

Advent Greetings: We light the Rose coloured candle on the Advent wreath, and the celebrant wears rose coloured vestments this week end – (Rose Vestments are thanks to a parishioner who donated them, anonymously). Rose colour denotes a brief interlude of JOY during the Advent time of Preparation for the approaching coming of the birth of the Messiah. In the monasteries whenever Purple appears in the liturgy, the food and drink at the table gets quite a bit slimmer in the name of penance to encourage the inward journey of spiritual refurbishment. So, the Rose colour is in honour of what is called *Gaudete* Sunday – “*Rejoice...*” – (the opening words in Latin of the Entrance Antiphon for this Sunday), for the Saviour is about to come, and the fasts were relaxed a wee bit.

THE YEAR OF GRACE: 2012

From the Bishops’ Conference, a Year of Grace has been proclaimed for 2012.

Our local Bishop, the youthful Peter Comensoli, is directing it.

Archbishop Philip Wilson, president of the Australian Catholic Bishops’ Conference wrote: “We recognize, firstly, God’s abundant blessings to us...in your own lives...in large public celebrations such as WYD in Sydney and the canonization of Mary MacKillop.

We also acknowledge with sadness that we are a Church in need of healing. There are many wounds – most especially the wounds of abuse which have left not only those abused but the whole Church in need of healing.

There is also the struggle to defend the dignity of the first Australians and those who come as migrants and refugees to our shores. We need to extend the hand of friendship to those of other nations and faiths and to be good stewards of the created world.

Most deeply, we desire for the light of Christ to burn more brightly in the heart of each Australian.

As Bishops....our response in faith is to *start afresh with Christ*.

We make this call, firstly and most urgently, to ourselves as bishops. We are resolved, in the words of John Paul II, to contemplate the face of Christ.”

They go on to nominate two areas:

Repentance “for individual and collective failures”;
and “to cultivate the gifts of the Holy Spirit”.

This does seem a little vague, but no doubt Bishop Comensoli will give us some clear directives as the year unfolds.

Enjoy the lead up to Christmas... don’t forget the Sacrament of Reconciliation...

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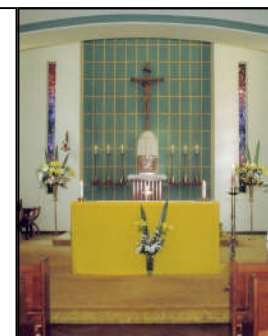
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

11TH DECEMBER, 2011

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2. 10-11

Second Reading: Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Gospel: John 1:6-8. 19.28

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either side of
centre aisle .
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Entrance Antiphon. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.

Responsorial Psalm: My soul rejoices in my God.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia, The spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Say to the anxious; be strong and fear not, our God will come to save us.

MASS TIMES:

OLSH - Sat: 12noon, Vigil 6pm.

**Sun : 8am, 10am, 12noon, 6pm, & Last
Call Eucharist 10.30pm**

Week days

**Mon-Sat 12noon, Tues & Wed 6.30am,
Thurs & Fri 5.40pm.**

Reconciliation: Sat 11am—12 noon & 5—6pm

Anointing Mass: 2nd Friday at 12noon

**Marian Novena & Rosary: following 6pm Vigil
Mass.**

ST. MARGARET MARY’S:

Saturday Vigil - 5.30pm. Sunday 9.30am

**Weekdays - Tues, Wed. Fri, 8.15am
Thurs (School Term) 9.05am**

Reconciliation: Sat. 5.15- 5.25pm.

Baptisms: 1:30pm on 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays.

Preparation required—contact Parish Office.

POWH Chapel - Mass 3pm - 1st & 3rd & 5th

Sundays also every Wednesday at 12.00 Noon.

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Into your loving care, Lord,
we commend:
RECENTLY DECEASED:
Januaria De Guzman, James Ocampo,
Rita Vanderbyl, Helen Giugni, Mervyn Cout-
tinho, Florencia Biasaga.



ANNIVERSARIES & INTENTIONS:
Elaine Mary Lawrence. Pat Ricketts, Godfrey Brou-
wers, Leighna Vargas, Marcia Summerhayes and
deceased members of the Summerhayes Family,
David Scahill, Mary Guilfoyle, Bryan Butler,
Mary Dwyer(Birthday Rem) Rosario Natoli,
Iolanda Merlino. Tony Hayek.

ALL OLSH FAMILIES are invited to come
along, get involved and help celebrate
our CHRISTMAS VIGIL mass at 6pm on Sat-
urday 24th December.
Singers, musicians, readers and participants
for the beautiful Gospel dramatisation.
We will have two rehearsals in the Church:
Wednesday 14th December and Wednesday
21st December 3.30 - 5pm.
If you would like to be involved, please contact:
Chantal Sneddon: 0404 031 607 or
Bernadette Cugin: 0417 240 805



NEW PARISHIONERS: Please fill in and hand to
a Priest at Mass.

