

## Today's Readings

Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11  
Psalm: Luke 1:46-50, 53-54  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
John 1:6-8, 19-28

## Response:

My soul rejoices in my God.

## Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;  
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

## Next Sunday's Readings

### 4th Sunday of Advent

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16  
Psalm 88:2-5, 27, 29  
Romans 16:25-27  
Luke 1:26-38



## This week's feasts

Thu 21 Dec – St Peter Canisius  
Sat 23 Dec – St John of Kanty

## Christmas Readings

Christmas Eve	Christmas Day
Isaiah 9:1-7	Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 95:1-3, 11-13	Psalm 97:1-6
Titus 2:11-14	Hebrews 1:1-6
Luke 2:1-14	John 1:1-18

## Columban Art Calendar 2018

Available in the foyer, price \$10. Please leave money in the tin. The calendar helps fund the work of the Columban Mission Society with the poor in many countries.

## 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.

## Enneagram course: Enrol early and save \$100.

The Enneagram is the most accurate and insightful path of personal development you will ever find. It is for people who are serious about self-work. Course begins 24 Feb 2018. Enrol by 31 Dec and save \$100.

See flyer in foyer or phone Pauline on 0409 191 342 or email: pauline@radiancenhobart.com.au or see: www.radiancenhobart.com.au

## Christmas Concert

Argyle Orchestra, Choir & soloists, Conductor Jonathan Wallis. Wed 20 December 7.30 pm, St David's Cathedral. Christmas Oratorio by Reinhard Keiser, Choral works by Lauridsen & Victoria, Vivaldi's Concerto for Two Trumpets, Torelli Christmas Concerto, O Little Town of Bethlehem, In Dulci Jubilo, and other Christmas musical favourites.

Tickets: \$25 (online) \$30 (door), Trybooking.com/SLSJ or call 0478526489

## New Testament Greek Course

Dr David Daintree of the Christopher Dawson Centre, in association with the Verbum Domini Institute, will offer an intensive course in the *koine* Greek of the New Testament.

Diocesan Centre, 35 Tower Rd, New Town. 29 Jan-2 Feb., 9am-3pm daily. \$100 plus textbook (pensioner concession available). Registrations and information: Dr Christine Wood, 6208-6236 or christine.wood@aohtas.org.au



# The Parish Newsletter

Catholic Parish of Sandy Bay and Tarroona

Sunday 17 December 2017

3rd Sunday of Advent, Year B



## From Fr Brian Nichols

Gaudete or rejoicing Sunday is marked by the tone of today's readings, especially by two lines in the first reading from the prophet Isaiah:

*"I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God..."*

Joy is not always evident in our Christian lives. The worries of daily life can and do sometimes weigh us down. As Christians we can sometimes betray our God given faith by our lack of joy and hope, two gifts of the Spirit that are central to this Advent time. In my search for a description of Christian joy I discovered these words:

*Far more than a feeling state or a mere heightened sense of pleasure, joy in the Christian life refers to a basic disposition and a fundamental attunement to the self-giving of God in Christ.*

An additional reflection on joy insists that:

*Joy is a state of mind and an orientation of the heart. It is a settled state of contentment,*

*confidence and hope. Joy isn't just a simple smile or laugh. Joy is something that is deep within and doesn't leave quickly. The only thing worse than not having joy is stealing someone else's!!*

So, may joy permeate our lives this Advent, not in any false or contrived way, but may it spring from our deep conviction as followers of Christ that to live in him is to live the joy that only he can give.

The second reading for today's liturgy from St Paul's Letter to the Thessalonians should be our encouragement:

*"Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus."*

Being happy and joyful is not a denial of the pain and evil that exists in our world but rather an acknowledgement that not even sadness and sin can ever come between us and the love that God has shown us in Jesus Christ.

