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**Our sick:** Grace Di Matteo, Josefa Dabu, Terry Quailey, Rita Webb, Josie Lay, Christine Woodard, Marko Radmil, Maria Suszycka, Urszula Kaminska, Andre and Thea Van Gastel and friends from the Chesalon Home & housebound

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

Saturday Vigil: 6pm (for Summer)

Sunday: 8am, 9.30am

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:**

Mon 6.45am Tues 7.30pm Wed 9am

Thurs 6.45am Fri 9.00am Sat 9.00am

**HOLY HOUR: Saturday 8.00-9.00am**

**RECONCILIATION:** 10 mins before Mass and Saturdays 8.00 – 8.55am

**BAPTISMS:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays in December at 11am

**BAPTISM Prep:** Next 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 7pm meeting room

**WEDDINGS:** By appointment.

**ANOINTING MASS: next:**

6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> January 2018

**NOVENA OUR LADY**

**DIVINE MERCY Tues. 6.30pm**

**LEGION OF MARY: Fri. 9:30am**

[www.vocationcentre.org.au](http://www.vocationcentre.org.au)

**BIBLE STUDY:**

Wed 7:30 - 8:30pm

EWTN-Kids (internet catechism)

CatholicNewsService

**Sat. 9 am:** Mr and Mrs Andreallo (50<sup>th</sup>); **Vigil 5 pm:** Pro Populo; **Sunday 8am:** +Mr and Mrs Nolan; **9.30:** Mrs and Mr McMaster (34<sup>th</sup>) **Mon:** + Mieczyslaw & George Muszynski **Tues:** +Agnes Lucero Gayo; **Wed:** +Pearl & Laurie Sherwood; **Thurs:** +George Smirnow; **Fri:** +Foss

**Mass Times for Christmas**  
Christmas Eve is a Sunday this year.  
**On Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December our usual Masses are 8am and 9.30am.**  
Christmas Eve Sunday evening 24<sup>th</sup> December  
**Family Mass 6pm Christmas Carols 10.30pm Night Mass 11pm**  
Christmas Day Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December  
 8am                      9:30am                      6pm

Virgin Mary, St. Joseph, Angels, Wiseman, Shepherds and sheep are needed for our Family Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec. at 6pm. Please dress up and come along by 5.45pm. Be part of a beautiful Christmas Story. Join the choir at the Mass. We will sing the most loved and timeless Christmas Carols. At the end of the Mass Santa Claus will arrive to see us in the church.

A Christmas Celebration 2017 – Friday 15 Dec. Celebrate the beauty and wonder of Christmas with the St Mary's Cathedral Choir and the Orchestra of the Antipodes including congregational carols and music to lift up your spirit in the joy of the season. For admission / tickets and more information please visit [www.achristmascelebration.com.au](http://www.achristmascelebration.com.au).



It was *the* Event. Last Sunday's gathering was a tangible example that our community is able to come together in one place and enjoy each other's presence. We all express our gratitude to those who worked very hard behind the scenes and those who fed us, those who entertained us and our children, and all who tidied up the venue.



Endless thanks to those who helped with the "facelifting of our church".

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> in our parish hall "a get-together" from 11:30am -1pm will be held. BYO Ham, bread, butter, tea, coffee and Christmas concert from the screen will be provided. Do not stay home alone on Christmas Day.

Christmas Remembrance Service on 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to join in St. Mary's Cathedral the prayers for all those who have passed away and whose memories we treasure over the Christmas season.

During each Sunday of the Advent season, we focus on one of the four virtues Jesus brings us: Hope, Love, Joy and Peace. Others consider the lighting of the first candle to symbolize expectation, while the second symbolizes hope, the third joy and the fourth purity. The Christ candle is lit on Christmas Eve or Christmas Day reminding Christians that Jesus is the light of the world. The order and exact wording vary among churches, but the wreath continually reminds us of whom we are called to be as followers of Jesus.

**Readers' resource:**  
<http://catholicreadings.org>

Dr Erle and Helen Cramer please accept our sincere Congratulations, best wishes with prayers on your 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Marriage which occurred on 2<sup>nd</sup> December. And on 11<sup>th</sup> Dec Happy and Blessed Birthday to you Helen

Pre-Christmas reconciliation on Tuesdays from 5 pm to 7.20pm during Holy Hour and Saturdays from 8am to 10.30am.

Marriage has to do with the "exchange" of men and women between social groups and with the procreation of children that secures the extension of lineages. Sometimes, and especially with the advance of time (as in the case of Christianity), the personal union of man with woman has also been granted a special symbolic value and has been seen as offering a specially intense degree of spiritual intimacy. ( Religion and Ethics).

**Readers please pick up the new Roster from the back of the Church**

**Rosters: 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> December 2017**  
 Linen: Shirley Mercer; Cleaning: 16<sup>th</sup> December: **Volunteers Required**  
 Readers: Peggy Saab, Rebecca Besly; Kathy Cattnach, Anthony Reed: Anne McMaster, Cristina Toson  
 Communion: Elizabeth Pemberton, Greg Conroy; Michael Borg, Maryann Borg; Fiorella Bosustow, Linda Gillies  
 Homebound: Fiorella Bosustow, Linda Gillies, Anne McMaster, Deanne Buckham  
 Chesalon: 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017: Rose-Marie Hoekstra

**Rosters: 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> December 2017**  
 Linen: Maggie Cranney Cleaning: 22<sup>nd</sup> December: Rhonda Hewitt, Lee Quailey  
 Readers: Rosemary Plowman, Sarah Greening; Michael Borg, Ray Martin; Lydia Horton, Glenn Horton  
 Communion: Geraldine Diamond, Peggy Saab; Tony Reed, Cheryl Reed Deanne Buckham, Rita Zuman  
 Homebound: Melinda Hoskins, Marites Bairstow, Ada Bajt, Jeanette Hickey  
 Chesalon: 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017: Irene Riley

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