

St. Joseph's Catholic Church



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Please leave a detailed Message

Second Sunday of Advent

8th December 2013, Year A



ANGELICO, Fra, The Annunciation, 1430-32

Sunday Masses:	Saturday Vigil:	4:00pm (Mass in Polish) 6:00pm
	Sunday:	8:30am 10:00am
Weekday Masses:	Monday–Friday	8:00am
	Saturday	8:30am
Sacrament of Reconciliation:	Saturday	after 8:30am Mass

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday, Thursday: 9:00 am – 2:00pm; Friday: 8:30am – 1:30pm

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS / MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY: 10:00am First Sunday of Advent For the Parish

8:30am Only:

Entrance Antiphon Is 30:19,30

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,

And the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Responsorial Psalm: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

Monday:	8:00am	Immaculate Conception	No Mass Intention
Tuesday:	8:00am	Second week of Advent	No Mass Intention
Wednesday	8:00am	St Damasus	No Mass Intention
Thursday	8:00am	Our Lady of Gaudalupe	No Mass Intention
Friday	8:00am	St Lucy	No Mass Intention
Saturday	8:30am	St John of the Cross	No Mass Intention

Readings: Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

ADORATION CHAPEL

Open during office hours or speak to Father Andrew to arrange another time.

ANOINTING:

Fr. Andrew will anoint personally if the need arises. Please see Father to arrange an anointing.

RECENTLY DECEASED:-

DECEASED ANNIVERSARIES:

Patrick Houlihan

PARISH CELL GROUPS

Will recommence in February 2014

Any enquiries ring Diane 4731 3685;

Elaine 4736 8162; Mavis.4736 4138.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

6:00pm

Midnight Mass

Christmas Day 9:00am

Mass in Polish 11:00am

BECOME A JUNIOR ALTAR SERVER:

If your child has made their First Holy Communion and would like to be a Junior Altar Server, please see Fr. Andrew.

USED STAMPS: Please bring your used stamps and leave in the box at back of the Church. They are sold to help the missionaries.

CENTACARE COUNSELLING FOR CHILDREN RING 9630 7788

WEEKLY ENVELOPES: BANKED \$844.00

DONATIONS TO SANCTUARY PROJECT—LAST WEEK BOX & INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS \$350.55 TOTAL DONATIONS \$35,191.75

THE 2014 COLUMBAN CALENDAR is now available in the Pious Stall for \$9.00 also **Christmas Cards.** Pack of 10 cards \$6.00

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: All are welcome to the Christmas Pageant at 6:00pm on Tuesday 17th December at the School.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Kevin Collins, Alistair McArthur, Lawrence Devitt, John McCahon, Joan Evans, Allan Tuckwell, Carmel Kerr, Clayton Rogers, Debbie O'Connor, Roger Stevens, Brandon Stevens, Karen Morvan, Gisela Drobiszewski, Charles Timmins,

SICK LIST: If you have anyone for the sick list, (due to privacy laws) contact the Parish Office to fill in a form.



**The Rosary Statue will be at the home of
Magda Isbitzki—8th December 2013
Grenville & Shirley Satur—15th December 2013**

DONATIONS AND FUND-RAISING FOR OUR NEW SANCTUARY:

If you would like to donate towards our new Sanctuary please give it to Father Andrew or place it in Donation Box at the entrance to the church.

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS 2014 Any families wanting Sacraments for their children next year must be registered in the Parish for 4 months and attending Mass each Sunday.

CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED

PLEASE JOIN OUR CHRISTMAS CHOIR: We will be having a Christmas Choir at the Midnight Mass this Christmas with Christmas Carol Singing beginning at 11:30pm. If you would like to join us, we would love to have you and ask that you come to our practices beginning Saturday 30th November at 9:15am following Mass and Rosary and continuing each Saturday up to Christmas. Any enquiries please speak to Anna or Rubina.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS TREE will be at the back of the Church from w/e of 30th November/1st December. Please take a gift tag from the tree. All gifts must be back by weekend 14/15 December. *Thank you!*

