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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

YEAR A

1 DECEMBER 2019

TODAY'S RESPONSE

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

NEXT WEEK: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10; Second Reading: Romans 15:4-9; Gospel: Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

"Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on which day your Lord will come."

(Matthew 24:42)

One of the key themes of the advent season is readiness. If God were to ask at this moment, could you provide an accounting of how you used the gifts that God has entrusted to you?

LEADERSHIP TEAM

Team Ministry - **Fr Brian Collins** - Priest in charge of Resurrection
Team Ministry - **Fr Martin Jeramias** - Priest in charge of St Anthony's
Pastoral Associate - Resurrection - **Vicki Russell**
School Principal (St Anthony's) - **Patrika Rowley** - 9546 0044
School Principal (Resurrection) - **Jane Dunstone** - 9798 4126
Keysborough Learning Centre General Manager - **Neil Cooper** - 9798 7005



Contact: 9546 8276 or 9701 5899
(St Anthony's) (Resurrection)

**THE MEANING OF
ADVENT SYMBOLS AND CUSTOMS**



- Advent Colours displayed in the church begin with a dark shade of purple or blue and lighten each week over the 4 weeks. This symbol represents the movement from darkness to light in anticipation of the birth of the light of the Christ child at Christmas.



- Traditionally made of evergreen branches formed into a circle with 4 candles held within.
- The evergreen circle is a symbol of eternal life.
- Green from the evergreen is considered a symbol of hope.
- Started as a domestic tradition that entered into churches in the twentieth century.



- The candles recall the weeks that pass until Christmas.
- Purple candles symbolize waiting, also penitential but not in the same way as Lent.
- Rose or Pink is used on the third Sunday of Advent to symbolize rejoicing, since the Third Sunday of Advent is referred to as Gaudete (Rejoice) Sunday.
- They are lit, light used as a symbol of Christ being the light of the World coming through the darkness.
- Sometimes a white candle is placed in the middle, people use when lit as the representation of Christ entering the world.

ST ANTHONY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR



Including:

**BRIC-A-BRAC * PLANTS * INTERNATIONAL FOOD
RIDES - SLIDES & CLIMBS * FACE PAINTING
BOOKS * FAMILY PORTRAITS
BAGS & JEWELLERY * NAIL ART
RAFFLE**

**Come join in the fun, bring your family.
Christmas fair at 12pm to 5pm. Later, join for
Carols starting at 5pm in the School Oval.**

Have a good week,
Brian, Martin & Vicki

MEETINGS/EVENTS THIS WEEK

Monday Dec 2: 11.30am - Evergreen Seniors Christmas lunch (Res)
Wednesday Dec 4: 12.30pm - KLC Seniors Christmas Lunch (Res)
Thursday Dec 5: 10am - Doing it Tough (Res)
Saturday Dec 7: 12pm - 5pm - St Anthony's Christmas Fair (StA)
Saturday Dec 7: from 5pm - St Anthony's Christmas Carols (StA)

ST ANTHONY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

Bags & Jewellery: Stall Donations to the Bags & Jewellery stall can be made from Monday 2nd of December to Friday 6th December. Please bring your donations to the Big hall from 10am-2.00pm

Bric-a-Brac Stall: Donations to the Bric-a-Brack stall could be made from Wednesday the 4th of December to Friday 6th December. Please bring your donations to the Big hall. Please note, no electrical items will be accepted.

BOOK STALL AT ST ANTHONY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR SATURDAY 7 DECEMBER

Donations of books/dvds and cds in good condition can be dropped at the Big Hall at any time from 12 noon on the weekdays prior to the Christmas Fair. Please remember that we are not allowed to sell copies of dvds/cds - only bring original dvd/cds and books in good condition.

Help wanted. Anyone able to help in setting up the stall on the afternoons of Wednesday 4-Friday 6 December; or serving on the stall on the Saturday, please give me a call on 0419576372.

It would be very much appreciated if goods could be delivered to the hall prior to the day of the Fair.

If you have any questions please also give me a call. Trisha Molloy 0419 576 372"

ST. ANTHONY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE- Draw will be on 7th December.

Raffle tickets will be on sale from this weekend onwards.

Fabulous prizes to be won:

- 1st prize: \$2000 Coles Myer gift card,
- 2nd Prize: Samsung series7, 50" 4k LED TV,
- 3rd Prize: \$500 Bunnings gift card,
- 4th Prize: Professional photography package worth \$500,
- 5th Prize: \$200 Tasman Butchers gift voucher,
- 6th Prize: Electric BBQ worth \$200.

