



ST ALOYSIUS PARISH

84 KEIGHTLEY ROAD, SHENTON PARK
ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH AUSTRALIA



PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Through our worship and our daily living, we strive to follow faithfully the way of Jesus Christ, tell courageously the truth of Jesus Christ and live joyfully the life of Jesus Christ

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH 27th December 2020

Christmas 2020

It is the time to thank everyone who together made Christmas this year so very special. Thank you Father Manoj who led celebrations for the season so devoutly. To the altar servers and choir who added to the joyous solemnity. To the sacristan and those who worked to present our church so splendidly at the end of a year of dislocation. And of course, thank you to all the faithful who by your presence in the church you revealed the breath of the Holy Spirit at work in our community.

Friday 1st January – Feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God

Next Friday is New Year's Day, and as it is a public holiday, **morning Mass is at 9.00am** and will be followed by morning tea. It is the first Friday of the month and a great feast of Mary, Holy Mother of God.

Nativity Play 2020

Thanks to all the excited children whose active Nativity Play made for a memorable experience. And a special thank you to Fiona, Trish and Kim who marshalled their players so effectively.

Ordination Anniversaries

Congratulations to Fr Thomas who celebrates the 17th anniversary of his ordination this Monday (28th) and to Fr Manoj who celebrates his 18th anniversary next Saturday (2nd). We give thanks for their priestly vocation and pray that God's abundant blessings be upon them and their families.

Part of Archbishop Costelloe's 2020 Christmas Message

"Whatever Christmas looks like this year one thing remains constant. At the heart of Christmas is a celebration of the birth of Christ. As long as we remember this and focus on this, Christmas 2020 will be as significant and as joyful as it always is - and perhaps even more so because we might find ourselves less distracted by the superficial things of Christmas and more free to concentrate on the extraordinary love of God for us which Christmas reveals.

2000 years ago no one could have dreamt that God would be found in a newborn baby lying helplessly in a makeshift crib surrounded by poverty, uncertainty and danger. God is full of surprises and is often to be found in the most unlikely of places and situations. I hope we all find some time to sit quietly gazing at our Christmas crib at home or the Christmas crib in our church and reflect on the extraordinary wonder of God's love, tenderness and care for us. May that helpless baby lying in the manger prompt us to look for God even in the most unlikely places. God is waiting to be found somewhere along the journey of each day. My prayer for us all this Christmas is that the Lord will open our eyes to recognise him when he comes to us and open our hearts to welcome him with joy." Most Rev. Timothy Costelloe SDB Archbishop of Perth

St Vincent de Paul Society - Christmas Hamper Appeal

Thank you all for your generous donations to the annual Vinnies Christmas hamper Appeal. Your donations have made a difference for many of our fellow West Australians who are having a difficult time.

MASS TIMES

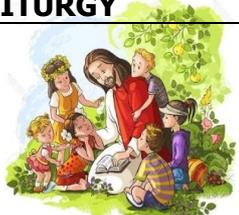
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS	6.00pm
SUNDAY MASS	9.30am
WEEKDAY MASS	8:00am
RECONCILIATION	5.30pm Saturday / by appointment
BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES	by Appointment

Welcome to all who worship with our parish community Morning tea is shared on Sundays after 9.30am Mass in the Parish Centre. Newly arrived and not registered? Please fill in a Parish advisory in the porch.

PARISH CALENDAR

MONDAY 28 December	TUESDAY 29 December	WEDNESDAY 30 December	THURSDAY 31 December	FRIDAY 1 January 2021	SATURDAY 2 January	SUNDAY 3 January
8.00am Mass <i>Holy Innocents</i>	8.00am Mass <i>Saint Thomas Becket</i>	8.00am Mass	8.00am Mass Saint Sylvester I	New Year Day 9.00am Mass <i>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</i>	5.30pm Confession 6pm Mass	9:30am Mass, <i>THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i> Morning coffee

ROSTER

TIME / DATE	READERS	EUCHARIST MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS	CHILDREN'S LITURGY
26 December 6 pm Mass	Readings: L Schiavitti Prayers L Schiavitti		Glen, Georgy	
27 December 9.30 am Mass	1st Reading: T Edwards 2nd Reading D Edwards Prayers: P Meehan	Tuan Tran	Tuan Tran Emily, Henry, Ben	

Pope Francis proclaims "Year of St Joseph"

With the Apostolic Letter "Patris corde", "*With a Father's Heart*", Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

Part of the Urbi et Orbi Christmas Blessing of Pope Francis

I would like to bring to everyone the message that the Church proclaims on this feast with the words of the prophet Isaiah: "To us a child is born, to us a son is given" (Is 9:6)

A child is born. A birth is always a source of hope; it is life that blossoms, a promise of the future. Moreover, this Child, Jesus, was born "to us": an "us" without any borders, privileges or exclusions. The Child born of the Virgin Mary in Bethlehem was born for everyone: he is the "son" that God has given to the entire human family.

Thanks to this Child, all of us can speak to God and call him "Father". Jesus is the only-begotten Son; no one but he knows the Father. Yet he came into the world for this very reason: to show us the face of the Father. Thanks to this Child, we can all call one another brothers and sisters, for so we truly are. We come from every continent, from every language and culture, with our own identities and differences, yet we are all brothers and sisters.

(The full text can be found on the parish website.)

COVID-19 Safety Plan – Phase 4 – Shenton Park

In accordance with Archbishop Costelloe's most recent directives (issued 3rd December 2020), we remain obliged, at all times, to comply with the social distancing rule (1.5 metres clear from others not of your household). To assist with compliance with this rule, when seated in the church, please ensure that you do not sit either directly in front of or directly behind a person already seated.

Please also remember to:

- Record your attendance on the Register, or by using the SafeWA QR app
- Sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church
- Sanitise your seat and kneeler with wipes provided before leaving the Church.

In line with WA Government policy, current practices are to remain in place pending a fresh directive.

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