



MEMBER OF CENTRAL DEANERY

St Joseph's Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
 St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 48 Bromby Street
 est. 1887



Under the Pastoral Care of **AUGUSTINIANS**

- Fr Brian Buckley OSA – Parish Priest
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- ▶ Maureen Cullen PBVM (Wed & Thursday) ▶ Monica Meagher (Wed & Friday)
- ▶ Gemma Schooneveldt (Thu) ▶ Wedding Secretary Yvonne Bolland (Mon 10.00-12.00)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

• St Joseph's Church • Saturdays: 5.50 pm – 6.10 pm (or by request)

CHILDRENS' LITURGY First Sunday of month • 10.00am Mass at St Joseph's (except school holidays)

ANointing / HEALING MASS (First Wednesday of the month) • 10am at St Joseph's Church
(Senior parishioners, those with ongoing sickness, those with mental illness, may all receive the Sacrament of the Sick)

Parish MASS TIMES for the week commencing weekend 20th December 2009

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S TIME	ST THOMAS AQUINAS' TIME
Sunday 20 th December 4th Sunday of Advent	(Sat Vigil 6.30pm) 10.00am	9.00am & 11.00 am (2 nd Rite of Reconciliation after both Masses)
Monday 21st December		
TUESDAY 22nd December	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
WEDNESDAY 23rd December	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
THURSDAY 24th December Christmas Eve	10.00am Mass 6.30pm Family Mass (Carols from 8.30pm) 9.00pm Night Mass	12.45pm Mass
FRIDAY 25th December Christmas Day	10.00am Mass	9.00 Mass 11.00 Mass
SATURDAY 26th December St Stephen	9.00am & 6.30pm Vigil	

The Christmas Tree and Christmas Crib

The crib goes back to the time of St. Francis of Assisi. The Christmas tree may have more primitive roots but for us becomes a sign of the joy of Christ's coming and the focus of our gift-giving. This year again we invite parishioners to place items of non-perishable foodstuff at the tree in our two churches. Christmas Offering envelopes also available today.



A CHRISTMAS MUSICAL CELEBRATION
 this Sunday Dec. 20th 11.30am
 for an uplifting festive treat!

Parish Advent / Christmas Diary

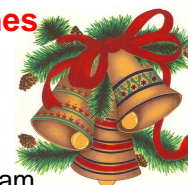
Sacrament of Penance

2nd Rite of Reconciliation: Today at St. Thomas' Sun 20th after both Masses.

Regular Confession Times: St. Joseph's Saturdays 5.50-6.10pm

Christmas Mass Times

St. Joseph's Thur. 24th
 Family Mass 6.30 pm
 (Carols from 8.30 pm)
 Night Mass 9 pm
 Christmas Day Fri. 25th 10 am



St. Thomas Aquinas'
 Christmas Day Fri. 25th 9 am & 11 am

New Year's Day

St. Joseph's Friday. 1st Jan. 10.00am
 St. Thomas Aquinas' 11.00am

EVENTS & MEETINGS

- ▶ **Christmas Concert: Sunday 20th Dec.** 11.30 am St. Josephs Free Admission
- ▶ **Christmas Choir Practice :** Mon 21 Dec. 7.00 pm St. Joseph's Church
- ▶ **GEN-C Youth Gathering:** Next meeting Wed. 23rd Dec. 7.00pm Parish Centre.
- ▶ **Family Mass Christmas Eve 6.30 pm** Children may dress as shepherds and angels & bring an item for the food store.
- ▶ **Meditation Group:** Resumes Thurs 14 Jan 11.00am Priory.

Christmas Music

Final Choir practice for Christmas at St. Joseph's Monday 21st Dec. at 7pm. All welcome to be part of that Christmas spirit!



Christmas Cards Sale

A small selection of royalty free Christian Christmas cards for sale at the church door this Sunday. So far over \$350 has been raised for our parish crisis shelters.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS 13/12/09

Thanking you for your generosity!

1st Collection (Clergy/Priory a/c) ...\$1060.10

2nd Collection (Church a/c)\$1090.00.
 Loose money\$380.25

Rosters - Christmas and New Year

All liturgical ministers, commentators, Readers, Special Ministers or Welcomers are invited to collect the new rosters for Christmas and the coming period thereafter from the sacristy today



Bus Drivers Wanted

Volunteers needed Sunday Mornings. Need to be available 9.25am on a Sunday and

begin to pick up passengers for St. Joseph's 10.00am Mass. Phone Monica 98269677

IN LOVING MEMORY

ANNIVERSARIES

- ✠ Franco Mazza
- ✠ Albert Huggins
- ✠ Zoe Goldsworthy
- ✠ Kathleen Brady



HERITAGE GRANT TO ST. JOSEPH'S

We have received the news that the Victorian Government has approved a Heritage Grant of \$60,000 towards the renovation of St. Joseph's Church in 2010. This was one of only two such grants awarded in the Melbourne Archdiocese.