CHRISTMAS FAIR RAFFLE TICKETS

Please make sure to hand in your sold or unsold ticket books to the Parish Office by Tuesday the 3rd of December.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS OF NON-PERISHABLE FOODS at all Masses on the weekend of the 14/15 December for annual St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal. Thank you for your generous donations to the Vinnies during the year.

ST ANTHONY'S COUNTING TEAM

2020 Counting Roster for the team is available from the Gathering Space, please collect. If you have any enquiries or would like to join the counting team, please leave a message at the Parish Centre and I will get back to you. *Carmel Martin*

ST. ANTHONY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR

Anyone interested in running a stall or have any ideas for stalls please feel free to email us at

StAnthonysNPEvents@gmail.com,
call Glen D'Cunha on 0422 892 541 or
Suzan Gerreyn on 0497 478 662.

Don't forget to keep an eye out on the
[facebook.com/stanthonysnbp](https://www.facebook.com/stanthonysnbp) for updates.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Monday Dec 9: 7pm - St Vincent de Paul meeting (Res)
Tuesday Dec 10: 7pm - Liturgy meeting (Res)
Thursday Dec 12: 6pm - School Graduation Mass (Res)

ST. ANTHONY'S CHRISTMAS FAIR BIG WHEEL DONATIONS

If your family or business would like to make a donation for the St. Anthony's Christmas fair 2019 for the Big Wheel, please email us at StAnthonysNPEvents@gmail.com, call Glen D'Cunha on 0422 892 541 or Suzan Gerreyn on 0497 478 662.

A THANK YOU NOTE

Catholic Women's League would like to thank all those who attended our Afternoon Tea last Wednesday 27th November.

A wonderful day was held by all. The profit made was: **\$1374.00**



PADUA MAGAZINE: CHRISTMAS ISSUE (STA)

Our theme this year is based on the new statue in St Peter's, Rome, with the thoughts of WELCOME, SUPPORT, PROTECTION and INTEGRATION.

To all parishioners we ask:
When do you feel most welcomed? Who do you like

to welcome into your home?

Who do you protect? Who do you feel protected by?

How do you support others? How do others support you?

How do you help to integrate new comers into our community?

Please put down your ideas. Only four weeks till printing!!

Please contact Joseph: parishsecretary@stanthonysparish.net

Bill Cooney: cooneywj@optusnet.com.au

Jeannette: mightyquinn120@hotmail.com

or 0419 543 790 if you would prefer to talk.

Help us make this edition a special one with your story.

THIRD COLLECTION FOR SOCK DRIVE

The Greater Dandenong Young Vinnies will be having a third collection on Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December at St Anthony's Parish. All proceeds will go directly towards purchasing socks for Victoria's homeless. If you would like any further information on this collection, or any of the other many works of The Greater Dandenong Young Vinnies, please contact us on our Facebook Page: 'Greater Dandenong Young Vinnies'.

ROAD SAFETY/LICENCE PROGRAM

Do you need your drivers licence?

The Road Safety Program assists WOMEN in the community to become safe and lawful road users.

The Program will be weekly commencing on Friday February 14 and finish on Friday March 20, 2020 - 9am-11am

Six free driving lessons will be provided at the end of the six week course. PLACES ARE LIMITED

You need to be: female, over 21 years of age, have a current Victorian Learners Permit and able to attend all six sessions.

Please call Lisa at St Anthony's School on 95460044 for more information.

RESURRECTION - THANK YOU to all our volunteers who came on Saturday morning for the Parish working bee. Our site looks really nice thanks to your hard work.

MOVING FOR LIFE CLASSES (RES)

Moving for Life Exercise classes will be closed for the whole of December 2019 and January 2020. Classes will resume on Monday 3rd February 2020 at 11.30am and 12.15pm. Due to lack of numbers, the 1.00pm session has been cancelled. In 2020 we will only have 2 sessions (11.30am and 12.15pm). If you have any questions, please contact Mary on 0419 442 273 or Audrey on 0452 300 471 Mon-Fri. after 3.30pm

ST ANTHONY'S RAFFLE TICKETS AT RESURRECTION

Last week to support our sister parish with the purchase of raffle tickets available at Resurrection this weekend. Please take a book or buy single tickets. The raffle will be drawn at the upcoming St Anthony's Christmas fair on Saturday December 7th.

