

Summer Greetings:

Reminder about Christmas Masses at OLSH & SMM: Usual Masses for Saturday 23 December – 6.00pm OLSH and 5.30pm SMM:

SUNDAY 24 December: OLSH: 8.00am, 10.00am, Midday...then, as this year Christmas Day falls on a MONDAY: The Sunday 24 December 6.00pm Mass becomes the Vigil Masses for Christmas: 6.00pm Children's Vigil;

8.00pm (Sunday 24 December – Christmas Eve),

Midnight Mass preceded by Carols from 11.25pm

Christmas Day: 8.00am, 10.00am, Midday, 6.00pm (Note - no 10.30pm Mass)

SMM: Saturday 23rd December: usual Mass at 5.30pm; Sunday 24th December, usual Mass at 9.30am;

Then: 4.30 Childrens' Vigil Sunday 24th December: = Christmas Vigil Mass; and 6.30pm Christmas Vigil Mass: No 9.30am Mass on Christmas Day at SMM.

CHRISTMAS DAY DINNER AT VENTNOR: Volunteers happily received for Christmas Day Dinner to set up and then clean up afterwards and, of course, dine with us.

Begins following Midday Mass Christmas Day at Ventnor for people who may live alone or not have somewhere to go for lunch.

We all sit down together and enjoy a beautiful meal and one-another's company (and Santa comes to bring us joy).

Contact Parish Office 93996775 to either volunteer or attend the dinner. Peter Hearn MSC

Our Randwick St. Vincent de Paul Christmas appeal takes place weekend 9/10 Dec. Your kind support will enable our ongoing assistance to be given to those in need in our own locality and to those from around NSW accompanying a family member admitted to our POW Children's Hospital. Such admissions often occur with little notice or time for parents to make provisions.

Australian Catholic Youth Festival – Sydney. This festival spans three days and nights: Thursday – Saturday culminating with a combined Mass in the Sydney Domain on this (December 9) Saturday evening. It was anticipated that around 19,000 youth would attend – many of them from Sydney Catholic Schools who would go as a group from Years 9 and 10 – hence Brigidine and Marcellin students are attending.

It will be hoped that with all the effort expended by so many for this Sydney event, that the faith of youth who attend, their sense of Catholic identity and practice, will be enhanced greatly.

It is to be noted that so much is loaded onto schools to be, among other things, almost solely, the vehicles for communication of the faith – whereas the schools operate out of the understanding that the parents are the “first educators of the ways of our faith for their children”. The schools are partners in this. Our need as a parish community is to find ways to more effectively assist both in their endeavours. Hopefully we can get some feedback from our youth who attended the Festival and some ways forward to promote their life as young Catholics. Fr Tru has been in attendance at some sessions and the final Mass and may be lightning rod of information for us. Peter Hearn MSC



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9/10 December, 2017
Second Sunday of Advent- Year B

1st Reading: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: 2 Peter 3:8-14

Gospel: Mark1:1-8

Entrance Antiphon: O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, let us see our kindness, and grant us your salvation,

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

Parish Office

Monday- Friday 9am-5pm (Closed 1pm-2pm)

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Our Lady of the Sacred Heart

Monday: Midday Mass

Tuesday: 6:30am Mass, 11am (Holy Hour), Midday Mass.

Wednesday: 6:30am Mass, Midday Mass

Thursday: 11:30am (Novena), Midday Mass, 5:40pm Mass.

Friday: Midday Mass (Anointing Mass 2nd Friday), 5:40pm Mass, 6pm (Holy Hour)

Saturday: 11am (Reconciliation), Midday Mass, 5pm (Reconciliation), 6pm Vigil Mass.

Sunday: 8am, 10am, Midday, 6pm. 10.30pm

St. Margaret Mary's Saturday: 5:15 (Reconciliation), 5:30pm Vigil Mass. 9.30am

Baptisms

Held at OLSH, 1:15pm Sundays. Contact the Parish Office on 9399 6775.



Accessible Seats - Rows
5,6,7 and cross aisles.
Front 6 seats either side
of centre aisle.

Into your loving care we commend :

Recently Deceased: , Josephine Dickson, Mary McElligott, Mrs Barry, Jonn Gannon, Kathleen Mawks, Anne Pledger, Sr. Clement Cullen.

Anniversaries , Birthday Remembrances and Deceased: John Whittaker, Winifred Sharpe, Ethel Sharpe, Ronaldo Morelos, Anthony Chong, Pat Ricketts, Pauline Canes, David Scahill, Rosaria Natoli, Iolanda Melino and children, Harold and Bertha Klyne, Maria and John Koh and Ricky and Joseph Koh, Silva, Chura, Vidal, Munez, Real, Calumpang Families, Catherine Marshall, Paul Joseph, David Scahill.

