


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



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Wednesday 25th December 2019
The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day)
WEEKDAY LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:

Christmas Eve: Tuesday Evening (NB: no 6pm Mass)
 7:00pm MASS **Outdoor Family** (Under Gum Tree in school yard)
 9:00pm MASS **Vietnamese** (In the Church)

Christmas Day: The Nativity of the Lord
Wednesday 12:00am MASS **Midnight** (*Tue Evening* - In the Church)
 9:00am MASS **Christmas Day** (In the Church - NB: NOT 9:30am)

Thursday 9:30am LOW **Boxing Day** **St Stephen, the 1st martyr**
Friday 9:30am MASS **St John, apostle evangelist**

Weekend Mass Times
 Saturday Vigil.....6:00pm
 Sunday8:30am & 10:00am
RECONCILIATION: Saturday.....5.00pm to 5.30pm
BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS..... Contact Office

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.

This year, the Archbishop's Christmas Appeal will be used to support:
Our support will continue for the ecumenical Christmas Bowl appeal & its work in bringing hope & opportunity to those in need in Zimbabwe, South Sudan, Jordan, Sri Lanka & Tonga.
Contributions will be made to support. Diocesan projects locally, within Wilcannia Forbes Diocese and globally, within the Dioceses of Otukpo, Nigeria.
Other international endeavours will include support towards:
 enabling the rebuilding of houses in the flood affected communities of Kozhikode and Malappuram within Thamarassery Diocese, India; Projects focused on helping the poor within the La Salette Matha Province in India;
Further student assistance for those in need at Bethlehem University in the Holy Land.
Assistance will also be given to Bush Fire affected Dioceses in Northern NSW towards their recovery endeavours.

VINNIES
 On behalf of the parish conference of St Vincent de Paul we want to thank everyone who has contributed with assistance to our needy families & individuals throughout the year. May Christmas be a blessed & peaceful time for you all.

Elizabeth will be out of office until Monday 13th January 2020.
 Answering machine will be on & messages will be checked. I hope that you have a wonderful Christmas & a Peaceful New Year. See you in 2020.

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 or kambah@cg.org.au Many thanks in advance.



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

- **New Year Eve Midnight Mass** Tue 31 Dec 11:59pm
- **Fr Peter's 26th Anniversary as a Priest.** 1 Jan 2020

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
- **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/>

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Kambah
New Year Eve Midnight Mass

Tue 31 Dec 11:59pm, followed by adoration. Mass on New Years Day will be held at 9:30am. New Years Day is Fr Peter's 26th Anniversary as a priest.

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 Judy & Joe Mewburn 6254 6202

Pope Francis (21 Dec) By contemplating God, who became a child, radiating light from the humility of the crib we can also become witnesses to humility, tenderness & goodness. **#Christmas**

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