CHRISTMAS ANGELS (RES)

This year we want to decorate our Church with angels. There is a box of cut out angels in the narthex for you to take home, decorate, write the name of an angel in your life (*or write a prayer*) and return it as soon as possible to the box provided.

BUSHFIRE RELIEF (RES & STA)

Thank you for your generosity with last week's special collection. We raised \$864.45 (Res) and \$2,225.00 (StA) for bushfire relief.

EVERGREEN SENIORS

A reminder that the Evergreen Seniors Christmas Party and breakup will be held this Monday 2nd December in the Little Chapel from 10.30am - 2.00pm.

**It's That Time of the Year Again!
CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE 2019**

**RESURRECTION PARISH - DONATIONS DURING
NOVEMBER/DECEMBER**

Each year, the Keysborough Learning Centre (KLC) has been able to distribute over 120 of Christmas hampers to families in need because of your kind donations.

This year we are hoping to distribute to 150 families in need through the Open Door (Emergency Food Relief) Program.

The Christmas Giving Tree will be at the back of the church for donations of hamper items during the month of November. Around the Christmas Giving tree will be tags, if that helps you to remember. Please return the hamper item into the baskets provided around the tree – you can also take directly to the KLC reception if that is more convenient.

Items	Requested
Christmas Puddings	150
Christmas Ham	150
Christmas Cake	150
Large can of vegetables (carrots, peas, corn)	150
Long life custard	150
2L fruit juice	150
Shortbread biscuits	150
Lollies/Chocolate	150
Mince tarts	150
Dry Biscuits	150
Dips	150

Hampers will be packed on 16,17 & 18 December and distributed on 19th December.

Thank you for your generous support – whatever you are able to donate is greatly appreciated.

Please contact Neil or Veronica at KLC (9798 7005) if you have any queries.

**KEYSBOROUGH LEARNING CENTRE
SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS LUNCH 2019**

Keysborough Learning Centre (KLC) will be sponsoring the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 4th December 2019 at 12.30pm, in Resurrection School Hall.

If you would like to attend please fill in the form at the back of the Church, or contact KLC on 9798 7005.

HELPERS

If you can help us with the Senior Citizens Christmas Lunch, please fill in the form at the back of the Church, or contact Veronica at KLC on 9798.7005.

KEYSBOROUGH LEARNING CENTRE

Bookings are now open for the 2020 year

IMPROVE ENGLISH FOR WORK AND EVERYDAY

Build skills in speaking, reading, writing and listening; and English conversation.

Very affordable – low fees. Courses available for all levels 0 – 4. KLC delivers daytime and evening classes. Subsidised childcare available for daytime sessions (subject to vacancies). Free level assessment and placement advice - *please ring now to book a time.*

- Certificate in General Education for Adults Initial & Certificate I Levels (0 – 1)
- Literacy 101 – day and evening class times available
- Vocational English (Intensive Supported Pathways Program)
- Work Ready Program
- English Basics with Mandarin speaking teacher

Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing & Disability)

Start February 2020 Attend one evening per week and Saturday 9.30am – 4pm

Have you considered a change in career and working in a caring environment. This course is delivered out of working hours with additional support as you require. Call Maria on 9798 7005 for information.

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Ph: 9798 7005; Email: info@klckeys.com.au

**CHC33015 CERTIFICATE III IN INDIVIDUAL
SUPPORT - LOW FEES**

This certificate is designed for students wishing to enter a rewarding career as a personal care worker. Enrolling will equip candidates with the necessary knowledge, skills and practical experience to work within a residential aged care facility and/or in the disability sector.

This training course reflects the role of workers in residential settings who follow a care plan to provide support to people who may require assistance due to ageing, disability or some other reasons.

Duration: 12 month part time including 140 hours of work placement – early exit for advanced students. School friendly hours with no classes in school holidays. Additional Supported Pathway Program (SPP) hours as needed.

Delivery Method: Face-to-face, classroom based delivery at KLC Learn Local RTO in Keysborough.

Please contact Keysborough Learning Centre Reception for further details Ph: 9798 7005; Email: info@klckeys.com.au

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK...