Special Intentions: Sheila Collins(Birthday), Fr. Frank Perry.

We welcome into our Catholic family:

Ivy and Charlie Cunningham



ATTENTION CHRISTIAN MEDITATORS (in the tradition as revived by Fr John Main). Just a reminder that if you cannot make it to the session at 7pm Mondays in Ventnor, it's also on every Tuesday at 7pm at the parish centre (at the eastern end of St Margaret Mary's school, Randwick North). There's also the session before midday Mass Mondays. **Newcomers always welcome. A great way to pray.** Fr Doug

Oish Youth Group: Contact youtholsh@gmail.com Meet third Saturday of the month, 4.00pm. This is a beautiful occasion for young people (Year 4- upwards – Year 10 or so). They have an opportunity to participate more meaningfully in the life of the parish, together with a time of simple fun together. Peter Hearn MSC

Young Adults

Change of night for meetings to Tuesdays: The group meets first and third Tuesdays of the month in the Cloister Room . Contact Fr Tru: truducnguyen@gmail.com

Coming Up

- ◆ **Dec 7-9:CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL: OLYMPIC PARK:** Concludes with Mass in Domain Saturday evening.
- ◆ **Sat/Sun9-10 Dec: ST VINCENT DE PAUL Christmas Appeal.** Reconciliation 20 mins before all Masses.
- ◆ **Tues 12 Dec:** Our Lady Guadalupe (Mexico)
- ◆ **Wed 13 Dec:** St. Lucy. OLSH School Graduation Mass
- ◆ **Thurs 14 Dec:** St. John of the Cross (Spain)
- ◆ **Fri 15 Dec:** Brigidine Staff Mass
- ◆ **Sat/Sun 16/17:** 3rd Sunday Advent-Blessing of Home Cribs-figure of Jesus all Masses.

All children of the OLSH parish are invited to be in the Christmas play at the 6pm kids vigil mass on Christmas Eve.

Rehearsals will be held in the church on Monday 11th and 18th December 3.30-4.30pm. On Christmas Eve they will need to be at the church from 5.00pm.

Any adults and children wishing to either sing or play an instrument are also welcome. Please email jodiemcinness@gmail.com if interested . Peter Hearn, MSC

GROW: a support and mutual help group meets in Ventnor House, 6.30pm every Wednesday. We help with loneliness, depression, anxiety... we offer a proven program started by fellow sufferers. Truth, character and friendship, is our motto. All newcomers welcome. For further information, phone 9633 1800 (the NSW GROW office).

Piety Shop: St. Vincent de Paul Christmas cards Christmas cards now on sale at the shop . Also we have in stock Fr. Mac's Christmas Puddings Shop opens office hours during the week and 9.00am to 1.00pm on Sundays.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection - Tax Deductible: **St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal:** In the last financial year, the Randwick Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society was able to give, through the generosity of parishioners assistance to persons in need on 565 occasions. The amount given out totalled \$28.981 This money was raised through our two fund raisers, the Christmas Appeal and the Winter Appeal This year the Christmas Appeal will be held next weekend 9/10 December at all Parish Masses. We hope that you will be able to continue with your generosity and support our appeal to help others in need.

ADVENT PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS SPECIAL ADORATION/QUIET TIMES

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

AFTER EACH MASSES CONCLUDES (INCLUDING THE SATURDAY VIGIL MASS ON 16TH DECEMBER) TILL 7.15PM SATURDAY EVENING

FOLLOWING 8.00AM, 10AM 6PM FOR 15 MINUTES

AND MIDDAY MASS TILL 1.15PM

Time for time out from the rush to renew, focus, quieten the soul in preparation for the true meaning of Christmas – the Coming of the Light of the World into our world... enjoy the quiet...visit the Crib

New Parishioners (Hand to a Priest or Acolyte after Mass)

Name: _____ Contact No: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ Date Submitted: ___/___/___

2) Blessing of the Baby Jesus from your own cribs: apparently a lot of churches around the world have this tradition of **blessing the infant Jesus of their home nativity scenes.** So, you might like to bring the figurine of the infant Jesus to the Masses on the 3rd Sunday of Advent (17 Dec) and we will bless them for you at the end of the Mass. PHmsc for the Liturgy Group.

Kingsford Legal Centre: Based on the ground floor of the Law Building, NSW. 9385 9566. Offers confidential, free legal advice to people who live, work or study in the Randwick and Botany areas. They can help with matters for example - discrimination, money problems, unfair dismissal and many others., Further information, contact them on the above phone number and also see leaflets in the foyer of the Church.

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ADVENT: 1) Extra Sacrament of Reconciliation

From the 2nd Sunday of advent (10 Dec), 20 minutes before each Mass, Sundays and weekdays, except the 6:30 a.m. Masses.

Ms. Y. Connell - please contact the Parish Office for Cana Receipt.