

Today's Readings

Wisdom 6:12-16

Psalm 62:2-8

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 or 4:13-14

Matthew 25:1-13

Response:

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Next Sunday's Readings

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Proverbs 31:10-13

Psalm 127:1-5

1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Matthew 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21



This week's feasts

Wed 15 Nov – St Albert the Great

Thu 16 Nov – St Margaret of Scotland

Thu 16 Nov – St Gertrude

Fri 17 Nov – St Elizabeth of Hungary

Sat 18 Nov – Dedication of Basilicas of
Ss Peter and Paul

Meli Melo Christmas Concert

The Meli Melo Choir presents their Christmas concert in support of the Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnagar, Nepal at 2.30 pm on 9 December in St John's Church, Bowden St, Glenorchy. The concert features Alpine and French Horn ensembles, choral and solo performances. Come and enjoy an afternoon of Christmas music while supporting students at the Technical School. Entry is by donation and includes light refreshments. Contact Jo 0419 510 014 for more information.

Seeking two bedroom accommodation

Two young Catholic women are seeking two-bedroom rental accommodation for a twelve month lease, prefer a granny flat or independent to main living quarters of a home, an advantage if within walking distance of UTAS Sandy Bay. If you have, or know of any potential accommodation to rent, please contact Jemille West on 0405 739 444. Prayers also much appreciated.

The **Old Virgilians Association**, in conjunction with **St Virgils College Leavers**, will be celebrating our Annual Mass in St Mary's Cathedral at 11.30 am on Tues 28 Nov. Luncheon (two course meal with drinks \$30) will be held immediately after in the assembly hall at the St Virgils Junior School next door. All Old Virgilians and friends are invited. RSVP to SVC office by email adminsvc@stvirgils.tas.edu.au or phone 6249 6555.

Peter Imlach. Secretary.

4th Sunday of Advent Mass times

Sat 23 Dec 6 pm Vigil

Sun 24 Dec 8.30 am (Taroona) and 10 am

Christmas Mass times

Sun 24 Dec 5.15 pm and 10 pm

Mon 25 Dec 8.30 am (Taroona) and 10 am.

NOTE: The 5.15 Mass on 24 December will be the Mass of Christmas Eve, NOT the Mass of the 4th Sunday of Advent, so attending that Mass will not fulfil your Sunday obligation.



The Parish Newsletter

Catholic Parish of Sandy Bay and Taroona

Sunday 12 November 2017

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

From Fr Anthony Onyirioha

Dear parish family,

It is that time of the year when the priests of the Archdiocese go on a week directed/moderated retreat for our ongoing spiritual nourishment. This falls into the expectations of the church that priests should engage in at least a week retreat annually to allow them the time off from the busy parish life into a serene atmosphere and with the guidance of the retreat moderators spend time in prayer, meditation, reflection etc for their own continual spiritual nourishment and rejuvenation. As regards this, Fr Brian has participated in this exercise in the last week because of his commitments and thus will not be joining the rest of us on this retreat commencing Monday. We do seek your prayers for all the priests of the Archdiocese especially Fr Brian and myself so that this time of withdrawal to reflect spiritually will be worthwhile and replenishing that we might continue to serve you unswervingly in the footsteps of Jesus.

This weekend, the Gospel emphasizes and encourages us to be ever ready for the Lord as we do not know when his coming will be. Like the wise virgins, we take our time to plan our daily activities and make use of every opportunity we have to make a difference. No doubt the world has become too busy and things are moving very fast and these have the potential for leading one, if care is not taken, into that pit of forgetfulness or mayhem because so many things are happening at the same time beyond our usual pace and we hope to catch up. In life there may have been a time we felt like these foolish virgins either because we missed the mark or couldn't get our acts right. May we not dwell on that but look forward for the very many other good opportunities we have to make things right, bearing in mind that it is not how far we have gone that matters but how well...so it is a wonderful reminder for every one of us to remember to slow down from time to time not only to cross the t's or dot the i's but to have the opportunity to reflect upon the direction we are going. Thus, "watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour".

Holy Spirit Church

275 Sandy Bay Rd, Sandy Bay

St Pius X Church

100 Channel Hwy, Taroona

St Canice Church

St Canice Ave, Sandy Bay

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Parish Priest: Fr Brian Nichols

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Presbytery: 275 Sandy Bay Road, phone 6224 3797

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Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9.00 am to 1.00 pm

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Director of Music: Clair Stanelos, 0412 212 468

Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Vera Carrodus, Peter Kornacki, John Thomas Murray, Francine Allen, Ian Foster, Peter Joseph Healy, Jessica Seaton Moore, Nicole Fleet, Marie Sykes, Lawrence John Benet Gard, Helen Josephine Flanagan, Richard Edward Lewis, Mary Doreen Elliott, Anthony Andrews, Marion Costin, Evelyn May Yates, John Dillon, Myles Sykes, Charlotte Helena Kingsley, Joan Patricia Sibley, Mary Louise Lynch, Leonard Rooney and Josephine Chisholm

Weekday Masses – Holy Spirit

This week, 9 am Tuesday and Wednesday only.

