



CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH

South Tuggeranong

Banks, Calwell, Chisholm, Conder, Fadden, Gilmore, Gordon, Gowrie, Isabella Plains, Macarthur, Richardson, Theodore, Tharwa and rural surrounds

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Entrance Antiphon: Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

Communion Antiphon: Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

Next Weekend: **29 & 30 December 2018**

Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph - YEAR C

1st Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 2nd Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

| This week in CCP | |
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| | Holy Family Church, Gowrie (HFC) Sacred Heart Church, Calwell (SHC) St Clare of Assisi School, Conder (SCA) |
| Monday 24 December | No 7am Mass 6pm Christmas Eve Mass, outside SHC Calwell 11:30pm Carols, HFC Gowrie |
| Tuesday 25 December | Christmas Day Midnight Mass, HFC Gowrie 9am morning Mass, HFC Gowrie |
| Wednesday 26 December | No Mass—Boxing Day |
| Thursday 27 December | 7am Mass, HFC |
| Friday 28 December | 9.30am Mass, HFC |
| Saturday 29 December | 9am Mass, SHC 10-10:30am 1st Rite of Reconciliation, HFC 11.00am Baptism, HFC 5-5:30pm 1st Rite of Reconciliation, HFC 6pm Mass, HFC |
| Sunday 30 December | 8am Mass, HFC <i>Feast of the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary & Joseph</i> 10am Mass, HFC 11am Melkite Rite, SHC 5-5:30pm 1st Rite of Reconciliation, HFC 6pm Mass, HFC |

4th Sunday of Advent



In this final week of Advent, the Angel of the Lord appears to the shepherds and they begin to make their way to the stable. Mary and Joseph are nearing Bethlehem and are searching for a safe place to stay. The birth of Jesus is imminent.

The fourth candle is lit on the Advent Wreath. This purple candle symbolizes peace and reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will To All".

Christmas Masses

This year, there will be three Masses:

Christmas Eve

6pm (children's outdoor) at SHC

Christmas Day

Midnight (carols from 11.30pm) at HFC
and 9am at HFC



RECENTLY DECEASED: Manuela Lopera, Jo Boehme, Sr Marie Duffy rsm, Gabrielle Ryan, Maureen Birmingham, Nigel Bates, Tan Roberto, Rebecca Geering, Rita Kinsella, 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, Tehmina Mummy, Pam Gallivan, David Lee, Nino, Trudy, Wes & Jan McColl, Baby Jacob, Kay Johnston, 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 Koerntjes, Fr Jerry Orbos, Pauline Chifley, Ossie Richards, 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 Guldi, 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 **Lucia Schofield, Dominic and Mateo Moses, Keanu Kwan and Eva Jurcevic** to our parish community as they receive the sacrament of Baptism.

Wishing you all the peace and Joy of Christmas...

What must we do?

People from different walks of life approached John The Baptist seeking advice and in their turn they asked, "**What must we do**"? John answers them to be true to their vocation. It appears to me as a very relevant question we need to ask ourselves during this Christmas season. What must we do to be a good human being? What must we do to make this world a better place to live? What must we do to live our faith in these challenging times? What must we do to bring justice, peace harmony in the world?

Our answers will be based on what we are, thus the primary questions becomes **what kind of a person am I?** Am I a person of love, care, and compassion? If not we must receive the advice from John the Baptist. He says, we need to prepare the way, prepare ourselves, so that we can do what we are supposed to do. We must be prepared to face John the Baptist to meet and receive Jesus Christ. We need to pass the test of John the Baptist to be true to our vocation. Our willingness is the key contributor for our change of attitude. **Am I willing to face John the Baptist?**

Christmas season invites us to shout with Joy and rejoice. I fail, and find it very hard, when things happening around me are NOT good news. I struggle, like many of you, to come in terms with what is happening around me and in the entire world. People who approached John the Baptist and their question echo in my heart: **what must I do?** I must be willing to face John to meet and receive Jesus who comes in the midst of chaos, suffering, struggles and in my emptiness. Yes, Jesus becomes my hope, my light, and my path to bring peace and harmony in me and in the world. Yes, two thousand years back Jesus came to a restless world with the message of peace and joy. Can I today, represent Christ in my surrounding, in my fellow human beings? Can I become a source of hope for others? What must I do to be Christ to others and to find Christ in others?

In my September Pastor's Voice, I mentioned about parish office staff restructuring, keeping parish as the central focus. It was an extensive process involving diocesan and secular agencies. As a result of the restructuring process, we are to become one less in the parish office, as Robbie Costmeyer will finish up in his role as Finance and Facilities Officer on 31 December 2018. We sincerely thank Robbie for all the works, in varied capacities, that he has contributed to in our parish office and our parish community.

My key focus areas for 2019 in our parish will be (1) Youth and children (children's liturgy), (2) Pastoral care to the sick & aged and (3) Family. If you have any suggestions, please let me know. Let us walk together in this faith journey to build our parish family.

Together with Fr Praveen and the office staff, I wish you a blessed Christmas and Happy New Year 2019.

Fr James T Antony cmi