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Parish Office Hours

Mon-Fri: 10:00am-3:00pm

# Catholic Parish of St Kevin Eastwood



Weekend Masses: Vigil Sat 5:30pm,

Sun 7:30am, 9:00am, 10:30am,

12noon (Chinese) & 6:00pm

Weekday Masses: Mon – Thurs. 7:30am, Fri 5:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 5:00-5:20pm

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena Prayers:

Tue 7:00-7:30pm (Holy Family Chapel)

## Fourth Sunday of Advent, 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2018

**Our Deceased:** Monica Piggott, Geoff Clarke, Kwei Fong Fu, Young Hwan Ho, Yong Min Ho, Young Seok Seo, Soo Woog Jin, Maria Hur, Felix Beins, Cecile Beins, Jan Brayan, Mary Duck, Ces Regan, Tony Youssef, Toni Gergi Menassa, Mehssen Moujalli, Tony & Rose Isaac, Ces Allman, Pamela Croaker, Wayne Whalan, Patrick Whalan, Alan & Molly McNamara, Bill & Eileen Taylor, Amy Murry, Katherine Corbett, Win Tranor, Fr John Haseler, Sandra Walsh, Jim Grainger, Fr John Lyne and James Bertoldo.

**Our Sick:** Sharma Cooray, Robert Lauw, Philippa Flahey, Noelene Wilkinson

**Upcoming Saints Feast Day:** The Nativity of the Lord 25<sup>th</sup> Dec, St Stephen 26<sup>th</sup> Dec

**Parish News:**



**Advent Wreath Liturgy:** As the 4th candle is lit, in place of the Gloria we all say together: *“O Lord, aid us with your powerful assistance so that by way of your powerful presence in word and sacrament we may come closer to you in word and action. You who live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.”*



### ADVENT

*Waiting* is an integral part of so many people’s lives. In December each year so many young people are *waiting* for the results of their HSC exams. Then there are many young children who are *waiting* for the arrival of Santa Claus with their presents! Also there are many women throughout the world who are *waiting* for the safe arrival of a baby. I have 2 good priest friends who are eagerly *waiting* to retire from full time active priestly ministry as they are both in their mid to late seventies. It is true that so much of life is spent *waiting* for something new and different to happen to us.

The liturgical season of *Advent* is dedicated to *waiting* again to celebrate the memory of the extraordinary event of the birth of the son of God into the world. In the Gospel according to John he describes this event in these words; *“the word (being God) has become flesh.”*

I suggest that there are 2 things that we can still remember about the season of Advent, the first is that it is meant to be a season of *joy* to be shared with all people. The second thing is that it is meant to be a time that leads all people into the experience of profound *peace*. The season of Advent reminds us that the birth of the Jesus is also the real reason why we celebrate the Christmas season! *Fr Martin R Maunsell*

### Christmas Week Mass Times 2018

 <b>Christ is Born!</b>	<b>Mon 24 Dec</b>	<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Mass especially for Children</b>
	<b>Mon 24 Dec</b>	<b>8:30pm</b>	<b>Chinese Mass</b>
	<b>Mon 24 Dec</b>	<b>11:30pm</b>	<b>Christmas Carols</b>
	<b>Mon 24 Dec</b>	<b>12 midnight</b>	<b>Mass</b>
	<b>Tues 25 Dec</b>	<b>7:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
	<b>Tues 25 Dec</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Mass</b>
	<b>Tues 25 Dec</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>Mass</b>

- **Christmas Rosters:** Please add your name to the roster in the Sacristy if you can help.
- **Plenary Council:** Thank you for all your input. Fr Martin has read the cards and the information is being collated for submission to the Plenary Council. Fr Martin will be looking at initiatives that can be implemented at a local level based on your feedback.
- **All volunteers are required to provide a Working With Children Check** number to the Parish Office, please do this **ASAP** if you have not already done so.
- **The parish office will be on reduced hours over the Christmas and New Year period.** Please call before you come in. Thank you!
- We will have a visiting sister from the Convent of St. Elisabeth from Belarus on Jan 12-13. Please take this opportunity to support their beautiful work and mission. Thank you.

### A Christmas Message from Fr Fabius:

Dear Fr. Martin and Parishioners,

It is my joy to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Fruitful New Year 2019. Allow me to thank you also for the philanthropic gesture you continue to extend to us especially paying school fees for the vulnerable children of St. Padre Pio Nursery & Primary School. **MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU ABUNDANTLY! MERRY CHRISTMAS! - Fr Fabius**

### NEXT WEEK’S ROSTER –30<sup>th</sup> Dec, 2018

(AV Projectionist 9am Mass – J Chung)

Mass	Senior Servers	Junior Servers	Readers	Eucharistic Ministers
<b>Vigil</b>	M Hanley	C Kandalaft J David	R: M Chow C: P David	G Kandalaft, S Gibbons E & S Codi
<b>7:30am</b>	B Gibson		R: P Parker C: E Parker	D Macedo, L Bergfield R McNamara, A Blomfield
<b>9:00am</b>	D Lui	L Butler A Butler	R: M Young C: P Ryan	M Tallaridi, J Graziano C Campagna, J Chung
<b>10:30am</b>	D le	R Khalil C Brix-Nielsen	R: A Hogan C: E Smallhorn	D & A Brix-Nielsen A Khalil, T Taber
<b>6:00pm</b>	E O’Regan	L Aglieco A DiBella	R: S Polson C: A DiBella	J Chang, S Ramundi B Aglieco, J Yih

(Counters: 31<sup>st</sup> Dec B Rigney, M Hill, H Reay)