November Masses

November is a time when we pray for the souls of the faithful departed, in particular our deceased relatives and friends.

Envelopes are available for anyone who wishes to request a Mass to be offered.

Readers and Communion Ministers Vigil

Mass: New rosters are available for you in the foyer.

Sacramental Program 2018

Catholic children aged eight and up who live in the Sandy Bay /Taroona Parish, or who attend Mass in the parish, are invited to join the 2018 Sacramental Program.

First Reconciliation generally takes place during Lent so preparation will commence around late Feb/early March. Parents are encouraged to enrol their children as soon as possible.

Dates for Confirmation and First Eucharist are yet to be finalised. Parental support during the classes and in home exercises is an important part of the program. Contact the parish office on 6224 1423 or email cposb@bigpond.net.au

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA): Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a Catholic? Please speak to Fr Brian if you want to know more.

Safe Communities

Priests in the north and south of Tasmania recently met to be briefed on the Archbishop's initiative entitled: "Safe Communities". As the name implies, the objective is to ensure that all catholic organisations provide an environment and engage in activities where all are safe from any form of abuse. Young people and vulnerable adults were a particular subject of concern.

Sheree Limbrick, the CEO of Catholic Professional Standards Limited provided a national perspective on the obligation arising both from the Gospel and the recent Royal Commission. Personnel from this Archdiocese then made an initial presentation of the policies and procedures which should be implemented in our parishes. The priests will receive further input at seminars in early December.

Over the coming months, it is envisaged that discussion within parishes will enable each parish priest or administrator to make a 'Statement of Commitment' to ensure that the parish is indeed a safe community. This commitment can only realistically be made after parishioners have had an opportunity to be involved in signing up to this undertaking. The Archbishop looks forward to this occurring and commends this process to your prayerful and active consideration.

Fr Michael Tate, Vicar General

Parish Barbecue

Sunday 10 December after the 10 am Mass. Everyone is invited, regardless of which Mass you attend.

AND there will be a jumping castle!!



Advent booklets

We have some booklets called "Chosen" which contain a reflection for each day of Advent through to the Baptism of the Lord i.e. 3 December to 6 January. They are from the Wollongong Diocese and cost \$4 each.

Columban Art Calendars 2018

The 2018 calendar is available in the foyer, price \$10. Please leave money in the tin. The Columban calendar has been produced by the St Columban Mission Society for over 90 years and helps fund their work with the poor in many countries.

St Vincent de Paul (Sandy Bay / Taroona)

2018 Christmas Food Hamper Appeal

Last year we packed 100 hampers and delivered them to people in need in the Battery Point, Dynnynne, Mt Nelson, South Hobart, Sandy Bay and Taroona areas. This was only achieved because of your generous donations. It is expected that requests for assistance this year will be similar to last year, therefore we call upon your generosity once again to help meet these requests.

Donation envelopes are available at all churches within the parish. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible and receipts will be issued. Food items such as tins of soup, fruit, spaghetti, baked beans, salmon, vegetables, tuna, plus coffee, tea, sugar, jam, breakfast cereals, biscuits, confectionery items, and fruit juices are welcome.

For more information please contact Claire at the parish office on 6224 1423 and she will put you in touch with a conference member.

Catholic Standard: The latest edition is available for you this weekend.

Mass Times

Holy Spirit, Sandy Bay
Saturday: Vigil 6.00 pm
Sunday: 10.00 am & 5.15 pm

St Pius X, Taroona
Sunday: 8.30 am

St Canice
Monday to Saturday: 8.00 am

Mary's Grange
Friday 11.00 am

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Friday: 5.00 to 6.00 pm
Rosary and Prayers:
Monday: 10.30 to 11.00 am

Sacrament of Forgiveness
Saturday 5.30 pm
or by arrangement
(Ph 6224 3797)

or is available at:
St Joseph's (city)
Weekdays 12.30 to 1.00 pm
Friday 5.00 to 5.30 pm
Saturday 4.00 to 4.30 and
6.00 to 6.30 pm

Baptisms
By arrangement and with preparation.

Marriages
Six months' notice and with preparation

Low gluten hosts
We have some hosts with a gluten content of less than five parts per million. If you are gluten-intolerant please speak to the priest before Mass so he can consecrate these together with the usual hosts.