



## *A message from Fr Bernard...*

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

As Christmas approaches and the year winds down, we pause for a moment to recall and celebrate all the blessings during what has been a challenging year. While the world continues its battle with the Pandemic, and we see the evolving consequences of climate change across our nation, it is important for us to acknowledge the "many positives" that are part of our lives and Parish community. These are signs that show us how truly "God is with us".

One of the special projects in our Parish this year has been to offer some enrichment to our understanding and celebration of the Mass. Over several weeks we unpacked the different "movements" of the Mass, and how we are called to respond to each of these 'movements'. These elements of the Mass invited us to experience the presence of Christ in different ways.

At Mass we :

1. *Gather* together as a Christian community through the Introductory Rites, and become aware of the Presence of Christ in each other.
2. *Listen* to the Proclamation of God's Word to us, broken open to nourish our lives in the "here and now", and then respond in word, song and silence. Christ becomes present to us in the announcement and opening up of the Scriptures.
3. *Give thanks* and Offer ourselves with Christ to the Father, experiencing Christ's presence in the Priest-President leading the eucharistic prayer.
4. *Eat and drink* the Body and Blood of Christ, so that we who are many may become "one body" through the one bread and the one cup we share. We experience Christ nourishing us in Holy Communion together.
5. *Go forth* on a mission, as the President sends us to "glorify the Lord with our lives". We are sent to love, serve and nourish others, as God has nourished us. We will experience the presence of Christ outside the church in our neighbour, especially the most vulnerable among us.

I hope that this project has assisted us to pray the Mass in a more fruitful way.

I take this opportunity to prayerfully wish each of you the true peace of Christmas, the Peace only Jesus can bring into our lives.

Happy Christmas to you all. May 2022 bring even more blessings to you and your families, and to our Parish community.

God bless,  
Fr Bernard.



## **Christmas Mass Times**

### **Christmas Eve 24th December**

- **6pm** St Dominic's School oval Children's Outdoor Nativity Play followed by **6.30pm** Outdoor Family Mass. Please bring a rug for seating if you wish. Some chairs will be provided. Children are encouraged to come dressed as a nativity character.
- **9pm** Our Lady of Good Counsel (OLGC) Mass

### **Christmas Day 25 December**

- **7.15am** OLGC Christmas Carols followed by **7.30am** Mass
- **9.15am** St Dominic's Christmas Carols and **9.30** Mass

### **Decorate the Christmas Crib**

Children are invited to help decorate the nativity scene in our 2 Churches with toy animals. Perhaps your family has toys no longer being used that you could place at the Christmas crib at Church? After Christmas we will donate the toys to children who are not fortunate to have their own. Thank you and God bless,



## Winter Soup Nights



The Parish of Innaloo/Karrinyup shared a wonderful community building experience as part of the Parish Renewal initiative by gathering for a light supper of soup and bread/rolls after the Saturday Vigil Masses, over the winter months.

The positive result of meeting fellow parishioners through attending the soup nights, offered a relaxed welcome and warmth of food and friendship.

**'A parishioner noted that the Sunday morning Masses often held morning teas after, which the Saturday Vigil Mass goes missed. They really enjoyed the soup nights.'**

The delicious soups were provided by parishioners on a roster basis. All were welcomed, including a few walk-ins from the neighbourhood. Each week 20-30 people shared in the heart-warming hospitality. The enthusiasm was further displayed by the many desserts donated. The success of the Winter soup evenings will definitely be followed up again next year.

## Parish end of year Thanksgiving Mass and Morning Tea for Staff of St Dominic's & Our Lady of Good Counsel Schools.



## Sacramental Celebrations

The Parish enjoyed celebrating the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, of the children of St Dominic's and Our Lady of Good Counsel schools. The joy of sharing these important Sacramental occasions with morning teas and suppers, offered opportunity for the school and parish families to draw closer, acknowledging the precious gift and blessing of The Sacraments in our children's lives.

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