## Holy Spirit Church

275 Sandy Bay Rd, Sandy Bay  
St Pius X Church

100 Channel Hwy, Tarroona  
St Canice Church  
St Canice Ave, Sandy Bay

Website: sbtcathparish.org.au  
Postal address: PO Box 37, Sandy Bay, 7006

## Parish Priest: Fr Brian Nichols

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Phone 6224 1423. Email sandybay@aohtas.org.au  
Director of Music: Clair Stanelos, 0412 212 468



### Anniversaries

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Walter Leslie Nicholls, Isabel Mather, Sr Marlene Binns SSJ, Edith Tilley, Tim Hoggett, John Patrick Mullin, Jan Sroka, Laurence Wyszowski, Sarah Maddock, Antonio Ambrosino, Robert Absolom, Stanley Denehey, Ray Mathews, Mary Pedemont, Frances Lowrie, Leo Anthony Carr, Patrick Joseph Curtis, Fr John Wall, Bernard William Ray, Marie Pearl Brigden, Fred Noar, Elsie Lahey and Antonia Wyszowski

### Weekday Masses – Holy Spirit

This week, 9 am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

### Can you help?

Working Bee to prepare the church for Christmas (including setting up the Nativity scene) – straight after the 10 am Mass on Sunday 24 December. (There will be no morning tea after that Mass.)

### Advent Evening Prayer

On Thursday 21 December at 6 pm in Holy Spirit Church. Bring along your Advent reflection book if you have one. Friday devotions will be cancelled until the new year.

### 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. Contact the parish office by email [sandybay@aohtas.org.au](mailto:sandybay@aohtas.org.au) or phone 6224 1423.

**New parish email address:**  
[sandybay@aohtas.org.au](mailto:sandybay@aohtas.org.au)

### Christmas celebration

People are invited to stay after the 10 pm Mass on Christmas Eve for a celebration in the foyer at Holy Spirit. Please bring a plate (or even a bottle) to share.

### 4th Sunday of Advent Mass times

#### Holy Spirit, Sandy Bay

Sat 23 Dec, 6 pm Vigil

Sun 24 Dec, 10 am

#### St Pius X, Taroona

Sun 24 Dec, 8.30 am



### Christmas Mass times

#### Holy Spirit, Sandy Bay

Sun 24 Dec, Vigil 5.15 pm (carols from 5)

Sun 24 Dec, 10 pm (carols from 9.30 pm)

Mon 25 Dec, 10 am (carols from 9.45 am)

#### St Pius X, Taroona

Mon 25 Dec, Taroona 8.30 am (carols from 8.15 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.

### Thank you!

A huge thank you to Danny Reardon, Margaret White, Bob Taaffe, Bill Vermey, Pauline Enright, Rod Moore, Birginie von Savegeri and all those who pitched in to help make the parish barbeque such an enjoyable event. Thank you also to Barbara Beckett and Rod Moore for the loan of the barbeques. The weather was perfect, the jumping castle was a big hit, and, all in all, it was a great social occasion. Congratulations, and thank you.

And sincere thanks also to students and staff of Mount Carmel College for the ute-load of groceries for the Vinnies Christmas hampers and to the team of Year Eight students who helped with the packing of the hampers. The girls did a fabulous job. The parish centre was a blur of activity!

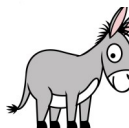
**Photo Gallery** – On the noticeboard in the foyer you will see some photos of the parish barbecue and the hamper-packing.

**The latest edition of the Catholic Standard** is available this weekend and features, on the front page, an article about ...

### St Vincent de Paul (Sandy Bay / Taroona)

#### 2018 Christmas Food Hamper Appeal

The hampers are packed and will be delivered in the next couple of days. Last minute donations are still welcome. Donation envelopes are available at all churches within the parish. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible and receipts will be issued. For more information please contact Claire at the parish office on 6224 1423 or [sandybay@aohtas.org.au](mailto:sandybay@aohtas.org.au)



### Christmas Eve Vigil Mass

Children who attend the 5.15 pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve at Holy Spirit are invited to dress as shepherds or angels, and are encouraged to bring their own lamb or donkey (not live ones!) to place near the crib for the duration of the Mass. Children may sit on the carpet at the front of the Church during this Mass, if they wish to, and will be supervised by one of the mothers from the Children's Liturgy team.



### 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.