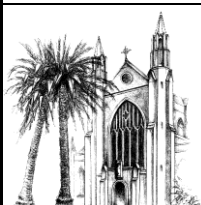


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ROSTER - SUNDAY 25th December 2016

	Lector/Commentator	Minister of Communion		Lector/Commentator	Minister of Communion
5.30pm	Carols, to be followed by Family Mass		5.30pm	Carols, to be followed by Family Mass	
9.00am	Christmas Morning		10.30am	Christmas Morning	
Children's Liturgy of the Word		Holidays	Children's Liturgy of the Word		Holidays
Counters			Counters		Bert Fasoli

Recent Deaths:	Recent Deaths:
Anniversaries: Benedetta Miceli, Placido Miceli	Anniversaries:

FINANCES

HOLY ROSARY
 THANKSGIVING: \$ 1763.00
 PRESBYTERY \$ 76.30
 LOOSE \$ 358.55

ST. BRENDAN'S
 THANKSGIVING: \$ 1227.00
 PRESBYTERY: \$ 106.00
 LOOSE: \$ 342.00

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES



Saturday 24th December

Christmas Eve

HOLY ROSARY
 5.30pm Carols
 (approx.) 6.00pm Family Mass
 (Children are welcome to come as angels & shepherds)

ST. BRENDAN'S
 5.30pm Carols
 (approx.) 6.00pm Family Mass
 (Children are welcome to come as angels & shepherds)

Sunday 25th December

Christmas Day

9.00am Mass

10.30am Mass

CHILD SAFETY

St Brendan's Parish and Holy Rosary Parish hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people as central and fundamental responsibilities of the Church.

Over the next few weeks we will publish information and updated policies in relation to Child Safety. These documents will ensure compliance with the new Victorian Government Child Safety Standards which take effect on 1 January 2017 and will reflect our Partnered Parishes' ongoing commitment to ensuring that all children are safe, happy and empowered.

For more information on the Child Safe Standards: <http://www.ccyp.vic.gov.au/child-safe-standards/>

Dear friends,

In writing this message to you, my heart is in a place of mixed feelings. Sadly I have to inform you our principal Ms Amanda Smith has received an invitation to join Catholic Education Melbourne as consultant to principals. She will take up the position at the beginning of 2017.

I regret giving you this news so late in the year and I am concerned about you, your children and the community in times of such a change. I would like to let you know I will be in the school in the next few days to be with you and the children at this time.

I wish to assure you that the leadership team, staff, teachers and I will work together to ensure the children manage the transition smoothly.

We congratulate Amanda on her appointment and we pray that she will be able to share her gifts with a broader community. However, we will miss her great leadership, her friendship, her wisdom and her influence.

For the present, there will be an acting principal Miss Fiona Ehmer whom I am sure you will support with your usual generosity and openness.

Love and Prayers, Fr Hien Vu PP

Dear Parishioners,

Sadly I will leave Holy Rosary this year to take up the position of principal consultant in the eastern region. I would like to thank you for all for your support of the school and myself over the last five years. The school community is richer because of all of you. I am personally grateful for the commitment that you have for continuing to build what is a wonderful parish community. I wish each of you every success in the future and ask Gods blessing on each of you and your families.

Amanda

HOLY ROSARY PARISH CHRISTMAS HAMPERS RAFFLE
Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5
Available at the Church entrance
The raffle will be drawn on Saturday 17th December after 5.30pm Mass. Thanks to Mary Reilly who has generously donated one of the hampers.

ECUMENICAL CHRISTMAS BBQ & CAROL SERVICE - SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2016
B.B.Q. 6.30pm, CAROLS 7.30pm
ST. GEORGE'S ANGLICAN CHURCH, 55 LUCKNOW STREET, TRAVANCORE
Please come along

HOLY ROSARY CHRISTMAS COLLECTION
Many of you will remember Fr Matta who spent a few years with us at holy Rosary before returning to Egypt to continue his Ministry in the diocese of Asyut...approx. 370 km south of Cairo.

Fr Matta, when we approached him was very grateful and asked if the money we collect could be directed to one of the following needs. We'll leave that decision to him! Please give generously!!

1 Medical convoys in the hamlet to provide health care (moreover, many villages suffer from the unavailability of primary care services)

2 Provide nutritious meals to combat anemia in some of local K.Gs (the high proportion of common diseases among children, especially Anemia and frequent colds)

3 Supporting activity such as: A doctor monthly visit to work for nurseries civil medical examination (the poor economical situations of families which led to their inability to access health services, death of some cases due to the lack of economical ability to get health services.

Holy Rosary CHURCH CLEANING – after 9.15am
Wednesday 21st December. If you are able please come....remember. manv hands make light work!

WEEK DAY MASSES – HOLY ROSARY

Wednesday 21st December – 9.15am Mass
Friday 23rd December – 9.15am Mass

TEN TON: 1st Prize \$1000, Elizabeth & Martin Hall, 2nd Prize \$350, Max Stephens, 3rd Prize \$150 Mary Reilly. Congratulations.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Jesus begins his life as do many children, that is unknown. The future lies hidden from Joseph, as the future of any child lies hidden from its parents. Joseph trusts this future into God's hands. Perhaps this is the image we adults need at Christmas. When we look at the crib scenes of the child, resting peacefully in a manger dare we believe that even as adults we can rest as peacefully in the arms of God...

MAY THE SPIRIT OF GOD BRING LIFE AND PEACE TO OUR HOMES THIS CHRISTMAS