

OUR PARISH & SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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PARISH HOUSE AND MEETING ROOM

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MASS TIMES

Saturday: **9.00am; 6.00pm**

Sunday: **7.30am; 9.00am**

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Saturday: **5.15pm—5.45pm** (prior to Mass)

Also available on request.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tues: **6.00pm**

Wed - Fri: **9.00am**

HEALING MASS

1st Saturday: **9.00am** (Sacrament of Healing)

ROSARY

Each weekday Mass: 25mins prior to Mass

Monday afternoon: 3.20pm (during School Term)

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Tuesday: **4.45-5.45pm**

Sunday: **6.15-7am**

PRAY FOR PRIESTS

Saturday morning: **7.30am**

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

Each Friday: after **9.00am Mass**

CATECHISM CLASSES

Contacts: Fr. Francis 9593 4670

Angela Bregger 0412 507 505

RCIA CLASSES

Are you interested in becoming Catholic?

For Enquiries, please contact: Fr Francis or

Lucia Allison at our Parish Office: 9593 4670

(during Office hours) or email.

PRESBYTERY SCRIPTURE AND

MEDITATION GROUP

Meets every **Monday 9am-12pm** at the Parish

Meeting Room. Spend some time in

contemplative prayer. Enq: Angela Bregger

0412 507 505

BETHANIE NURSING HOME

Holy Communion **every Wednesday.**

ROSTERS FOR 1/2 January

6.00PM

Acolytes: Tony Brandt

Readers: Robyn Mason, Maureen Mackney

Prayers of the Faithful: Maureen Mackney

Music: CD Music

7.30AM

Acolytes: Claude Coutinho, Ken Hannaby

Readers: Mary Coton, Ann Underwood

Prayers of the Faithful: Ann Underwood

9.00AM

Acolytes: David Browne; Claude Coutinho

Readers: Francesca Reimers, Joe Andrews

Prayers of the Faithful: Tina Andrews

Music: St Bernadette's Choir

CHURCH CLEANERS

Jodie Babb

SILVER COIN DONATION

Collection: \$ Nil

Total to date: \$ 29,034.05

MAIL CORRESPONDENCE

56 Benbecula Loop, Port Kennedy 6172

or to our email address.

PLANNED GIVING FOR CHURCH LOAN

If you would like to contribute or be a part of the Parish planned giving, the Parish has **Planned Giving Envelopes** and **Direct Debit** forms available in our Church foyer.

If you would like to set up or make a Direct Debit through your bank or a **ONE-OFF DONATION** please send to: **Port Kennedy Parish**

BSB: 086 006

Account No: 665505492

Reference: (Your Name)

MANY THANKS TO ALL CONTRIBUTORS

FOR YOUR PRAYER CHAIR 2/1/22

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Is: 60:1-6

Eph: 3:2-3, 5-6

Mt: 2:1-12



COMMUNIO - PORT KENNEDY

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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

24/25.12.2021

OUR RESPONSES THIS EVENING...

6PM AND 9PM MASSES

Entrance Antiphon

Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Saviour has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven.

Responsorial Psalm

Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Good News and great joy to all the world: today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Word became flesh, and we have seen his glory.

RESPONSES THIS MORNING - 9AM MASS

Entrance Antiphon

A child is born for us, and a son is given to us; his sceptre of power rests upon his shoulder, and his name will be called Messenger of great counsel.

Responsorial Psalm

All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! A holy day has dawned upon us. Come you nations and adore the Lord. Today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

THIS WEEK'S REFLECTION

A TIME TO RESET OUR SIGHTS

What a year it has been as the pandemic raged across the world for a second year. It's been a hard time in so many ways. But now, at last, it's Christmas and we gather to give thanks for the many graces and blessings in our lives, despite the hard times, and to rejoice in the greatest gift of all, Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us, and our world and our destiny forever changed.

The great Christian thinker of the 4th century, Athanasius, with stunning simplicity summed up what that event meant for each and every one of us, a mystery so wonderful that we hardly dare believe it: He, the Son of God, became human that we might become divine! He, truly and fully God, the eternal Word, through whom all things were made, became human, one like us in all things but sin.

In becoming human he established a forevermore communion between the human and divine. With his becoming human, our lives and our destiny were radically and forever changed. Eternal life in the bosom of God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit - in communion with each other; that is our destiny.

There are many things that the pandemic has brought home to us, but perhaps the most important of all is the acute realisation of our need and our longing for communion. Lockdowns, social distancing requirements, and restrictions on our gathering with family and friends have cost us dearly. How we

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have longed to share a meal. How we have longed for human touch and physical expressions of friendship, affection and love.

The pandemic has highlighted that we are hard-wired for connection, communication, and community. But we are hard-wired not just for connection with each other. We are hard-wired for connection with the One who loved us into being and created us for communion.

At Christmas we celebrate the gift of God's communion with us. In establishing that communion, he came, not with pomp and majesty befitting a king, but very humbly, helpless and vulnerable as a new-born babe, to a couple far away from home and family, in a foreign place, alone, amidst strangers, in a smelly stable, with a manger for a cradle. This babe's birth changed everything.

