

**Advent Greetings:** This weekend we light the final candle on the wreath – the Shepherds' Candle – reminding us that it was to these lowly men on the margins that the Good News was first trumpeted. Shepherds, for all the imagery of God as the Faithful Shepherd of Israel, were a despised group, as their life style kept them from even remotely following the Law of Moses. So, this is a huge statement about the ways and preferences of God revealing himself in the infant of Bethlehem – no one is left out, not the bottom rung of the social ladder of the day as seen in the shepherds, nor the top rung seen in the mysterious Wise Men following their star. All are gathered in Bethlehem's lowly stable, shoulder to shoulder, united in wonder at this drawing close of God. And so we light the candle, taking our place in awe and wonder at the Mystery of Divine Light so gently come among us.

#### GOOD NEWS from the MSCs.

On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December two of our novices made their first profession of vows at Douglas Park. They will move to Blackburn in Melbourne to begin their Seminary studies.

On Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December at Willoughby, Patrick Mara made his Final Profession as an MSC at St Thomas' Church in Willoughby. Willoughby is where the MSC have established their Postulancy (first stage of formation) in a former Josephite Convent. The MSCs took on the ministry of the Parish in 2005 in order to establish the Postulancy there. Patrick will come and live at Randwick from mid-January till the end of February for some mild pastoral involvement, after which he will return to Melbourne to continue his studies.

In early November two young men entered the Novitiate at Douglas Park.

In Early February next year, one man will enter the Postulancy at Willoughby. He has had contact with us through the UNSW and through the Young Adults Group here. (I hear there is the possibility of another Postulant – please God).

This brings the number of men in formation for the Australian Province to 8. A very slow but steady growth.

In Vietnam, our sister community has been founded and is supported by the Australian Province, and technically part of our Province:

Two men have entered the Postulancy.

Four have entered the Novitiate.

Two will make their first profession of vows, while there are another 6 in temporary vows, bringing their number to 14 or so. We began in Vietnam around 2002.

Finally: in anticipation, a word of THANKS to all who have been working to make our Christmas Liturgies uplifting. We have 10 Masses across the two Parishes on Christmas Day which this year, mercifully, falls on a Sunday. THANKS to the busy bees preparing the Ventnor Christmas Day meal – it looks like a 5\* setting. And THANKS to those who have brought presents to the MSC Community – we are touched by your generosity now and throughout the year. **Peter Hearn**



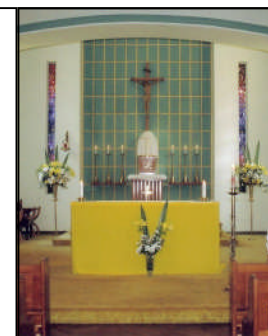
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### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

#### 18TH DECEMBER, 2011

First Reading: Samuel 7: 1-5. 8-12. 14-16

Second Reading: Romans 16: 25-27

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

Audio Loop -  
Front 6 seats  
either side of  
centre aisle .  
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Entrance Antiphon: Let the clouds rain down the Just One, and the earth bring forth a Saviour.

Responsorial Psalm: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation : Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: The Virgin is with child, and shall bear a son, and she will call him Emmanuel.

#### 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:**

Florencia Biasaga, Johnny O' Neill,  
Tim Hazelton, Helen Guigni, Beatrice Marshall,  
Loretta O' Rourke.

May Byrne. Audrey Michie.

**ANNIVERSARIES & INTENTIONS:**

Sheila Stanley, Tony Mathers, Frances Gerard Dowd,  
Nellie & Francis Strettles, Yvonne Da Lorenza,  
John Anthony Dunning, Robert Malouf (Birthday)  
Sznajder Family, Dolores Montilla, Betty Scott,  
Finn Family, Anthony Chong, Pat Murray, Winifred  
Sharpe, Sr. Joan Smith CSB, Kath Rolland.



We welcome into our Catholic Family:

Emily Norris, Laetitia Wang,  
Kenjie Sebastian.



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.

Next rehearsal in the Church on  
Wednesday 21st December 3.30 - 5pm.

If you would like to be involved, please contact:

Chantal Sneddon: 0404 031 607 or

Bernadette Cogin: 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 sol-  
diers. The proceeds of the CD will go to the  
Sisters of St Joseph ministries: on sale at the  
8.00am and 10.00am Masses this weekend – a  
lovely Christmas Present, too. PHMSC

**INVITATION**

*to share Christmas Dinner with some  
MSCs*

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

*Following the Midday Mass  
at Ventnor*

*RSVP 93996775 by Monday 19th  
December*

*Contact Parish Office if you would like  
to come along. Fr Peter invites the  
helpers to a Xmas Dinner after the  
6.00pm Mass at The Spot or wherever  
is open. PHMSC*

**THANKS** in advance to all who are  
helping with the Christmas Dinner at  
Ventnor. It is shaping up to be a 5 star  
event again .

**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.

Please telephone Denise Roye 9 3999 581  
for further details.

**SMM SCHOOL:** Next year Kathy Hodgins  
will be the acting Principal at SMM for the  
First Term while Mrs Walton continues her  
leave. Our THANKS to Susan Clifton for lead-  
ing the school over the past term. We welcome  
also Susanne North as she takes up the role of  
Parent Educator, the ground work for which has  
been established by Sarah Beer who also inau-  
gurated that role at OLSH Primary. Sarah re-  
turns to the classroom full time at OLSH. The  
Graduations at both SMM and OLSH have  
been very joyous occasions with beautiful  
liturgies and assemblies to follow. Con-  
gratulations to all at Brigidine and  
Marcellin for their fine results. One can  
only be proud of our Parish Schools. May  
all enjoy a well-deserved rest.

A Registered Nurse is required to care for  
the frail and elderly priests and brothers  
at the Sacred Heart Monastery at Ken-  
sington. 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.

Fr. Joshua is now appointed to Willoughby  
St. Thomas' Parish and House of  
Formation (changed from Kippax Parish in  
Canberra where he was originally  
appointed to.)

**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.



**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES  
ST. MARGARET MARYS ,  
RANDWICK NORTH.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE:**

4.30: Children's Mass

6.30pm Vigil

**CHRISTMAS DAY:**

9.30AM MASS.

**OUR LADY OF THE SACRED HEART  
CHURCH:**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

6PM CHILDRENS MASS

8PM—VIGIL.

11.30 PM - CAROLS PRIOR TO

12.00 MIDNIGHT MASS

**CHRISTMAS DAY:**

**THANKS:** to the OLSH P&F for the wonderful  
fair and stalls with barbeque breakfast two weeks  
back. As well as raising money for various groups  
including the MSC Mission Office Clean Water  
Project, it was a great way to gather people  
together as a parish community.

**ST VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY:**

Your local Conference of the Society wishes to  
express their thanks for your generous support  
of the Christmas Appeal held last weekend.  
\$6,300 was raised which will greatly assist  
them to continue their work in the local area  
and the Prince of Wales Hospital complex.

