

RECENTLY DECEASED: Rita Kinsella (mother of Neil and mother-in-law of Susanne Schmidt) Christina Jankowski, Clare Hubbard, Fran Haley, Shiva Nair, Margaret Hodgson, Minerva Epa, Jean Crockett, Patricia Stroop, Daniel Fabris, Elaine Kazs.

SICK: Lina Carbone, Sr Audrey Pigram, Pam Gallivan, David Lee, Nino, Trudy, Wes & Jan McColl, Baby Jacob, Kay Johnston, Jo Boehme, Francis Carroll, Kate McMahon, Mike Hughes, Mary-Anne McGrath, Kerry Trainor, Lina Costa, Anthony Costa, Denise Surin, Angelica Molina, Wendy Nicanor, Patrick Maher, Jan Berryman, Richard Warren, Barbara Savage, Anthea Winter, Sandra C, Charlie, Denise Crispin, Giovanni Costa, Joseph Costa, Anthony, Hilda Koertjes, Fr Jerry Orbos, Pauline Chifley, Ossie Richards, Maureen Birmingham, Robert Pereira, Bronwyn, Bianca, Steve, Baby Elsie Kirby, Fadia Aoun, Belinda, Dorothy Sirr, Mindanilla Bacasno, Nomesia Nicanor, Barbara McMahon, Tayah Sidney, Zara Turton, Ken Wilson, Michael Zantiotis, Paul Linden, Susan Lever, Les Bragger, Jessica Wood, Gavin O'Brien, Rose Buick, Klaus Wendt, Bernadette Berry, Bernadette Clegg, Marianela & Carlos Reategui, Manuel, Jan Baker, David Thiele, Concepcion, Linda Belin, Sheena Lawrence, Milton Lawrence, , Lorne Vargas, Juanita Agiula, Cecilia Songco, Nula Nolan, Mick & Antoinette Bowen, Marie Whelan, Rudi Rajic, Floria Arias, Ilona Galdi, Miroslav Gottinger, Christine, Josy Kostrica, Florian & Ada Falez, Shirley & Graham Boucher, Jenny Trinh, Haelee Nguyen, Daniel Kennedy, Lily Mackett, Joan Sharman, Jim Sharman, Margaret King, Stella Drevonac, Richard Bale, Ben Reid, Hernan Enrique Caceres, Veronica Natalia Chavez, Maria Sol Montel, Veronica Rodriguez, Luz Alejandra Bringas, Carolina Silvia, Brizuela Perez, Rodolfo Martin Arruabarrena, Gustavo Caceres *and all our sick family members, friends and parishioners.*

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE: *During December we remember:* John Berry, Edgar Casas, John Hudson, Desmond Pereira, Josepha Koster, Alma Armstrong, Valda Ryan, Ernie Wickson, Abraham Arulandandam, Fr Albert Havas, Michael Lennon, Maria D'Ambrosio, Lucia Pallamountagne, James Kropp, Linda Casey, Jeffrey Hudson, Joan Enghari, Joan Willemsen, Annunziata Muscat, Eileen Bale, Leo Hioly Chang, Margaret Harrison, Maria Tran, Carlos Carrin, Maurice Beale, Kevin Gallagher, Judith Owen, Pierina Benassi, Rinaldo Iarossi, Elenita Pesigan, Keith Holberton, Agnes Savage *and all of our loved ones who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.*

BAPTISMS: This weekend we welcome **Leo Dimarhos, Georgia Vercoe and Zali Clark** to our parish community as they receive the sacrament of Baptism.

DON'T FORGET OUR PARISH AND COMMUNITY CAROLS FESTIVAL NEXT SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER IN HOLY FAMILY CHURCH. MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED AT 6PM AND CAROLS WILL BEGIN AT 7.30PM. EVERYONE IS WELCOME SO PLEASE BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR FOOD, FUN AND PERFORMANCES!



The Nativity Scene in the church will develop on the sanctuary during the four weeks of Advent. During Advent we are encouraged to wait in hope for the coming of our saviour. **In the first week we are called to open our hearts to the Lord. This is represented by the empty stable.** In the second week we are called to contemplate the ordinary everyday events of our lives represented by the animals who gather in anticipation of the Lord's birth. The empty crib helps us to recognise during the third week about how we see that our lives are lived, not solely for ourselves. In week four the shepherds gather which recognise that God reaches out to all people regardless of their status or position. On Christmas Eve, Mary and Joseph arrive at the stable and at Midnight Mass baby Jesus is placed in the crib. The Wise Men arrive at the stable on the Epiphany to present their gifts before the Lord.



First Sunday of Advent *The first candle on the Advent Wreath is lit. This purple candle symbolizes Hope and reminds us that Jesus is coming.*

Cancer Support Group will be having their last gathering for this year on Wednesday 5 December. If you would like to join them for Christmas Lunch at the Vikings Club Erindale, please contact Margaret on 0418 624 491.

Parish Staff Christmas Lunch *will be next Wednesday 5 December. The office will be closed while we enjoy lunch together.*

Thank you to all those who were part of the First Reconciliation program and celebrations. With around 160 children enrolled this year, it is a combined effort by parents, carers, REC's, teachers, the Sacramental coordinator and the Parish team that help make these celebrations reverent and memorable.