

# ST JOSEPH'S ✠ ST MONICA'S SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

CLUSTER OF PARISHES

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We gather, pray, and celebrate on the traditional land  
of the Dja Dja Wurrung people.

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Our parishes are committed to child safety. All children and young people who come to our parishes have a right to feel and be safe. The welfare of the children and young people in our care will always be our first priority and we have a zero tolerance of child abuse.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A: 3RD DECEMBER 2023

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**Organist/Director of Music:** Paul Taylor  
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**Parish Secretaries:** Chris Quinn, Maree Ellis

**Pastoral Associate:** St Joseph's Q/H, St Monica's K/F  
Mr Andrew Howe



### EUCHARIST ADORATION AND PRAYER PREPARING FOR CHRISTMAS

During the Advent season, in preparation for our celebration of the Saviour's birth, we will have an hour of prayer and reflection in Sacred Heart Cathedral each Thursday evening in December. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and opportunity for personal and communal prayer.

**Thursday evenings 5.15pm - 6.15pm December 7th, 14th and 21st in Sacred Heart Cathedral.**

### MASS CANCELLATIONS

Cathedral—Friday 8th December 8am  
St Joseph's—Tuesday 12th December 6pm

### ADVENT SEASON

In preparation for the celebration of the Saviour's birth, and during the Advent Season, a reflection day of prayer will be held @ St Joseph's, Quarry Hill on Tuesday 12th December, 10am-3pm, incorporating talks, celebration of Eucharist, opportunities for quiet prayer.

All Cathedral cluster parishioners welcome.  
Coffee, tea and a light lunch will be provided.

### **CATHEDRAL CHOIR SCHOLARSHIP AUDITIONS (2024)**

The Cathedral Choir is looking to recruit new members in all voice parts (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) and scholarships to the value of \$1,200 per year are available for successful applicants from Catholic schools in the Bendigo region. The famous saying: "those that sing, pray twice" is attributed to St Augustine of Hippo (c. 354-430), a famous Father of the Church who is honoured in the Cathedral's daily Mass chapel and rear stained glass window. Promoting and supporting the choir's membership is a powerful way to help choristers and congregations enter into the spirit and mystery of the Church's liturgy and prayer. Auditions will be held on **Sunday 17 December 2023** and on **Sunday 28 January 2024** after the 11am Mass in the Cathedral Choir Room.

Enquiries: [paul.taylor@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:paul.taylor@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

### **SACRED HEART CLUSTER SOCIAL LUNCHEON**

The SHC cluster luncheon is a week earlier 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

West Bendigo Stadium, Inglis St @ 12 Noon - Please contact Suzanne by the 12<sup>th</sup> December for bookings to avoid disappointment being Christmas season. Suzanne's phone number is 0435 836 812.



### **APPEAL FOR UKRAINE** **2023 ADVENT**

The war in Ukraine with all its suffering and displacement drags on. Last Advent (2022) we held an appeal for Ukraine which met with a generous response. The funds raised and distributed have all been accounted for. To assist our brothers and sisters in Ukraine again this Advent we will have a leaving collection in our Cluster of Churches on weekend of December 16th/17th (3rd Sunday of Advent). As you are able, please support the appeal.

### **SANDHURST DIOCESE 2023 ADVENT LEAFLETS**

'The Way of Trust and Love' is the theme for the 2023 Sandhurst Diocese Advent leaflets, with Scripture readings, and passages from the writings of Pope Francis and St Therese of Lisieux, in honour of the Jubilee Year of St Therese of Lisieux, highlighting the simple way of trust and love St Therese implemented in her life leading to her Sainthood. Now available online at the Sandhurst Diocese website [www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au](http://www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au) or printed copies from your parish on request.

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT—SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER AT 3PM**

With combined choirs of Sacred Heart and St Paul's Cathedral Bendigo led by Paul Taylor, Sarah Gould, Rohan Phillips & Stan Jackson with St Patrick's Cathedral Brass, Melbourne led by Dennis Freeman. Brass & Carol arrangements by Gabrieli, Monteverdi & Willcocks. Sunday 10th December at 3pm.

