	9:30am MASS St Lucy, v.m.	

**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.  
**Sun 15th Dec, 10am** - St Thomas Christmas Picnic, after 10am Mass in the gardens.  
**Wed 18th Dec, 7pm** - Advent Reconciliation held at St John Vianney, Warramanga.  
**Thu 19th Dec, 6pm** - Advent Reconciliation held at St Anthony of Padua, Wannassa.

**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.

**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. Repairs to the damaged cupboard, replacing pavers & filling of holes will be delayed until we have a resolution. 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, make safe \$500, roof repair \$6,800 & diversion. **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.

**VINNIES NEWS**

Food plays an important part in our social lives. At this time of year parties in the lead up to Christmas satisfy an indulgent society wanting to put a year behind them & concentrate on having a good time with family and friends. Not everyone has that luxury & Vinnies recognises the plight of those in need every day of the year. If you can assist in helping a family celebrate Christmas donate to the Vinnies Christmas Appeal.

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.

**Christmas Eve outdoor Family Mass 7pm.** In the school grounds under the big gum tree. Family & friends are warmly invited to join us for this holy occasion. Children are welcome to come dressed up as angels or shepherds. Please bring your own picnic rug & chairs. We need your help to set up for this Mass from 4pm, please.

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 [mthny@gmail.com](mailto:mthny@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 1300721661 or email [info@madholidays.com.au](mailto:info@madholidays.com.au)

**Upcoming Events & Other Info**

Please see notice board for more info, & don't forget previously advertised events.

Archdiocesan website: [www.catholic.org.au](http://www.catholic.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 Get Together 6pm Wed 11 Dec Parish Centre  
 - Bible Study / Prayer Groups

- Wed 10am Parish C Annette 6231 9357  
 - Thurs 10am Moya's Home 6231 6015  
 - Parish Christmas Lunch Sun 15 Dec.  
 - Advent Reconciliation 7pm Wed 18 Dec Warramanga 6pm Thu 19 Dec Wannassa

**Other Information in the Diocese**

- 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. Your help is needed.

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 \$90 was donated. Many thanks to those who tried the machine. Have a go.

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**Weekly Collection & Repair Fund 30 Nov-1 Dec**  
 Required / wk: \$ 950 Required / wk: \$ 1,200  
 1st: \$ 879 2nd Collection: \$ 990

**Roof & Pipe Repair Fund**  
 Target: \$ 10,500 Raised \$ 8,194

**Pope Francis (2 Dec)** The closeness to the Lord invites our heart to approach our brothers & sisters with love, to show compassion towards everyone.

**Roster for 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend of Month (14-15 Dec)**

<b>Acolyte</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Ken Rose</b>	<b>8.30am</b>	<b>John Jarvis</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Phil Nolen</b>
<b>Altar Servers</b>		<b>Pip &amp; Rachael Niven</b>		<b>Lara Kirk</b>		<b>Dominique Busa</b>
<b>Readers</b>		<b>Silvana P Kathy S</b>		<b>Angela Devlin Margaret F</b>		<b>Ethel Lee Grace Taylor</b>
<b>Music</b>		<b>Trish J</b>		<b>Ringrose- Voase Family</b>		<b>Bruna Strmota</b>
<b>Counters</b>		<b>Wayne</b>		<b>And</b>		<b>Leonie</b>
<b>Cleaning</b>		<b>Costello, Vance &amp; Strmota Families</b>				