


THESE NOTICES are for **this weekend, 28 - 29 Dec 2019** The readings on the reverse of this page are for **next weekend 4 - 5 Jan 2020** to help with preparation for Mass.



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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph
The Octave of The Nativity - Year A
Sunday 29th December 2019.

Saturday Vigil.....6:00pm
Sunday8:30am & 10:00am
RECONCILIATION: Saturday.....5:00pm to 5:30pm
BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS..... Contact Office

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:

Monday	9:30am	LOW	Liturgy of the Word (6th Day of the Octave of The Nativity)
Tuesday	6:00pm	MASS	Mary the Mother of God (7th Day of the Octave of The Nativity)
Wednesday	9:30am	MASS	(8th Day of the Octave of The Nativity)
Thursday	9:30am	MASS	St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen (bishops & doctors)
Friday	9:30am	MASS	Anointing Mass.

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

New Year Eve Midnight Adoration Tue 31 Dec 11:59pm. New Years Day Mass will be Wed at 9:30am. This day is Fr Peter's 26th Anniversary as a priest.

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.

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

Although our conference won't be conducting normal Monday evening meetings throughout January our work will continue. We will be providing assistance as required for those who may find this season not so full of peace, love & joy. Please remember those less fortunate in your prayers, particularly those in our Archdiocese experiencing drought & bushfires. May the New Year bring you unexpected blessings & peace.

Baptism Preparation will be held 7:30pm Thursday 2nd January 2020 in the Parish Meeting Room, FYI contact Fr Peter.

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

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.

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.

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

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**
- **Becoming a Catholic - RCIA** Mon 7:30pm Parish C FYI Contact Murray on 0400 009 923
 - **New Year's Eve Mass** 11:59pm Tue 31 Dec Followed by adoration
 - **New Year's Day Mass** 9:30am Wed 1Jan
 - **Fr Peter's 26th Anniversary as a Priest** Wed 1 Jan
 - **Baptism Preparation Evening** 7:30pm Thu 2nd
 - **Healing Mass** Fri 3rd 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

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). Many thanks to those who tried the machine. Have a go.

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Weekly Collection & Repair Fund will be updated 18/19 Jan 2020

Required / wk: \$ 950	Required / wk: \$ 1,200
Roof & Pipe Repair Fund as at 20 December 2019	
Target: \$ 10,500	Raised \$ 8,504

Pope Francis (12 Dec) Today in the world many Christians are persecuted and give their lives for their faith. Martyrdom is the breath of the life of a Christian, of a Christian community. There will always be martyrs among us: this is the sign that we are following the way of Jesus.

Roster for 1st Weekend of Month (4-5 Jan)

	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Acolyte	Tom Piper	Loia Fotu	Wayne P
Altar Servers	Zoe Schultheis Juliette Taylor	Oliver Briody Jack M B	Kimo G Help Needed
Readers	Ellie Mowlam Pam Kearins	Sienna & Mike Ambrosino	Sonia C Help Needed
Music	Trish Jarzynski	Chiara Strmota	Peter Glynn
Counters	Graeme	And	Dianne
Cleaning	Kim Marshall & Louise & Alex Garrett.		