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*The Holy Scriptures  
are our letters  
from home*



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**21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Yr A**

**CELEBRATIONS: 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> December 2019**



Monday	9.00am	Mass of weekdays of Advent, December 23 <sup>rd</sup>
	10.00am	Reconciliation
Tuesday	6.00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass
	12 Midnight	Christmas Midnight Mass
Wednesday	10.00am	Christmas Mass during the day
Thursday	No Mass	
Friday	No Mass	
Saturday	9.15am	Reconciliation



<b>Saturday</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	Mass of the Feast of the Holy Family Yr A
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Mass of the Feast of the Holy Family Yr A
	<b>10.00am</b>	Mass of the Feast of the Holy Family Yr A



● **Vinnies Collection:** This weekend the StVdeP Appeal at Christmas will be taken up. This collection will support the work of our local St Vincent de Paul Conference as they reach out to the needy in our neighbourhood. Over the last year our Conference has spent over \$90,000 supporting local families. **Please be generous** in giving to this collection so our Conference can continue to support families this Christmas and into 2020. You can use the envelopes provided if you wish.

● **HAPPY CHRISTMAS & THANKS** I wish you all a Happy and Safe Christmas.

This will be my first Christmas at Dromana and I am sure it will be a happy and memorable one. *✍ Fr Joe*

● **Buy a Ticket** in our Combined Catholic Churches Raffle 2020. This is a Major Fundraiser for the Parish. There are **14 Prizes including 3 Cars**. Tickets are **\$2** each and can be purchased in the church foyer or from the Parish Office. Books of tickets can be taken to sell to friends, relations, colleagues etc. Buy a ticket, support our Parish. *✍ Fr Joe*

**Lectors:**

**21<sup>st</sup> Dec/ 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2019**

6.00pm .... G.Newbegin    8.00am .... Volunteer    10.00am .... M.Henry

**28<sup>th</sup> Dec/ 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019**

6.00pm .... G.Steele    8.00am .... N.Bosquet    10.00am .... D.Jones

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:**

**21<sup>st</sup> Dec/ 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec 2019**

6.00pm ...K.Steele    8.00am .... M.Coyle    10.00am ....M.Beyer

**28<sup>th</sup> Dec/ 29<sup>th</sup> Dec 2019**

6.00pm ...M.Young    8.00am .... A.Wells    10.00am ....B.Ellwood

**God's Housekeepers this Week:**

26<sup>th</sup> Dec .... Group B    2<sup>nd</sup> Jan .... Group C

**Counting Teams:**

**December:** Anthony Black, Barry Bramwell & Michelle Smith

**Last week's Offerings:**

First (Support of the Priests) **715.00** Second (Support of the church/Hall) **\$1296.00**



➤ **PENITENTIAL RITE:**

⌘ Lord Jesus, you save people from their sins.

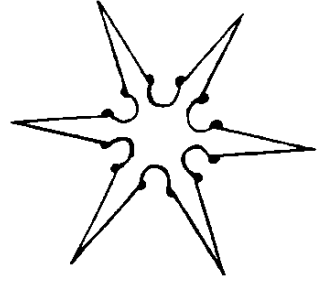
Come, Lord Jesus. All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

⌘ Christ Jesus, you came to us as God-with-us, Emmanuel.

Come, Lord Jesus. All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

⌘ Lord Jesus, you bring us from fear and darkness to everlasting life.

Come, Lord Jesus. All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**



➤ **FIRST READING: *Isaiah 7:10-14***

*The virgin will conceive.*

➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

***℟ Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.***

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.

It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm.

***℟***

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things.

***℟***

He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

***℟***

➤ **SECOND READING: *Romans 1:1-7***

*Jesus Christ, a descendant of David, is the Son of God.*

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

***Alleluia, alleluia!***

***A virgin will give birth to a son;  
his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.  
Alleluia!***

➤ **GOSPEL: *Matthew 1:18-24***

*Jesus was born of Mary, the betrothed of Joseph, a son of David.*



***Please pray for those who are sick especially:***

**Mike Henry, Denise Vidoni, Maurice Sikorski, Denise Marmion, Mark Burns, Jenny Brewer, Hank Morris, and all those who need our prayers. May they receive the Lord's comfort and strength.**

(Because we respect your privacy – For people to be named on the list of the prayers for the sick: their names must first be submitted on an AUTHORIZATION FORM available in the church foyer or from the Parish Office.).

**Please pray for Bryan Slattery and Jack Dunne who died recently, for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, and for all who have died. May they rest in peace.**

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## PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this Parish so that, inspired by your Word, nourished at your table and graced by your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building of your Kingdom. May our Parish Community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ your Son, through whom we make this prayer. **AMEN.**

### Responses during the Mass

Fr Joe: The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And with your spirit.**

❖ Penitential Rite: see p2

❖ Homily then **Creed:**

All: **I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.**

**I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

❖ At the end of the preparation of the gifts:

Fr Joe: Pray my brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

(ALL STAND) now:

All: **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Fr Joe: The mystery of faith.

**Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

Comm. Antiphon: (Used only when there is **NO** Communion Hymn)

**The Virgin is with child and shall bear a son, and she will call him Emmanuel.**

❖ Dismissal

Fr Joe: Go forth, the Mass is ended

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

### Readings for next Sunday:

**Feast of the Holy Family, Year A**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: **Ecclesiasticus 3: 2-6, 12 - 14**

Resp. Psalm: **Ps 127:1-5**

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: **Colossians 3 :12-21**

Gospel: **Matthew 2: 13-15, 19-23**

### WORD of God – are we Listening better ?

→ **Use these notes** to pray through Lectio Divina on the text of this Sunday's Gospel:

**Lectio:** Our text is from the start of Matthew's Gospel. He has just related the genealogy of Jesus Christ from Abraham through King David to Jacob the father of Joseph betrothed (engaged) to Mary. Joseph probably knew that Mary was with child through the Holy Spirit but did not know what his role should be. If he took Mary to his home he would be taking on the role of the child's father and so give the child his name. The Lord, through a dream, clarifies Joseph's role.

Read **Matthew 1: 18 - 24**

**Meditatio:** Am I clear about Joseph's role in Jesus' birth? Do I truly believe that Mary conceived Jesus through the Holy Spirit? Am I unsure about what God is doing in my life? Has God helped me understand my life through, meditation, reflecting or dreams? How clear is my vocation to me i.e. what God is calling me to do in my life? Am I living out my vocation?

**Oratio:** Pray that people may see clearly that God has come among us in Christ born of Mary through the Holy Spirit. Pray for fathers that they may be clear about their role in their families. Pray that God may make clear his will for us. Pray for family harmony at Christmas time. Pray for parents, that they may form (name) their children in life giving ways.

**Contemplatio** – Dwell in stillness, simply aware of the boundless expanse of mercy that surrounds you.

**After your prayer** – At meals remember to thank God for all his gifts especially for the gift of Christ our Saviour. ✍ Fr Joe

### Coming Events in 2019 – 2020

● 21<sup>st</sup>/22<sup>nd</sup> Dec: StVdeP Christmas Collection

● Christmas Masses: 6pm Tue 24<sup>th</sup>, Midnight Mass and 10am Mass Christmas Day.

### 2020 – Plenary Council Year

● Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Rosebud – Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2020. A **new roster** is in the church foyer if you can help with this Parish Fundraiser.





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