Communion Round 1: Children’s Liturgy: Special Ministers (Mass):
9:30am Kiera, Felixia, Thomas, Digby, Eleanor
Acolytes:
Readers:
Cleaners: PARISH ROSTERS 19

and he will save us.

Children who want to take part in the entrance procession are asked
if you would like to volunteer for the Christmas Masses

6pm Nathaniel, Olivia P, Ashleigh P, Ivy, Carys
6:00pm Lorraine Waters
6:30pm Amanda Foster, Patrick Liu

special Christmas mass.

Anniversary:

December
12 Andrea Paderinnia, Margaret Diasan (nee Bride)
13 Eugenio Dela Merced
14 Marie Victoire
15 Edith Beerkens
16 Frank Buck, Ethel James
18 Michael Delaney

Please pray for our parishioners, family and friends who are

December Baptisms
Through the waters of Baptism we welcome into our Church Family
SEBASTIAN BRENTON STRACHAN
BROOKLYN PHAN LE
EMILY CHARLOTTE PETERSEN

Wishing tree for Christmas:
During Advent you are asked to write a prayer or wish and hang it on our special Christmas tree.
• Collect a paper slip from the container beside the tree.
• Write your prayer or wish and hang it on the tree.
• Ask your family and friends to do the same.
• Remember to keep praying and wishing.

Columban Calendars. $9.00
Support the work of the Columban Missionaries throughout the world. Buy a 2015 Columban Calendar from the Piety Stall - only $9.00.

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

CHRISTMAS GIFTS WRAPPED IN LOVE
Gifts for loved ones that have the added benefit of helping a child or family in need.
Caritas Global Gifts Program:
http://www.caritas.org/gifts
Catholic Mission Life Giving Gifts:
www.catholicmission.org.au/gifts

Advent - Parish Program 2015 Program
Wed 16 December - 7:30pm - Meeting Room.

ATAR Advice Day Monday 4 January 2016
Admissions Office, 21 High St Fremantle
As Year 12 ATAR results are released just prior to New Year’s Day, the Prospective Students Office and Admissions Office will be available to provide counselling to students (and parents) looking to explore university options. Staff will be on hand to provide one-on-one course and preference advice.
For more information, please contact the Prospective Students Office: Telephone: 08 9433 0533 - Email: fut ure@nd.edu.au - Website: www.nd.edu.au

WA YOUNG SALESIANS SUMMER CAMP
4 - 8 January 2016
Five day fun filled Camp for 12 - 15 yr olds with Christian background www.wayoungsalesians.com

Thoughts on the Gospel:
Love one another but do it in practical ways.
This mid-point of Advent alerts us to issues of justice and equality. The prophet John has been asked as a sort of trick by people who exploited others with tax bills, and soldiers who often used their brute force on others, how they should repent. His words were tough but quite ordinary – don’t overcharge, share your surplus with the needy and don’t exploit people. It’s another, but more figurative way, of stating the basic demands of ‘love one another’.

Christmas can bring out the best in us for the needy. We are surrounded by charities looking for aid.
We know that Jesus hears the cries of the poor, and he joins every carol singing group trying to help.
Christmas also asks us to consider our honesty and dignity, for we know that many are poor, at home and abroad, because of the greed of others. Christmas is a challenge and a challenge that all can live with the human dignity we have come to regard as human rights – education, safety, shelter, food, water, employment, adequate health care, etc.
We know that Jesus is the face of the Father’s mercy and equality. The prophet John has been asked as a sort of trick by people who exploited others with tax bills, and soldiers who often used their brute force on others, how they should repent. His words were tough but quite ordinary – don’t overcharge, share your surplus with the needy and don’t exploit people. It’s another, but more figurative way, of stating the basic demands of ‘love one another’.

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY
8 December 2015 - 20 November 2016
Pope Francis invites us through his encyclical Misericordiae Vultus, which means the Face of Mercy, to contemplate the need for and meaning of mercy in our daily lives and the wider world:
‘Jesus Christ is the face of the Father’s mercy and His mercy endures forever.
We need constantly to contemplate the mystery of mercy.
It is a wellspring of joy, sorrow, and peace.’
MV Pope Francis

Pope Francis has set out the way to experience and obtain the ‘Jubilee Indulgence’ for the Year of Mercy.
In brief the Conditions for obtaining the Jubilee indulgence are:
• Pilgrimage to the Holy Door
Sacrament of Reconciliation
Celebration of the Eucharist which includes the Profession of Faith
Prayers of the Holy Father
Prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father
Reflection on Mercy

Full details are available on Parish noticeboards.

Pilgrimage Churches and Shires for the Archdiocese of Perth:
• St Mary’s Cathedral, Perth
• St Patrick’s Basilica, Fremantle
• Our Lady of the Mission, Whifords
• Carmelite Monastery, Nedlands
• Redemptorist Monastery, North Perth
• Schoenstatt Shrine, Mt Richon
• Holy Trinity Abbey, New Norcia
• St Mary’s, Kalgoorlie

SPECIAL EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION TO OPEN THE HOLY DOOR FOR COMMENCEMENT OF THE YEAR OF MERCY
Archbishop Timothy Costelloe will this month celebrate the commencement of the Jubilee Year of Mercy with the opening of the Holy Door at St Mary’s Cathedral. The landmark event will take place on Saturday, 12 December at the 6.00pm Mass, with all members of the Perth Catholic community invited to come together for the occasion.