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**Baptism:**  
 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Month,  
**Baptism Preparation:**  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after 10:00 a.m. Mass.  
**Confession:**  
 Saturday: 9:15 or on request

**Entrance Antiphon:** O People of Sion behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

**Communion Antiphon:** Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights and behold the joy which comes to your from God.

**LET US REMEMBER**

**SICK:** Judy Ferrigno, Clare Curry-Harris, May Ray, Frank Ray, Margaret Parry, Kate Maree Arnott, Brian Riordan, Margaret Titular

**Thank you Jo McGregor** for your donation of plants. We raised \$200 from the sale

**Raffle:** Thank you all for your generosity. We had some happy winners and we raised \$348

**Many thanks** to the Wingate family for our beautiful scented Advent Candles

9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2018

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

**Blessings of School Life**

Last week our focus of Advent was **Blessings of Family Life**. It is that time again when the last couple of weeks at school are really hectic and so this week let us pause and reflect and think about our **Blessings of School Life**.

There are Grade 6 students with mixed emotions , happy to be moving on to high school, yet sad that they are leaving friends and familiarity behind; perhaps they are nervous about what the new year in high school will bring. There are Year 12 students happy again that it's all done and dusted and are in the throes of organising what's next in their lives in the big world waiting for them (apart from schoolies). There are kinder kids so excited and yet scared perhaps - being decked out excitedly with uniforms to start in Prep next year - we have a lot to be thankful for. For dedicated teachers and staff who tirelessly make our schools a safe place of teaching and learning. For the buildings - we learn in. For parents who yearn to give their children a good education. For all these blessings - let us pray

*O God of all beginnings and endings.*

*We praise and thank you for the gift of this school year. It has been a time filled with grace and blessings, with challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows. The days have passed quickly.*

*O Lord, the weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and holy days, our Sacramental days, our concert days, our sports days and our school life itself, all have come from Your grace.*

*Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer. Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit. Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead, and guide each day as you have done this past year. Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy. May we continue to grow in age, wisdom, knowledge and grace.*

*Bless all those in the world that yearn to learn and do not have the facilities or opportunities to do so. Help them Lord and let us truly count our blessings. Amen* CYNTHIA WHITE.

**THIS WEEK**

**Saturday 08 Dec** Mass 6:00 p.m. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent.

**Sunday 09 Dec** Mass 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent.

**Tuesday 11 Dec** School Mass at 9:00 a.m.  
**Lectio Divina ??** Mass at 11:30

**Wednesday 12 Dec** Mass at 9:15 a.m.

**Thursday 13 Dec** Mass at 9:15 a.m.

**Friday 14 Dec** Rosary & Prayer to St. Peregrine at 11:15 a.m. followed by Mass

**Saturday 15 Dec** Mass at 8:30 am.  
 Vigil Mass at 6:00 p.m.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent.  
 Blessing of Christian Life

**Sunday 16 Dec** Mass at 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent.

**“Ours is a Child Safe Environment. As a Community we all are committed to do the best we can to keep children safe from harm and abuse”**

**CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2018**

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	09:00 am	Golden Jubilee Mass (School)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	06:00 pm	Year 6 Graduation Mass
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	09:00 am	Mass for End of School Year
		10:30 am	Christmas Mass at Princeton View
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	07:30 pm	Advent Reconciliation Service for all
<b>Friday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	10:30 am	Christmas Mass at Eleanora
<b>Monday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> December</b>	07:00 pm	Community Carol Singing
		07:30 pm	Christmas -Family Mass
		09:30 pm	Community Carol Singing
		10:00 pm	Christmas Eve Mass
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>25<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b> Mass



**Listen to what the Spirit is saying- ‘Listen & Dialogue**  
**What do you think God is asking of you at this time?**  
**What do you think God is asking of us at St. Mary’s Hampton at this time?**

**What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**  
**What Questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Plenary Council to consider in 2020?**

**REFLECT:**

**Reflect on these questions.**

Reflect on your own personal experience of faith, life and the Church. Write a list of all the responses to these questions that come to mind. Share this when we gather on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

**SHARE AND LISTEN:**

When we gather, (on the 18<sup>th</sup> December) share aloud with each other your personal experience of faith, life and the Church as well as your response to the questions above.

**RESPOND:**

Our voice is important to shaping the future of the Church We are encouraged to submit our responses/responses to the Plenary Council Team at [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)



As we prepare for celebration of the coming of Christ, let us remember those who are still waiting to hear **the GOOD NEWS!**  
 MOST REV PETER A COMENSOLI  
 ARCHISHOP OF MELBOURNE



**Vinnies Christmas Appeal**

To enable every family to enjoy Christmas Treats, Vinnies is once again appeal to you goodness and generosity to help us fill Christmas Hampers with some Christmas Fare and Gifts.

These can be placed under or beside our Christmas Tree in the Church. **Final day for gifts is Sunday 16 December, for St Mary’s School - Friday 14 December.** Thank you again for your on-going generosity.