Admission \$30 or \$25 conc; Children under 18 free.

Tickets: Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/CNNSO>

### **CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SANDHURST THEOLOGY SCHOLARSHIPS: SEMESTER 1 2024**

Designed to support the mission formation of parishioners through formal theological studies, especially those with or who are seeking pastoral leadership roles in the diocese of Sandhurst.

Are you interested in studying theology or spiritual leadership in 2024?

Scholarships are available for Sandhurst parishioners to study online post-graduate courses in theology at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne

50% of the tuition fees will be reimbursed (full cost: credit \$2,882, audit \$650).

You may study for credit towards a Master's degree/Graduate certificate/Graduate diploma or for audit.

If you have not studied at a tertiary level before you can take advantage of the "Professional Attainment" pathway.

Scholarships are also available for the year-long *Damascus Spiritual Leaders Program* at Heart of Life, Melbourne (50% of full cost reimbursed: full cost \$9,816 with tertiary credit). (According to the Heart of Life website the program is closed, however positions are still available for parishioners in the Sandhurst diocese.) Please see attached document for details on course offerings.

### **ST JOSEPH'S, VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL GIVING TREE**

This year the families that Saint Vincent De Paul are supporting will be receiving vouchers to help them meet their Christmas needs – to support this aim you are invited to take an envelope from the Christmas Giving Tree at the church entrance and return either a voucher or cash donation by Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you for your consideration.

### **CARITAS SERVICE OF SOLIDARITY with Gaza & the Holy Land & PETITION**

In a time of deep sorrow and anguish for us all, we look for hope and healing. Let us acknowledge the reality that impacts us all. The Australian Catholic Bishops have said: 'Peace can come only from justice. We call people of faith to pray with us for a lasting peace and the triumph of human dignity.' Please join us: **Monday 27 November 4:30 to 5pm**. Everyone is welcome. Prior registration necessary at [https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zg](https://caritas.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_DWj-zzzhRoGN8QOifg61Zg) . In support of Caritas Internationalis' call for an immediate ceasefire and increased humanitarian assistance, Caritas Australia has started a **PETITION** to Foreign Minister, Penny Wong which is available for signing at [Caritas Australia](#)

### **WHAT DO YOU DO WITH YOUR SOFT PLASTICS?**

The Cluster's "Care for Creation Group" has listened to Pope Francis' call to action to protect our environment by launching an initiative to deposit soft plastics in a receptacle at St Joseph's church in Quarry Hill.

The group identified that many people are having difficulty in transporting their soft plastics out to the various transfer stations across the City of Greater Bendigo, so the group managed to obtain receptacles for people from Sacred Heart, St Monica's and St Joseph's to deposit their **soft plastics only**.

One of those receptacles is now in place in the courtyard at St Joseph's church in Quarry Hill.

The soft plastics will then be transported by a volunteer to a transfer station.

This is a trial only and it would be appreciated if people ensure that only **soft plastics** are placed in the receptacle.

**Soft plastic: Use the "scrunch test" – if you can scrunch the soft plastic into a ball it can go in the St Joseph's receptacle**

Then come along to our next meeting: Bring your ideas on how to care for creation and heed the Pope's call to action.

Learn about our native wildlife and how to protect them in this changing climate. Find out what is happening to those soft plastics that you are depositing. Learn alternatives to using plastic.

Next meeting is on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 11am at St Joseph's.

