

DEATHS: Anthony Steele.

ANNIVERSARIES: Mabel Vella, William Bismark, Agnes Dunne.

LEAVING OUR PARISH: Armin Tadj,

LET US PRAY FOR THE SICK: Joy Finlay, Veronica Cullen, Julieta Sturrock, Marie Blunck, BJ Castley, Syd Britland, Judith Billanes, Jovi Baier, Lisa Jameson, Otto Hava, Ross Thinee, Peter King, Efren Cabanela, Jorja Price, Gerry Smith, Bozo Pinjuh, Paul O'Connor, Sr Margaret Scott (Immaculata), Ernie Shambrook, Karen Silver, May Dunne, Veronica Spain, Meryl Pavan, Ebony Lees, Stuart Glasson, Cris Breedon, Lyn Galley, Stan Jacob, Ted Butterworth, Stephen Jamison, June Oliver, Will Carland, Albert Fernandez, Angela Fell, Sr. Kath Clancy, Tom Clancy, Terry Casey, Janelle Ryan, Jim Telford, Fred Dowse, Laurie Raynes, Lally Biondi, Glen Major, David Osman, Robbie Woodhall, Bernie Julian, Michael Anderson.

Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11

St Paul to Thessalonians 5: 16-24

John 1: 6-8, 19-28

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

St Paul to Romans 16: 25-27

Luke 1: 26-38



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SOME IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:

December 19th Parish Christmas Raffle closes

17th Christmas in Dajarra

18th Christmas in Camooweal

23rd Christmas at Laura Johnson Home and Boulia

WEBSITE OF THE WEEK: <http://www.caritas.org.au/advent> Caritas Australia is this country's contribution to the Church's international aid and development efforts. In typically innovative style for the local organisation it has launched an Advent calendar on its website helping people to understand the real reason for the Season. Seeking Christ in our world is helped by the Caritas Advent calendar website with each day providing a Gospel reading in conjunction with a short reflection.

MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL: SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS

Mount Isa Irish Association

PIETY SHOP: has a new range of holy objects, including Columban Calendars (\$7.00) to buy. Try the Catholic Leader as well each week when you call by.

PARISH CALENDAR: all dates for our 2009 calendar will need to be with Fr. Mick by Monday 9am.

WAITING IN JOYFUL HOPE: Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas 2008/2009.

Reflections, meditations & prayer for each day based on the Scripture used at the Mass for the day.

Cost? \$ 4.00 each. Please hurry to purchase

JANGAWALA DROP IN CENTRE: Evening meals are prepared and served by a roster of volunteers - 7 days a week. If you would like to offer any assistance for a set night a week, please call on 4743 0343. If you can help out please let us know today after Mass. You may also like to donate a special amount for the upcoming Christmas Meal. All thoughts, help and gifts welcomed.

TUCKSHOP CONVENOR: 20 hours per week, 40 week contract, starting date is 23/1/2009, contract reviewed 4th December 2009. A vacancy exists for a tuckshop convenor at St Joseph's Primary School Mount Isa. Application packages are available from the Good Shepherd Parish Office in Stanley Street. Applicants must address the selection criteria as listed in the package. Please forward applications to: The Principal, St Joseph's Primary School, Box 106, Mount Isa Q 4825. Applications close Friday 16 January 2009

100 YEARS CELEBRATIONS FOR MARY MACKILLOP: The Sisters of St. Joseph invite all of us to the launch of the celebrations for 100 years since the death of Mary MacKillop. The launch will be in St. Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane on Sunday, 18th January 2009 at 2pm. All are welcome to attend. Come and join our Parish group at the Brisbane celebrations to remember the Sisters who began teaching in Cloncurry 100 years ago and in Mount Isa at all of our Schools since 1930.

ELECTORAL ROLL: We would encourage all eligible residents to be a part of the electoral roll of Kennedy electorate. With the help of improved statistics that your enrolment in our area brings, we can have much needed resources, in medical and other fields. Funding in our area depends on each of us encouraging people to enrol to vote locally and taking our responsibility seriously.

PARISH CHRISTMAS RAFFLE: Ticket sales finish this week after Mass. *Tickets \$1.*

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY: Your donations of toys and food items for the coming Christmas Season are welcome. Our thanks for any item you may offer is extended. Items can be left at the Parish Office or SVdeP shop.

CHRISTIAN BOOKWORLD: have extended trading hours for December. There are many Christmas items in the shop for you to choose. Call in to Simpson Street, opp. McDonald's. There is a shopping brochure for interested shoppers at the Church door.

APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER: The Apostleship of Prayer is a method of daily prayer that encourages us to spend a short time with a passage or two of Scripture, contemplating the message contained in it, say a special prayer as a morning offering and briefly review our prayer. Apostleship of Prayer brochure for the month of December is available on the table at the front door of the Church.

CONFIRMATION – FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION: We will begin preparation early in the New Year. Please lookout for the information booklet and registration forms to register your child they are available soon.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Groups meet weekly in the Church on Mondays at 8am. All are welcome. If an alternative time is preferred please contact Sue Dando on 47438487 or 0428 674 454.

CATHOLIC LEADER: The latest copy of the Catholic Leader is here. Try reading our own Catholic paper and see what news and views that you might understand in a more Godly way.

RCIA: Today at the 9am Mass we will have the Rite of Welcome for Tony Ivers and John Jory who are becoming Catholics next year at Easter. If you would like to help out with the weekly meetings of a Saturday afternoon, prayer support at home or Sunday Dismissal at 9am Mass please let Fr. Mick, Yvonne McDonald, Mary Clayton or Rita Long know.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC: There has been some interest in people becoming a Catholic and a new programme will begin in a couple of weeks. Please see Fr. Mick or the Parish Office to have your name included to be contacted or <http://www.adelaide.catholic.org.au/sites/OfficeforWorship/adult-catechumenate-rcia>

ROSTERS & HOLIDAYS: Outside the Church, at each of the masses this weekend, there are folders with a copy of the prospective rosters. You are able to let the office know if you are unavailable for any of the dates, or any other information you want to tell us. Please be aware, that the rosters are always *subject to change*.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: It's Advent; almost Christmas! A Season of dreams comes true. Be on guard. The Lord may call you to follow Him.