

The Cathedral parish acknowledges the Whadjuk people of the Noongar nation, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

OUR MISSION

We strive to be an inspiring Catholic community in the heart of our city, welcoming everyone and providing sanctuary for the marginalized, the sorrowful and the seeker of Jesus' love.

CATHEDRAL PARISH

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The Cathedral toilets are downstairs and accessible to the public. Please ensure that children are accompanied when they go to the toilets. Let's work together to build a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults. Contact our safeguarding officers if you have any concerns or questions.



There is a feedback box in the foyer if you have any suggestions, etc. for the safeguarding officers.

NATIVITY OF THE LORD



Saturday 24 December

5:00pm – 6:00pm Confessions
6:00pm – Children's Vigil Mass
9:00pm – Vigil Mas
12:00am – Midnight Mass

Sunday 25 December

8:00 am – Christmas Day Mass
9:30 am – Christmas Day Mass
11:00 am – Christmas Day Mass
5:00 pm – Christmas Day Mass

Monday – Friday

8:00am – Mass
11:00am – 12:00 Noon Confession
12:10pm – Mass

Wednesday

7:30pm – Miraculous Medal Novena

Friday

11:00am – Holy Hour

NEXT WEEKEND'S ROSTER

Saturday 31 December

6:00 pm Fr Richard Rutkauskas
(C) Ronellie Lenon
(R) Helen Sisto

Sunday 1 January

8:00 am Fr Richard Smith
(C) Jessica Patterson
(R) Michael Carren
(R) Thomas Everett

9:30 am Fr Israel Quirit
(C) Stephanie Schenk
(R) Pam Mattes
(R) Rebecca Henderson

11:00 am Fr Sean Fernandez
(C) Lolita Hegarty
(R) Benna Masbate
(R) Anna Rowe

5:00 pm Fr Richard Rutkauskas
(C) Christine Stewart
(R) Jacinta Jakovevic
(R) Sean Keane

9:30 am **ST FRANCIS XAVIER**
Fr Richard Smith
(R) Monica
(R) Ann

DEAN Welcome to everyone and happy Christmas. Whether you are a parishioner or an occasional worshipper I hope that you will feel part of one family of faith gathered together by love this holy season. The church in Australia is reaching out in a particular way to all who may feel estranged from us because of our own failures. The Plenary Council which we have just had this year spoke of victims and survivors of abuse, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, women whose gifts are not fully utilised, those who are divorced and those who identify as LGBTIQ+. The Council has challenged us all to build an inclusive and welcoming church. We here hope that you experience something of that this Christmas. This season we celebrate God's faithful love for us, a love so great that God's Son becomes one with us to enable us to become fully human. Giotto's painting is a



celebration of the divine and human dimensions of Christmas. The divine is obvious in the angels full of delight at the divine birth, the rays coming down from above on to the child and the halos. But the human is not lost. The child being fed and washed at the bottom of the picture; the mother and child looking at each other with such love and tenderness. God becomes human not to take our away our humanity, but because

he loves us in all our messy humanity. The Cathedral priests and staff wish you a joyful Christmas.

APPEAL FOR UKRAINE There will be a leaving collection at the Cathedral **next weekend**. The Australian Catholic



Bishops Conference is supporting a special Advent appeal for the people of Ukraine, following a request from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia. Collections in dioceses, eparchies and parishes will support *Mudra Sprava* (Wise Action), a Petriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. Find out more at: www.catholic.au.

THE CATHEDRAL MORNING TEA The Cathedral morning tea will be taking a break over the Christmas and New Year period. We look forward to welcoming our Parishioners back again on 5 February 2023. Wishing everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas!

ARE YOU BUYING ETHICAL CHOCOLATE THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON? Did you know that much of the chocolate available in Australia comes from cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been trafficked or forced to work in exploitative conditions? It is estimated that there are at least 800,000 children working in the cocoa industry at present: 5-10% of these have been trafficked. To ensure that the chocolate you buy has been produced in an ethical manner, look for the following labels: Fairtrade, Rainforest Alliance or UTZ.