

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B : 24TH DECEMBER 2023

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Parish Secretaries: Chris Quinn, Maree Ellis

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Mr Andrew Howe



MASSES FOR CATHEDRAL CLUSTER AFTER CHRISTMAS

Please be advised that there will be no public Masses in our Cathedral Cluster churches
Tues 26th - Thurs 28th December inclusive.
There will be Masses on the 29th December: 8am Cathedral, 9.30am Kangaroo Flat .

Parish Office Closure

The Parish office will be closed from Friday the 22nd December until Wednesday the 3rd January.
However, the office phone will be checked regularly for calls and enquiries.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES

Sacred Heart Cathedral & St Monica's Planned Giving Envelopes for 2024 have been prepared and sent out this week via mail. Please allow for Christmas mail holdups.
If you do not receive them, please phone the Presbytery on 5443 4400.
Also if you have changed your address or any other details regarding these envelopes, please let the parish office know.

2024 RITE OF ELECTION AND RCIA RETREAT DATES

The 2024 Rite of Election Date is 18 Feb 2024 at 2pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo.

The 2024 RCIA Retreat is scheduled for 17 Mar 2024 in Kyabram.

CATHEDRAL VISITORS FOR 2023

We keep a regular tally of numbers of visitors who come to our Cathedral during the year. This year some 22,000 visitors have entered and admired our great Cathedral.

We are able to keep the Cathedral open for such visits because of the generosity of our Cathedral guardians who are present.



ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE

Many thanks to all our parishioners for your generous response to this appeal. Some \$2,000 has been forwarded to the Ukrainian Eparchy in Melbourne.

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 28 January 2024** after the 11am Mass in the Cathedral Choir Room.

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	CATHEDRAL— 3ST DECEMBER 2023			ST MONICA'S— 30th/31st Dec 2023		ST JOSEPH'S 30TH DEC
	8.30AM	11.00AM	6PM	SAT 6PM		SAT 6PM
COMMENTATOR				Volunteer Please	J Conforti	D Lawrence
READER 1	K Massam	R Peacock	Volunteer	L Waddington	C Friswell	B Brindle
READER 2	M Flynn	J Freeman	Volunteer			
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	Y Laventure	T Dowling	Volunteer	Volunteer Please	Volunteer Please	M Goggin
	J Parker	E Walker				
OFFERTORY	M O'Brien	S Hunt	Volunteer	Volunteer Please	T McDermott	
ALTAR SOCIETY	Dec 30th/ Jan 6th Team 1 (Names on roster)			Dec 30th/31st T Armstrong, A Clancey		

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, Keith Riley.

RECENTLY DECEASED: KEVIN O'DOWD

ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

**Pauline Murphy, Kath Griffin, Michael Francis, Margaret Creely, Edward Coffey, Theresa Winspear, Julia Horby, Elizabeth Henderson, — James Harris, Jiletza, Martha & John Walls, Eva Rodda, Stan Johannsen, Therese Wright, Stanley Newland, Greg Crapper, Laurel Halls, Frank Frigerio —
Magdaline Comerford, Mary Hearn, Patricia Byrne, William Comerford, Ellen Hughes, Veronica Neilsen.**

MUSIC FOR CATHEDRAL (CATHOLIC WORSHIP BOOK II)

Entrance - CWB 242 Lord, Have Mercy/Kyrie - 8.30am/6pm CWB 34, 11am Missa Emmanuel

Gosp. Acclamation - CWB 42 Prep. Of Gifts - 8.30am/6pm - CWB 247 - 11am Organ

Holy Holy/Mem. Accl./Amen - 8.30am/6pm - CWB 66a-c / 11am Missa Emmanuel

Lamb of God - 8.30am/6pm - CWB 73/11am Missa Emmanuel

Communion - CWB 251 Wait for the Lord Recessional - CWB 410 Holy Virgin, By God's Decree

READINGS OF THE DAY

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

A reading from the second book of Samuel

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.'

But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan:

'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING

Romans 16:25-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 1:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord:

may his will for me be done.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Luke 1:26-38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS:

1st Reading: Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3

2nd Reading: Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Gospel: Luke 12:22-40

*Prayerful good wishes to all our
Cathedral Cluster parishioners
and visitors for this celebration of Jesus' birth.
~ Bishop Shane, Fr Brian & Fr DJ ~*

