

Next Weeks Readings

17 December 2006. Advent 4

Reading 1: Micah 5:1-4a

Reading II: Hebrews 10:5-10

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 80

Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

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Parish Church Services

Normal Times of Mass (*these may vary according major festivals & events*)

Sunday 8.00am Camp Hill Mass.

9.45am Norman Park Mass

Wednesday 10am Camp Hill Mass

First Monday of the month 7.30pm Requiem Mass (4 December)



Community Information

Camp Hill with Norman Park

Sunday 10 December 2006

Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete! Rejoice Sunday

Welcome. Especially to any visitors today - it is good that we can gather as one Eucharistic assembly and worship together.

Today we again have the prophetic figure of John the Baptist in the Gospel reading. With two weeks to Christmas you could not get anybody so unlike the commercial Father Christmas! So why the stark desert-dwelling ascetic? The answer is simple. John the Baptist prepared the way of the Saviour. He does the same for us today - for he is a reminder that we prepare for a Person, not a day. And that Person, Jesus the Baby of Bethlehem is the Lord, the Master and Saviour - He is the Good News.

Christmas Trees

The Watson Street church has a new Christmas tree - thanks to Elma Ryder and the Bridge Club. The Christmas tree is an ancient custom that rejoices in the value of life, because during cold winter of the Northern hemisphere, the evergreen fir becomes a sign of life that does not die. Christmas gifts are traditionally placed under the Christmas tree. This Christian symbol of the Christmas tree reminds us of the 'tree of life', a figure of Christ who lives for ever, & God's greatest gift to all humanity - his Son."

Advent is very short season and it can get crowded out with our preparations for Christmas. This year the season is shorter than most years because the fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Christmas Eve - for this reason we have moved Advent back by one Sunday as an opportunity to properly observe and enjoy Advent as a time of preparation.

**Next Sunday: Farewell to Bishop Ron Williams
St John's Cathedral 6pm Sunday 17 December**

Tuesday Night 12 December Bible Study
At the home of Don Murray 7 Amy Street Hawthorn

Christmas Break

The regular Tuesday evening gatherings for Bible Study, Julian Meetings & Adult Education will all take break for a month after this Tuesday. The first gathering will be on the fourth Tuesday, 23 January with the Adult Education "This is our Faith."

Christmas Service Times

16 December 2006

4.00pm 'The Story of Christmas' - a service for toddlers & little folk at Camp Hill

4.30pm Parish Barbecue at Camp Hill

6.00pm Christmas Carols Service at Camp Hill

24 December 2006 (Christmas Eve)

8.00am Eucharist (said Mass) at Camp Hill

6.00pm Family Eucharist - a simple & modern service at Camp Hill

8.30pm Traditional Eucharist (followed by supper) at Norman Park

25 December 2006 (Christmas Day)

8.00am Christmas Eucharist at Camp Hill

Thank You for the Wilson Park Fund Raiser & Advertising

Our regular team of fundraisers was in force at the re-opening of the play equipment at Wilson Park. \$100 was raised from the BBQ and raffle tickets were also sold. However, the important part was *being there* and making the locals aware of our Agnew Street & Watson Street centres. The Toddlers Christmas service was also promoted amongst the young families. Janelle Read and the Fund Raising & Marketing Team are to be congratulated in seeing and seizing this opportunity. ☞ *The advertising world* has analysed that it takes seven 'hits' in the consciousness of a person for awareness to be registered. So our public events and advertising is a long and prolonged process before it starts to yield results. CHANT, Advent Carols, Toddlers service, web pages, trade names and branding, etc, etc, are all part of that prolonged process. It is a 21st Century way of proclaiming the Kingdom.

Three Dates for Planning with Vision, Goals & Tasks

Wardens Meeting 7.30pm Mon 11 Dec. Planning Breakfast for Parish Council & Team Leaders 8am Sat 20 January.

Parish Council 7.30pm Thurs 25 January

Rectory Rented

We had hoped that Spiritus would use the Rectory for local work. Regrettably, it did not happen as the group moving in would have quickly run out space. They were slow in coming to this conclusion. The property was put into the hands of Re-Max at Carina who have found & recommended a family to move in. The lease is for six months. This timeframe gives us some flexibility in case some other church group would like to use the building. This arrangement would be the most suitable for a church property. However, we do need to generate income for the parish and it is good to have someone use it and pay rent.

There are some ground rules we all need to observe. The family in the Rectory needs privacy - so if you have serious concerns about how the building is being used, then you must speak to the Wardens who will deal with the issue through the Real Estate Agent. We will be in serious breach if everyone feels they have a right to interfere. Likewise, we are also protected if the tenants have problems. They cannot speak directly to the Priest or Wardens. They too must go through the Agents.

Fresh Expressions of Worship

In the UK the Anglicans & the Methodists have developed a mission programme called *Fresh Expressions*. It is an exploration of new ways of gathering, worshipping & ministry. In the UK this has brought about *a stop in the decline* of church attendance & a beginning of growth. The changes we have been introducing and explaining in our parish are our moves in this direction. More will happen in 2007. ☞ *To help in the process* the Church of England has produced new forms of celebrating the Eucharist, which is more open to new people coming to worship. We will trial some of these. However, it is not as easy as it sounds. Being faithful to the Eucharistic celebration of a 2000 year tradition & the Anglican Church is one issue. Having worship which engages the heart and minds of contemporary society is another. And not *'dumbing down'* the worship that it becomes so simplistic and banal that it insults intelligence is a third component. A fourth issue is modern forms of media presentation. It may be modern, but it must increase a sense of a community at worship - not passive individuals in front of a big TV screen.

whether they are to rise or sink.

William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army

Planned Giving by Internet Banking

If you would like to transfer into our Parish account via internet banking, our bank details with ANFIN are: Account Name: Anglican Parish of Camp Hill with Norman Park BSB: 704-901. Account Number: 000143051. Let Lyndal Colbert, the Parish Treasurer, know on 3398 6680 and to arrange appropriate reference details.

A New Youth Ministry? An Important Parish Goal

One of the items for the meeting of Wardens, Councilors and Team Leaders is to explore with the Bulimba Parish about a joint ministry for youth. discussions will start early in 2007 on how we can share resources and experiences. Youth ministry can be demanding work and so it can be good to share the load.

Going to Hospital?

The financial cut backs in the Diocese mean drastic cuts to hospital chaplains. The Mater and the PA Hospitals will have part time chaplains and *no* chaplain at Greenslopes. This will mean that if you want to have any ministry whilst in hospital you need to let Fr. Martyn know. Insist that you are an Anglican and that it is to be on your records, and Fr Martyn, or the chaplain, is to have access to you for ministry. Make sure that your family knows about this so that they can make sure the information is recorded and the Parish Priest is notified, otherwise nothing will happen.

From the Living Tradition of the Church

The first vital step in saving outcasts consists in making them feel that some decent human being cares enough for them to take an interest in the question of

