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***This Week's Liturgy***

Mon 9.00am  
 Tue 9.00am  
 Wed 5.00pm Holy Hour  
 6.00pm  
 Thu 9.00am  
 Fri 9.00am  
 Sat 5-5:30pm RECONCILIATION  
 6.00pm  
 Sun 8.00am  
 10.00am  
 5.00pm

*As always, Advent is a busy time of the year for all of us ...but it would be great to see as many parishioners as possible participate in our activities and liturgies. Our parish community is vibrant, alive and well!*

Blessing of the Advent Wreath – response is:  
***Come, Lord Jesus!***



**Advent @ Mater Christi**

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT STALL:** Our very busy parish Crafty Ladies have been working feverishly to make some fantastic gifts and goodies just in time for Christmas. There will be something for all tastes – come and have a look! Items are on sale after the Saturday 6pm and Sunday 8am and 10am Masses **NEXT WEEKEND!** All proceeds contribute directly to parish fundraising.



**SVDP GIVING TREE:** Please remember that all gifts for the **SVDP Giving Tree** must be received by **6pm on Saturday 15th December** as they will have to be ready for distribution to the grateful families during the week after that.



**PRAYER TREE:** Our huge Christmas Prayer Tree has plenty of space for your prayer intention cards to be placed. Put the card with your intention on the tree and give the other half to the people for whom you are offering prayers so they know we are keeping them in our prayers.



**\*\*ANOINTING of the SICK:** On **Wednesday 5th December** during the 6pm Mass, the **Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick** will be offered to all those who are suffering a serious disease or debilitating condition. **\*\*\* THIS WEDNESDAY \*\*\***



**SECOND RITE of RECONCILIATION:** *Forgiveness ... Vital for Life*  
**Why not make an all-out effort to gather family members to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 19th December at 7pm.** For some it could be a fresh start, for others it may be the boost they need to keep going! There will be approximately 10 priests in attendance, it promises to be a beautiful occasion for our community.



**CAROLS on the GREEN:** **It's Back!! After 5pm Mass Sunday 16th December** on the lawn outside the church and presbytery. All you need is the desire to gather together to enjoy each other's company and sing along (loudly or quietly) and enjoy the Spirit of Christmas. There will be a sausage sizzle for sale to fill your tummies! More details to come...



**NATIVITY MASS Rehearsal:** **CALLING ALL CHILDREN.** We will be having rehearsal for the Christmas eve Nativity on **Friday 21st December at 9.30am.** Please meet in the Parish Centre. The Nativity will be acted during the **6pm Mass on Christmas eve at Mater Christi Church.** We would love to see children of **all** ages come and be part of this special play. If you would like to participate but can't make it to rehearsal please email [tina.n.stevens@gmail.com](mailto:tina.n.stevens@gmail.com) and she will include you in the Nativity.



**CHRISTMAS MASSES:**



**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**6pm** Children's Nativity Mass  
**6pm** Children's Mass – **Hammond Park**  
 (25 Woodrow Ave. Hammond Park)  
**9pm** Family Mass  
**12am** Midnight Mass

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**8am** Family Mass  
**10am** Family Mass

## RECEPTION OF SACRAMENTS AT MATER CHRISTI

Requests for reception of **Baptism** need to be made to [baptism.mc@westnet.com.au](mailto:baptism.mc@westnet.com.au)  
All **other Sacraments** enquiries can be made to [sacraments.mc@westnet.com.au](mailto:sacraments.mc@westnet.com.au)  
RCIA (Adult baptism and faith) enquiries should be directed to [rcia.mc@westnet.com.au](mailto:rcia.mc@westnet.com.au)

## PLENARY COUNCIL

Much of the focus for the Plenary Council so far has been on the primary question that the Council is considering: **"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"** That is the first of three pieces of stimulus that people are invited to reflect upon when making a submission to the Council. More than 21,000 voices have now contributed to this phase of the three-year process, and that number is growing quickly as more young people, families, priests and parishioners, school staff and students, agency leaders and staff, men and women working for the Church in dioceses and many other groups of people continue to listen to one another's stories of their faith, God in their lives and their encounters with the Church.

The infographic below provides some insight into the current content and statistics of responses the Plenary Council team are



Topics that are passionately and frequently raised include **leadership and governance within the Church, the place and role of women, the importance of young people, the living tradition, liturgy and music, the priesthood and other vocations, inclusion and welcome, the sacramental life of the Church, ecology and creation, and social justice.**



### **New members are needed**

for the choir for  
**Christmas Midnight Mass** this year.  
If you like to sing Christmas Carols and want to join the singers for the beautiful Midnight Mass, please contact Helen on 9417 1288 or leave your details with the choir at the 10am Mass.



## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION HOUR OF GRACE

The Legion of Mary invites all parishioners to an Hour of Grace

**on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 12 noon in church.**

Our Blessed Mother has asked for an Hour of Grace to be kept at noon on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception in all Catholic Churches in the world.

We will pray Psalm 51 and the Rosary.

Many spiritual graces and physical blessings will be received by those who pray during this hour.  
Our Lady has promised that whatever we ask for during this Hour of Grace would be granted if it was in accordance with the will of the Eternal Father.

**COME! JOIN US!**  
**JUST AN HOUR FOR MANY GRACES AND BLESSINGS**



We welcome into our Family of Faith through the **SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**



**Alexa Grace Raffa**  
daughter of Davide and Amanda.

**Jaycee Liam Emil**  
son of William and Janice

*Please pray for the newly baptised, their parents & godparents.*

## SVDP CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This weekend there are envelopes available in the foyer of the church for donations to be made for the **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal.**



This appeal will contribute to the ongoing fundraising of the SVDP Society in their pursuit to constantly help those who are in need of help in so many different ways. Please give generously if you are able.