

THESE NOTICES are for **this weekend, 21 - 22 Dec 2019**. The readings on the reverse of this page are for **next weekend 28 - 29 Dec 2019**. to help with preparation for Mass.



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WEEKEND MASSES: Sunday 22nd December 2019		Christmas Times Tuesday 24th Dec Reconciliation 11am-12pm Outdoor Family Mass, 7pm. Vietnamese Mass, 9pm Midnight Mass. 12am NB: There will be NO 6pm evening mass 24 th Dec.
4th Sunday of Advent .		
Saturday Vigil.....	6:00pm	Wednesday 25th Dec 9am Christmas Day Mass. NB: There is no 9:30am mass.
Sunday	8:30am & 10:00am	
RECONCILIATION: Saturday.....5:00pm to 5:30pm		
BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS..... Contact Office		
WEEKDAY LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:		
Year A - Ordinary Time		
Monday	9:30am LOW Liturgy of the Word	
Tuesday	7:00pm MASS Nativity of the Lord - Outdoor Family Mass	
	9:00pm MASS Nativity of the Lord - Vietnamese Service	
Wednesday	12:00am MASS Nativity of the Lord - Midnight Mass	
Wednesday	9:00am MASS Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day	
Thursday	9:30am LOW St Stephen, the first martyr.	
Friday	9:30am MASS St John, apostle, evangelist.	

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.

Fr Peter, Elizabeth & The PPC 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 2019 in any way big or small we appreciate everything that you have done. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2020.

The Parish Office is now closed and will reopen on Monday 13th January at 9am. The answering machine is on so please feel free to ring & leave a message if you need to speak with Fr Peter. I would like to thank everyone for 2019 and I look forward to 2020. Merry Christmas.

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 will be turned on during weekend services & turned off after. Investigations are ongoing 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.
 We are hopeful that this further damage will be covered by insurance.

VINNIES NEWS

A reminder following on from last week's message that St Vincent de Paul conference will be delivering Christmas Hampers after 10am Mass Sunday. If you can assist please present at the school hall after 10am Mass and deliver a little Christmas cheer to those in need.

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 is nearing a close, Christmas is only a few sleeps away. Please add your name to Christmas Masses roster in foyer. There are some spots left, 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.

31 Dec. The Marian Movement of Priests. Everyone is invited to the 13th annual Canberra New Year's Eve Prayer Vigil, St Brigid's Church, 2 Bancroft St, Dickson commencing at 8pm.

First Cenacle	8pm	Joyful Mysteries
Second Cenacle	9pm	Luminous Mysteries
Third Cenacle	10pm	Sorrowful Mysteries
Fourth Cenacle	11pm	Glorious Mysteries
Exposition	8pm - 11:45pm	

Concluding with Benediction.
 FYI phone Judy & Joe Mewburn 6254 6202

25 Jan 2020

Diocesan Delegates for the Plenary
 Have you been a part of the Plenary Council process of listening, prayer, dialogue & discernment? Do you feel called to express your interest in being a delegate from our diocese? Speak with your parish priest, school principal or agency leader today about the details. Expressions of Interest due by Jan 25 2020.

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.

Roster for Christmas Masses 7pm, Midnight & 9am

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

- **Vinnies Hamper Delivery** After 10am Mass
- **Becoming a Catholic - RCIA** Mon 7:30pm Parish C FYI Contact Murray on 0400 009 923
- **Office Closed** 12pm Fri 20 Dec. Reopens Mon 13 Jan

Upcoming School Dates

- **First Day of Term 1, 2019** 9am Mon 3 Feb 2020
- **Mass of Welcome for Teachers & Staff** 6pm, 8 Feb.
- **Opening Mass of School Year** 9:30am, Fri 14 Feb

Other Information in the Diocese

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

Keep up to date over Christmas with Archdiocese goings on <http://cg.org.au/chancery/Home.aspx>

AMICUS New Years Eve Dinner & Dance to DJ Joe Pelle @ The Austrian Club Mawson. FYI, TBA. Contact: Patricia 0412 351 548.

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 \$160 was donated. Many thanks to those who tried the machine. Have a go.

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Weekly Collection & Repair Fund 14-15 Dec
 Required / wk: \$ 950 Required / wk: \$ 1,200
 1st: \$ 890 2nd Collection: \$ 1,500
Roof & Pipe Repair Fund
 Target: \$ 10,500 Raised \$ 8,504

Pope Francis (21 Dec) May the symbols of the nativity scene & the Christmas tree allow a reflection of God's light & tenderness to enter into family life. Christmas

	7pm Outdoor	12am (midnight)	9am (Wed)	Acolyte	Wayne P	John J	Warwick
Acolyte	1. Nick Strmota 2. Tom Piper	1. Help Needed	1. Help Needed	Altar Servers	Help Needed	Help Needed	Claire VDL Help Needed
Altar Servers	1. Angela S 3 More Needed	1. Angela S	1. Help Needed	Readers	Penny Vanzwol Sue Barber	Angela Devlin Margaret F	Grace Taylor Sonia C
Readers	1. Pam Kearins 2. Chiara Strmota	1. Silvana P 2. Anthony RRV	1. Ethel Lee 2. Warwick J	Music	Help Needed	Margaret, Bernie & Sandy	Help Needed
Special Ministers	Rosanna & Anne B. 7 More Needed	Deb & Wayne P Michael T 3 More Needed	Michael, Jacky & Barbara M, 3 More Needed	Counters	Wayne	&	Leonie
				Cleaning	Wilson Family		

Roster for 5th Weekend of Month (28-29 Dec 2019)