SATURDAY	6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Resurrection
	6.30pm	Vigil Mass	St Anthony's
SUNDAY	8.30am	Mass	St Anthony's
	9.00am	Mass	Resurrection
	10.30am	Mass	St Anthony's
	11.00am	Mass	Resurrection
	2.30pm	Mass for Sth Sudanese Community	St Anthony's
	5.30pm	Mass	St Anthony's
MONDAY	9.30am	Communion Service	St Anthony's
TUESDAY	9.30am	Mass	St Anthony's
	6.00pm	Mass	Resurrection
WEDNESDAY	9.30am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10.00am	Mass	Parkglen
THURSDAY	9.00am	Mass	Resurrection
	9.30am	Mass	St Anthony's
	10.30am	Mass	Noble Gardens
FRIDAY	9.15am	Mass	Resurrection
	9.30am	Mass	St Anthony's
SATURDAY	9.30am	Communion Services	St Anthony's
	10.00am	Reconciliation	StA & Res

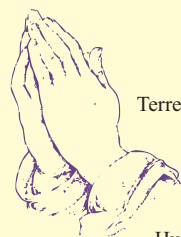


OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER AND DEVOTION

HOME ROSARY:

Enquiries: Antoinette Waite - 9547 3746

This week home Rosary will be prayed in the home of Damian,
9769 1173



LORD, HEAR OUR PRAYER!

† *We pray in thanksgiving for* Catherine Clare McKerr, Bryan Cully, Marie Edna Lise Toussaint, Una Williams, Terrence Haslam, *and for those who have died recently in the peace of Christ.*

† *We pray for all those whose anniversaries occur at about this time:* Martin Foy, Jack Cummins, Filomena Tagupa, Antonio Luppino, Wilfred Perera, Emile Hubert Bowers, Stanley Remedios, Dominic Rezel, Paul Toussaint, Anna Nguyen, Santa Maria Gimino, Eugenio Gimino, Renato Bigoni, Ricardo Bigoni.

† *Please also pray for those who are sick especially:* Jeff Carlson, Derrick Concesso, Evan Hart, Pierre Marion, Alana Crawford, John Doherty, Terry Melbourne, Peter Angelopoulos, Maria Abrencia, Wally Hidalgo, Anslam Diaz, Jenny Scovell, Maurice Scovell, Slavko Koprivnik, Eduardo Tan, Richardo Salamat, Dorothy Gray, Carmen Williams, Dale Fernandes, Hillary Pallman, Gary Edwards, Josie Mule, Ana Fuentes, John Brideson, Baby Noa, Jerico Falce, Patricia Nichols, Nathan Fernandez.

RESURRECTION PARISH

Received last week with thanks:

Pledge: \$5,280.04 - Thanksgiving: \$4,901.04

Presbytery: \$771.00 - Loose: \$910.55

PARISH STAFF

Sacr. Coordinator	Marj Sjostrom	Resurrection
Pastoral Worker	Sr Nga Nguyen	St Anthony's
Pastoral Worker	Brenda O'Leary	Resurrection
Parish Secretary/Finance	Joseph Duong	St Anthony's
Parish Secretary/Re Admin.	Peter Suhr	Resurrection
Finance/Parish School Levy	Talia Wicks	Resurrection
Sacr. Coordinator	Suzan Gerreyn	St Anthony's
Pastoral Worker	Leai Savea-Passi	Resurrection
Bereavement/Funeral Coordinator	Maria Jones	St Anthony's

Office Hours at St Anthony's this week

Monday - Friday	9.00am - 5.00pm
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Office Hours at Resurrection this week

Monday	Closed
Tuesday - Friday	9.30am - 1.00pm

(at all other times leave a message on the phone).

PLENARY COUNCIL PRAYER

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.

Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age.

Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.

St. Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

COUNTERS (RES)

Team 5: Philo Mather; Honorine Bocks; Amanda Bocks; Rozanne Misso; Jennifer Cheong-Lan

COUNTERS (STA'S)

Group 12: Warren & Charmaine De Silva, Deslene de Niese, Bernice D'Rose
Group 1: Keith & Sandra Bosmans, Frank Schapendonk, Marie Wright.

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH

Received last week with thanks:

Pledge: \$5,347.50 - Thanksgiving: \$4,360.00

Loose: \$1,655.00 - Presbytery: \$1,720.00

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH PRAYER

St. Anthony, patron of our parish, loyal servant of God, faithful follower of Jesus: You taught by word and deed, the message of the Gospel. Teach us to live the Gospel values as you did. Enlighten our minds in search of God's will. Inspire us to be a prayerful community, ever reaching out to and cherishing our neighbour. Help us proclaim God's love and live what we proclaim. **AMEN.**