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PARISH INFORMATION

www.stpetertheapostle.org.au
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Weekday Masses	Tuesday - Friday	9:00am
Reconciliation	Saturday	5:00pm - 5:30pm
Weekend Masses	Saturday	6:00pm
	Sunday	8:30am
	Sunday	10:00am
		5:00pm

Baptisms and Weddings	(08) 6468 6643
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Parish Secretary	Lesley Lockwood
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Parish Office	98 Wood Street INGLEWOOD WA 6052
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Office Hours	Tue & Thu 9:00am - 4:00pm

Sacrament Coordinator	Chris Neville (School Term)
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Sacrament Office	Parish Hall
Office Hours	Tue 8:30am - 4:30pm Wed 8:30am - 3:30pm

Parish Priest	Fr Jeronimo Flamenco Castillo
Presbytery	(08) 9271 3289
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22 December, 2019

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Fr Jeronimo Flamenco
Parish Priest



Dear parish family,

‘Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours.’ (Luke 2:14)

I am so delighted to write to you my Christmas message for 2019! Before doing that I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your support to me and the parish in this year. As a parish we have done so well. Congratulations to all of you! You are my family and I am so blessed to have you all!

Once again Christmas is close at hand and it is a great opportunity for us to encounter our saviour Jesus Christ, the Emmanuel *“God is with us.”*

During this time together in this great community of St Peter the Apostle we will experience his presence with us. We will do so by our participation at our Christmas Masses, having family get-togethers, exchanging gifts, doing charity works, visit the sick, consoling those who have lost their loved ones, amending relationships and offering prayers for those who are in need.

May the baby Jesus bring us joy and peace in this time and in the coming New Year.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

God bless you all

Fr Jeronimo.



ADVENT—The meaning of Advent and the Advent Wreath

As you light a candle each week in the countdown to Christmas, share the gift of prayer with your family, bonded through Christ's love, and spend a little time reflecting on the real importance of the Christmas season.

LOVE - GOD NEVER FAILS ON HIS PROMISES

The candle of Love. With this flame we signify the love of God that surrounds and fills us at all times. There is no greater power than love. It is stronger than rulers and empires, stronger than grief or despair, stronger even than death. We love because God loves us.



Advent Prayer

Loving God, as we light these candles in this Advent season, help us to see the light you shine for us. Let your unfailing love be the source of inspiration for all we do this day and each day forward. We raise our voices with renewed courage and hope to face the challenges set before us.

Come, Lord Jesus, be our light. Amen.



Christmas Nativity Play

Again this year our children will be enacting the Nativity Play prior to the Christmas Eve Mass on the school oval.

If your child would like to be involved in this, please email Paulette Aquino aquino.paulette@gmail.com ASAP with your name and contact number.

A practice is planned for **Monday, 23 Dec at 5pm** on the school oval.

St Vincent de Paul Society Christmas Appeal and Raffle

We thank parishioners for their generous support of the Christmas Appeal and Raffle last weekend. The Appeal raised \$1,202.30 and the Raffle raised \$957.00.

Prizewinners were:

Susanna Ho—First prize

Cathie Berson—Second Prize

John Norrish—Third Prize

If you wish to contribute to the Christmas Appeal you may still do so by putting a donation in the Poor Box (at the back of the church—Salisbury St side). Envelopes have been placed in front of the box.

Parish Annual General Meeting

Reports and Minutes of the recent parish AGM are available at the back of the church. You are welcome to peruse them, but please do not remove them from the church.

Thursday Adoration

Fr Jeronimo thanks all who attend Thursday Adoration for your commitment to this special quiet time with the Lord which is very important.

To allow some holiday time to everyone, we advise that the Thursday Adoration will be in recess until early February, 2020.

Mass Times next week

Tuesday: 9.00am

Wednesday: 6pm on school oval and 9.00pm in church

Thursday: 9.00am

Friday: 9.00am

Saturday: Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am 10.00am 5.00pm

Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.00pm - 5.45pm

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

Tuesday, 24th December

Childrens' CHRISTMAS VIGIL— On School oval

Bring a chair/blanket/picnic basket

From 4.30pm

Christmas Carols ... 5.30pm

Outdoor Mass ... 6.00pm

CHRISTMAS VIGIL— In church

Christmas Carols ... 8.45pm

Mass ... 9.00pm

Wednesday, 25th December

CHRISTMAS DAY

Christmas Carols ... 8.45am

Mass ... 9.00am

Feast Days for this week.....

Thurs 26 December—**St Stephen**—He was a Greek-speaking Jew, one of seven appointed by the apostles for special service. He died confessing Christ and seeking divine mercy for those who were stoning him. Remembered for preaching with wisdom and 'full of grace and power' who 'dud great wonders and signs among the people'. Died in Jerusalem about 35.

Fri 27 December **St John**—First century Galilean fisherman, son of Zebedee who, with his brother James, left their nets to follow Jesus. With Peter, these 'sons of thunder' form an inner group among the twelve. Remembered for his contemplative reflection on the life and death of Jesus and for his emphasis on Christian love.

Sat 28 December—**The Holy Innocents**—In an attempt to kill the child Jesus, Herod ordered the massacre of all male children, two years old and under, in and around Bethlehem. The Holy Innocents have been honoured as martyrs for Christ since the fourth century. In remembering them the Church laments the suffering and death of children everywhere and honours all who die in innocence.

Children's Liturgy in 2020

We will be on holidays until school returns next year.

May God bless you and your family and thank you for supporting St Peter's Children's Liturgy in 2019.

Parish Finance Update

2nd Collection/Planned Giving (15 Dec) \$1,655.50

Family Fast (Nov) \$142.60 Direct Debit (Nov) \$744.00

First Reading: Isaiah 7: 10-14

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too?'

The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading: Romans 1: 1-7

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle, and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**



Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 1: 23

Alleluia, alleluia! .A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us. **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'.

When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Responsorial Psalm: 23: 1-6

R: Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

- The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm. **R.**
- Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things. **R.**
- He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**