NAME

Email

ADDRESS:

PHONE NO.

Date Submitted:

CD - You Must Remember This – by
Brenda Maher - a CD of popular songs
which she has played on the piano.
Brenda would be known to generations of
OLSH parishioners as she so often played
piano for concerts, CYO, St Pat's Day
Dos, OLSH Hospital fund raisers, CYO
concerts, weddings (still on the go for
them). Following World War II Brenda
was at the keyboard for welcome home
dances for the returning soldiers. The
proceeds of the CD will go to the Sisters
of St Joseph ministries: on sale at the
8.00am and 10.00am Masses next week-
end – a lovely Christmas Present, too.
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**DON'T FORGET! RECONCILIATIONS
FOR ADVENT:**
Second Rite: 10.30am Tuesday 13th Dec.
and 7.10pm-Wed. 14th Dec.
First Rite: PRIOR TO EACH MASS FOR
20 MINS. Also 20 Mins before each Mass.

Catechist Training
We urgently need new catechists to teach
or assist to teach Scripture for half an
hour each week to Catholic children in
Government Schools next year.
A Basic Accreditation Course consisting
of two sessions 10am - 2pm on Tuesday,
February 7 and 14 will be held in Ventnor
next year.

INVITATION
to share Christmas Dinner with some
MSCs
CHRISTMAS DAY
Following the Midday Mass
at Ventnor
RSVP 93996775 by Monday 19th
December

*We still need volunteers to help set up
the meal. Contact Parish Office . Fr
Peter invites the helpers to a Xmas
Dinner after the 6.00pm Mass at The
Spot or wherever is open. PHMSC*



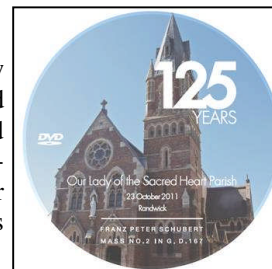
Coming Up:
• 10/11 Sat Sun Masses ST. V de
P Xmas Appeal.
• 13 Dec Tues: 2nd Rite Rec.
10.30am
• 14th Dec Wed: 2nd Rite Rec at
7.30pm.
• 14th Dec Wed: 9.30am OLSH
Graduation Yr. 6. Mass.

**ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY
CHRISTMAS APPEAL**
Your local Conference of the Society is
conducting their Christmas Appeal this
weekend. Over the past 12 months the
Conference has outlayed \$13,200 in
cash and food vouchers to assist indi-
viduals and families in financial need.
In
addition assistance has also been given
with meeting electricity,
water etc accounts and provided cloth-
ing and furniture.
Your support of this Appeal is greatly
appreciated to enable the Conference to

A Registered Nurse is required to care for
the frail and elderly priests and brothers at
the Sacred Heart Monastery at Kensington.
The position is part time and is for three
days a week for a total of 12-15 hours.
Some experience in aged care is desired.
For further information including job
description, please contact
Br. Peter Harvey-Jackson on 9662 7188 or
write to Sacred Heart Monastery, P.O. Box
13, Kensington NSW 1465.

DVD of 125 Years Mass Available

The DVD of our special Mass for 125 Years of OLSH is now
available. The music for this Mass was composed by Schubert and
featured the OLSH Choir and Orchestra. Some interesting 'behind
the scenes' footage is also included! DVDs and Blu Rays are avail-
able for \$10 after Mass or in the Piety Store (Blu Rays are better
quality than DVD but a Blu Ray player is required). Many thanks
to Tony, Randy, Min and Brett for making this available.



EMHC who are not on email. The new roster
from January to March is now available for
collection from the Sacristy.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT: we still
have some copies of the beautiful book:
Mary, A Window to the Light (pictorial
presentation of our Main Window)
prepared by our Barbara Bowring and Sr
Marie Farrell. It makes a beautiful present
and is available for \$10. (Foyer of Church
or office).

NEW SIGNS:

HEARING IMPAIRED: "Audio Sign" on front of
Bulletin and at Entrances – indicates a Special
"Loop"
Installed which covers the front 6 rows either side
of the main aisle. People who are Hearing Im-
paired should turn their
Hearing Aids to the special switch to directly pick
up the sound system.

ACCESSIBLE SEATING: You will notice *Wheel
chair, prams and accessible seating* signs are now
permanently in place.

The accessible seats do not have kneelers to make
them accessible for people with walking frames,
walking sticks;
Some of the seats *marked Accessible Seating* ei-
ther side of the centre aisle nearer to the front are
reserved for **wheelchairs, and prams**.
However, if they are not filled, they can be used by
any parishioner. Should they be needed I would
ask you to vacate them.