The Fr Colin McKay Institute of Counselling offers a course designed to develop skills in personal growth, communication, parenting and general counselling principles. Tuesday evenings during school term 7.30pm-9.45pm at Holy Cross College, Victoria Rd Ryde, commencing 4th Feb 2014. Contact Michael Hill 9869 3774 or 0431774432. email:counselling1969@gmail.com

FLOWER ARRANGERS-Assistance is needed to help arrange flowers for the Altar. If you are prepared to give your time you will be working with a partner and you do not need to have experience. You would be rostered on every 6 weeks. Please call Anne on 47314618

ROSARY & BENEDICTION will be held at 5.15pm before 6:00pm Mass every Saturday during Advent

SEWING CLASSES AT ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH. If you are interested, \$10 per session. Saturday 10:00am. Started September. For more information please phone the Parish Office during office hours.

TYPHOON HAIYAN AID RESPONSE. Millions of people are now in need of emergency aid in the Philippines. Please give generously to **Caritas Australia Typhoon Haiyan Appeal.** Call 1800 024 413, donate online at www.caritas.org.au or send your donation to GPO Box 9830 in your Capital City.

KEY FAITH ENCOURAGEMENT CHANCES IN OUR DIOCESE—DON'T MISS OUT!

Our Diocese's *Institute for Mission* has two great opportunities for 2014 which need participants to finalise right now. Go to www.instituteformission.com.au Click on "Courses" in the website and see

+**'Certificate in Pastoral Formation'**
and

+**'Beginning Theology'**

(or see your priest or parish office for info)

The two programs are structured for people's different time availabilities.

CHECK THEM OUT NOW and LET GOD BLESS YOU! You can talk with FR. PAUL or SUSAN at the *Institute for Mission* **Ph: 9831 4911** or office@instituteformission.com.au

Most sincere thank you to Principal Andrew Mullins and students of Wollemi College for their splendid work in the Church's garden. This was their service project which helped our community to beautify our overgrown garden.

Catholic Women's League thanks Principal, staff and students of St Joseph's School, and also Lindsay Gardner for their hospitality and help in entertaining some of the elderly residents of Our Lady of Consolation Home, Rooty Hill.

PILGRIMAGES 2014: Fr. Wim Hoekstra, Parish Priest of Glenbrook, is organizing two pilgrimages in 2014: from July 7 to 23 taking in France and Italy (Paris, Lisieux, Lourdes, Rome, Assisi, Siena, Florence) and from September 19 to October 4 (September school holidays) for Israel and Jordan. Information afternoon: 9 February 2014. For further details, contact Fr. Wim on 4739 8928 or wim@stfinbars.org.au or check the website at www.stfinbars.org.au Limited places available.

“I believe in the resurrection of the flesh” was the theme of the Holy Father's catechesis during this Wednesday's general audience. “It is a truth that is neither simple nor self-evident”, he said, “as, living immersed in this world, it is not easy to understand what will happen in the future. But the Gospel enlightens us”. This vigil, for the “glorious kingdom, which we anxiously await” is “the source and the reason for our hope; a hope which, if cultivated and preserved, becomes a “light to illuminate our personal and communal story”.

The Pope emphasised that “we must always remember we are disciples of He who came, who comes to us every day and who will come to us again at the end”, and reiterated that if we were able to keep this fact present in our minds, we would be less overwhelmed by daily life, less imprisoned by the ephemeral and more willing to walk the path of salvation with a merciful heart”.

Pope Francis recalled that the resurrection that will follow the last day of the end of the world will be an encounter with the Risen Christ for whom we prepare in this life with the Eucharist. “We who in this life are nourished by His Body and His Blood will be resurrected like Him, with Him and by Him. Just as Jesus rose again with His own body, but did not return to an earthly life, we too will rise again with our bodies that will be transformed into glorious bodies”.

“In a certain sense, through our Baptism we already participate in a new life ... and, awaiting the final day, we hold within ourselves the seed of our resurrection, a glimpse of the full resurrection that we will inherit. For this reason, even each of our bodies has the resonance of eternity, and must therefore be respected; and above all the life of those who suffer must be respected and loved, so that they feel the closeness of the Kingdom of God, of that condition of eternal life towards which we are headed”.