For further information phone Yvonne McLelland-Howe on 0408 414 036

	CATHEDRAL— 10TH DECEMBER 2023			ST MONICA'S— 9TH/10TH DEC 2023		ST JOSEPH'S 9TH DEC
	8.30AM	11.00AM	6PM	SAT 6PM	SUNDAY 9AM	SAT 6PM
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>				Volunteer Please	Carol Friswell	Helen Bolte
<b>READER 1</b>	A Begg	B Lougoon	Volunteer	Peter Adams	Jacinta Harrison	Carmel Williams
<b>READER 2</b>	J Parker	K Whitehouse	Volunteer			
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	<b>K Dullard</b>	<b>K Oviedo</b>	Volunteer	Ann Clancey	Rita Tickell	Peter Young
	M Flynn	L Van Emmerik				
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	Dullard Family	J Hudson	Volunteer	Volunteer Please	D & R Buchanan	
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b>	Dec 2nd/9th Team 4 (Names on roster)			Dec 9th/10th Jenny Oddy, Marcia Nestor		

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL IN OUR PARISHES WHO ARE SICK OR UNDERGOING MEDICAL PROCEDURES AND TREATMENTS**

Pam Wright, Tess Dockter, Gary Muller, Carmel Moon, Mary Mooney, Roma O'Shannessy, Gerald Kavanagh, Glenda Waddington, Mathew Craine, John Mangan, Bruno Zausa, Hall Family, Matthew Turner, Theresa Cain, Judy Gaffee, Maureen O'Keefe, Elaine Kelly, Rose Capicchiano, Audrey Drechsler, John Whelan, Kath Munari, April Twyford, Ben Castles, Kay Ross, Audrey Hope, Brendan Drechsler, Pat Fitzpatrick, Pat Bonham, Bob Hayden, Lauren Horton, Malcolm Connolly, Lyn Wright, Loretta Dillon, Peter Breweel.

#### **RECENTLY DECEASED: KEVIN KEATING**

#### **ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

Sr Mary Love FMDM, Mary Chapman, John Clancey, Ida Bridgett, Doreen McKinley, Peter Creely, Eileen Collins, Joan Shallue, Margaret Allen, Victoria Duffus, Beatrice Guidice, Sammy Bucceri, Marie Boxall, Tony Browne — Ken Francis, Margaret Lenten, Mel Dillon, Alan Kurzke, Mary Conway, Amy Bonham-Cardoso, Dorothy O'Brien, Gladys Eileen Thomson, Eddie Walls, Allan Connelly, Hugh Connelly, Greg Payne, Bill Reed, Col Mooney, Frank Connor, Lila Pannell, Beryl Pennington — Thomas Biggs, John Ashley, Margaret Hannan, Vincent Mills, Alan Thomas, Eileen Day, Marjorie Pywell, Maria Toomey, Thomas Gannon, James White, Annie O'Halloran, Ronald Currie

## READINGS OF THE DAY

### FIRST READING

Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1. 3-8

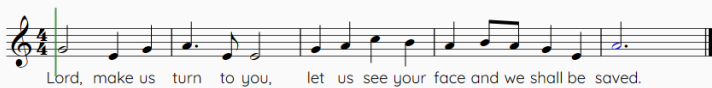
#### **A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, Our Redeemer is your ancient name.  
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you?  
Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance.  
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down – at your Presence the mountains would melt.  
No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him.  
You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners;  
we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.  
We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name  
or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins.  
And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM    Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

ICEL

Kathleen Boschetti, MSC (b. 1936)



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### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

#### **A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.  
I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Psalm 84:4

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia!

### GOSPEL

Mark 13:33-37

#### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the door-keeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

### MUSIC FOR CATHEDRAL (CATHOLIC WORSHIP BOOK II)

Entrance - **CWB 248**,  
Lord, Have Mercy/Kyrie—**CWB 34**, Gosp. Acclamation—**CWB 42**  
Prep. Of Gifts—**8.30am/6pm—CWB 232 / 11am Wake, O Wake arr.**,  
Holy Holy/Mem. Accl./Amen—**8.30am/6pm—CWB 66a-c / 11am Missa Emmanuel**,  
Lamb of God—**8.30am/6pm—CWB 66a-c/11am Missa Emmanuel**  
Communion—**CBW 632**,  
Recessional—**CWB 252**

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