ST COLUMBA’S CATHOLIC PARISH

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THIRD OF ADVENT:

Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will

PARISH ROSTERS 17 - 18 DECEMBER 2016

Communion Round 2:

Children’s Liturgy:
7:30am  Julie Kelly    9:30am  Jeanne Gilbert

Special Ministers (Mass):
9:30am  Corrina, Felixia, Samantha, Chiara
7:30am  Aimee, Sienna, Hannah, Francesca, Juliet

Servers:
9:30am  Bruno Firriolo, Abner Cabahug
7:30am  Carl Forsey    9:30am  George Key

Cleaners:

WELCOME TO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration with Mother Mary is held prior to Mass Tuesday to Friday, 8:20 - 8:50am.
Adoration Co-ordinators: Mr Philip & Mrs Helen Lee.

THE ROSARY - WEDNESDAY

The Rosary is prayed in our parish every Wednesday evening at 7pm.

DECEMBER BAPTISMS

Through the Waters of Baptism we welcome into our Church Family

LUCIA ROBERT SORELLA
WILLAW ELJEE O’KEEFE

GOD Bless you, your parents and Godparents.

ANNIVERSARIES

December
10  Jack Van Sanden
11  Pattie Kelly
12  Andrea Padrennilla, Margaret Diason
13  Marino Rovedatti, Eugenio Dela Merced
14  Marie Victorien
15  Edith Beets
16  Frank Buck, Ethel James

Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who are

ANNUAL PRAYER TREE FOR CHRISTMAS

Over 50's Christmas Luncheon
Tuesday 13 December 2016
11.00 am Mass
11.30 Pre-lunch drinks & Entertainment
12.00 Christmas Lunch
Venue: Parish Hall
Payment due this weekend - please pay at the Piety Stall
Bookings are now closed, no more tickets will be sold.
Any questions, please phone: Carolyn 9271 1988

THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL:

This week’s Gospel Reading continues our Advent reflection on the person and message of John the Baptist. Last week we heard John speak about his relationship to the coming Messiah, Jesus. This week, we hear Jesus’ message to John the Baptist, now in prison, about the signs of the kingdom found in Jesus’ ministry and Jesus’ assessment of John’s role in the Kingdom of God.

The Gospel of Matthew tells the story of John’s arrest in chapter 14:3-12. In today’s Gospel, John sends word to Jesus from prison, asking if Jesus is the Messiah for whom he has been waiting. Jesus responds by pointing to the miracles that he has worked and invites John and the other hearers to make their own determination. In his next breath, however, Jesus praises John for his role in preparing the way for Jesus. Then Jesus says that all of those who work for the Kingdom of God will be as great as John and even greater.

Jesus’ message to John about the signs of the kingdom being performed recalls the salvation described by the prophet Isaiah. This passage is a reminder that the beginning of salvation is already mysteriously present to us, but also yet to be fulfilled. Salvation is already in our midst as manifestation in the miraculous deeds of Jesus and in the Church. But salvation is also to be fulfilled in the coming reign of God. Even as we observe our world today, we can find glimpses of God’s work among us. Even more, we are to prepare the way for God’s kingdom by our words and our deeds. This message is indeed a cause for rejoicing.

Sunday Connection Loyola Press.

Prayer Tree for Christmas

During Advent you are asked to write a prayer or wish and hang it on our special Christmas tree.

Youth Ministry:
Coordinators: Jermaine Beins & Ylan Pham
RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults Contact: Fr Minh-Thuy Nguyen
RCIC: Rite of Christian Initiation of Children RCIC Coordinator: Julie Kelly

Safeguarding Officers
Contact Details: Please see noticeboard.

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TRIAL BAPTISM:

Sunday 13 December - 7 pm
Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 13 December - 7 pm
The Sacrament of Reconciliation (2nd Rite) with visiting Priests

Saturday 24 December
Christmas Eve Family Mass 7pm
Carols 11.30pm - * prior to Midnight Mass

Sunday 25 December
Midnight Mass 12.00 am
Christmas Mass - 9:30 am

ST COLUMBA’S COMMUNITY

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

We invite you to this year’s Carols by Candlelight which will be held on Sunday 11 December at 7:00pm at St Columba’s Church.

Please bring a plate to share and join us for supper afterwards. Looking forward to seeing you there!

For more information please contact Angela Gorman.
Email: angelabendotti@hotmail.com phone 0407389751.

It promises to be a wonderful evening!

BREAKFAST - SUNDAY 11 DECEMBER
After the 7:30am Mass
(The last one for 2016)

Please come along and join us for breakfast, a chat and an opportunity to make new friends.

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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS ROSTER

ACOLYTEs, ALTAR SERVERs, READERS, SPECIAL MINISTERS & IT VOLUNTEERS
If you would like to volunteer for the Christmas Masses Please add your name to the special roster in the Sacristy.

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ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS CARDS
$2.50 per pack of 5
Now available at the Piety Stall.

The nicest place to be is in someone’s thoughts, The safest place to be is in someone’s prayers, and the Very best place to be is in the hands of God.

Author Unknown.

Donation envelopes for the Archbishop’s Christmas Appeal for LifeLink may be placed in the second collection at all Masses during Advent. We urge you to give generously to help the work of our Archdiocesan social service agencies and help people in need.