It is meant to change us! It urges us to ponder these things in our hearts. It beckons us to reassess our values, our aspirations, the way we live our lives, how we invest our time, what we treasure, and where we place our hopes.

The pandemic has prompted us to reassess our priorities. Christmas also prompts us to reset our sights on the love that has been given to us and to give of ourselves in ever greater love and greater care for one another. May you find time to ponder these things this Christmas. And may the blessings of joy and peace abide in you throughout the year.

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FROM MY WINDOW WITH FR FRANCIS

Leading up to Christmas is normally a busy time and this year has not been without exception. In fact, it is much busier but as I often say a 'good busy' time.

Like many families and communities, Christmas decorations and arrangements were put up, and a hub of other preparations and activities followed. Most of them had a liturgical, spiritual or sacramental focus and significance; others were more of a good-to-do element of Christmas preparations.

I spent a good deal of time in prayer and reflection to grow into the liturgical rhythm of Advent and getting ready for Christmas celebrations as well as packing Christmas hampers and toys, removing weeds from the lawns and gardens, cleaning up and putting the 'house in order.'

I was proudly involved in a new initiative from St Bernadette's Choir. They sang Christmas carols at Rockingham Hospital to the delight and cheers from staff, families and patients. They also ran a Christmas dinner and honoured some of the representative members of our Parish for their long and faithful service.

It was also a time to say thank you and farewell our seminarian Jason Yeap who has been on pastoral placement for five months. A beautiful morning tea was enjoyed and mixed emotions flowed as gratitude and sadness were shared.

The marathon of the second Rites of Reconciliation among the HUB Parishes ran for four consecutive nights. There was an obvious increase in the attendance across the four Parishes and an oasis of deep joy and peace experienced by people. These were 'late night outs' for the clergy who stayed for dinner and fellowship after each service. Who says that priests don't 'party and have late nights!'

I was unusually called for help with funerals and Last Rites at this time in local aged care facilities and homes. It reminds us to be mindful of possible difficult circumstances that face some families and individuals at this festive time. Please keep them in prayer.

I was kindly invited to some Christmas dinners and functions and felt well supported with the sense of a caring family and community.

NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE



Christmas is a special time when we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ - the gift of God's Son in the human form. An integral part of our belief is that the 'Emmanuel' has been born for us; God-is-with-us now in our humanity and walks with us, every step of the way, through the journey of our lives. Jesus helps us live our lives to the full in love, peace, harmony, joy and with a genuine caring for one another.

On behalf of our Parish, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all who have helped to prepare for our Christmas celebrations, including the Liturgy Committee, Parish Pastoral Council, the children who took part in our Nativity Play (and those who prepared them, Monica Hunter and Monique Kinnett); to Seminarian Jason, Acolytes, Readers, Special Ministers, Altar Servers, Choirs, Greeters, Collectors, Counters, Cleaners, Sacristans, Maintenance Persons and especially our Office Staff, Angie Raharuhi and Robyn Mason. I thank you all sincerely for making our Christmas Celebrations a happy, joyous and holy time.

Personally, I am truly grateful for your presents, cards, prayers, love and support. I wish Christmas 2021 will bring you and your family an abundance of love, peace and joy and God's blessings.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Please take a Christmas hamper and give it to the family and those you know who may appreciate a little token of the compliment of the Season. Thank you to all who have donated and made the hampers.

Children, please take some toys wrapped in paper for different aged groups.

OUR PARISH COUNCIL COMMITTEE

Fr Francis Nguyen (Parish Priest), Cathy Flynn (Chairperson), Tony Brandt (Vice Chairperson), Mary Gray (Secretary), Geordie Thuijs (Principal), Christine Stock, Allan Stock, Monica Hunter, Pat McNulty & John Quilty.

OUR PARISH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Fr. Francis Nguyen (Parish Priest), Claude Coutinho (Chairperson), Joe Andrews (Vice-Chairperson), Isaac Hilton (Treasurer), Edith Vimpany (Secretary), Angie Raharuhi, Michael Turner & Cathy Flynn (PPC Rep)

NEW COVID SAFE RESTRICTIONS

Please register to Covid Safe, wear a mask and keep hygiene practice. Please refer to the notice board for full details.

READERS ROSTER

We have prepared the Reading Roster for the New Year. **Please check the notice board in the Church foyer.**

PARISH OFFICE

This year has been a very busy and fruitful. Thanks to all volunteers in the Office. We thank all sincerely for the patience, understanding, friendship and support given throughout this year. We wish you all a very **Happy and Holy Christmas and New Year. The Office will close on Christmas Eve and re-open on January 18th 2022.**

SILENT EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Please note, **Sunday 19th December** was the last day for the year. We will inform you of its resumption in the New Year.

THANK YOU!!!

To our wonderful cleaners, **Monica Hunter & Trinity** for the beautiful cleaning of the Church.

To **all who brought in a bring a plate** for morning tea and **all who helped** to make it a successful and memorable celebration with Jason Yeap.

A merry Christmas & happy New Year to all.

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