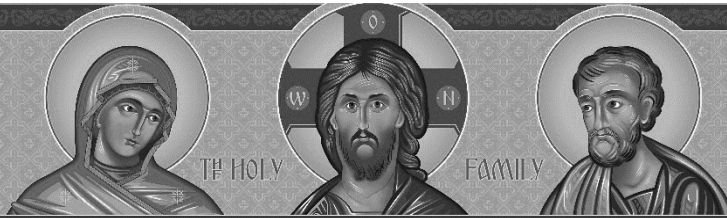


*Holy
Family*



*Catholic
Parish*

2nd Sunday of Advent

YEAR B

10th December 2023

FIRST READING : Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low. Let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM : Psalm 84(85):9-14



R Lord, let us see— Your kind—ness, grant us your sal—va—tion.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. R

Mercy and faithfulness have met, justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. R

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. R

SECOND READING : 2 Peter 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

GOSPEL : Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'



Morning Tea and Fellowship in the Parish Hall, after every Sunday Mass.

FAMILY PRAYERS FOR ADVENT WREATH

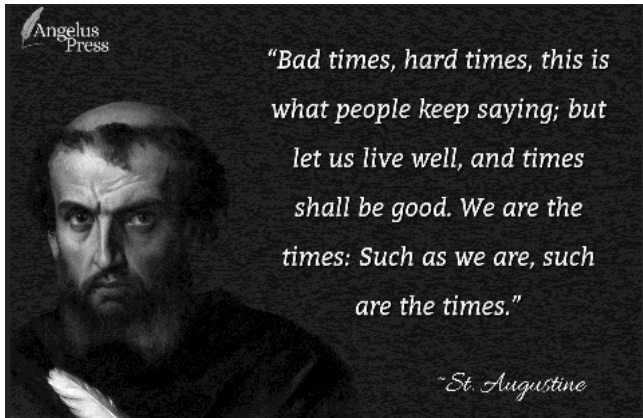
What to do?

1. Begin with the Sign of the Cross
2. Light Candle
3. Say Antiphon of the Day
4. Say the Advent Prayer of that week
5. say Gospel of the Week
6. Finish with Grace before Meals.

2nd Week Prayer: O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for your only begotten Son, that through His coming, we may be made worthy to serve you with pure souls. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

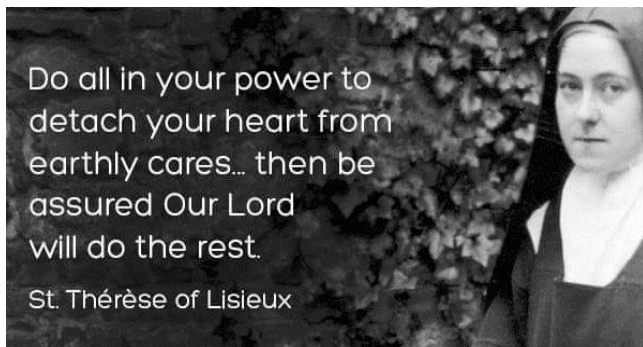
2nd Week Gospel (Luke 3:1-6.)

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths....and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."



"Love everyone with a deep love based on charity,... but form friendships only with those who can share virtuous things with you. The higher the virtues you share and exchange with others, the more perfect your friendship will be."

- St. Francis de Sales



"The husband and wife should be similar to the hand and the eye. When the hand hurts, the eyes should be crying. And when the eyes cry, the hand should wipe away the tears."

- St John Chrysostom -

Second Candle and Week 2 of Advent

Monday: "O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together in a strong yet gentle manner. O come to teach us the way of truth."

Tuesday: "O Adonai and leader of Israel, you appeared to Moses in a burning bush and you gave him the Law on Sinai. O come and save us with your mighty power."

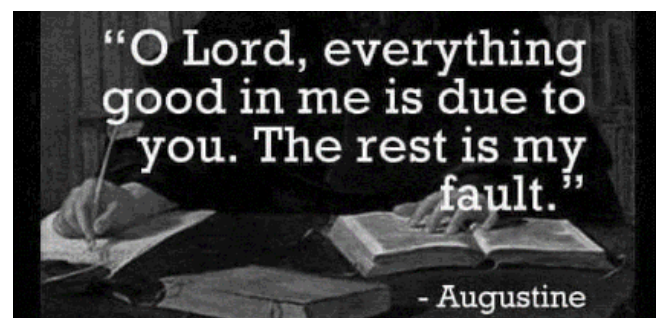
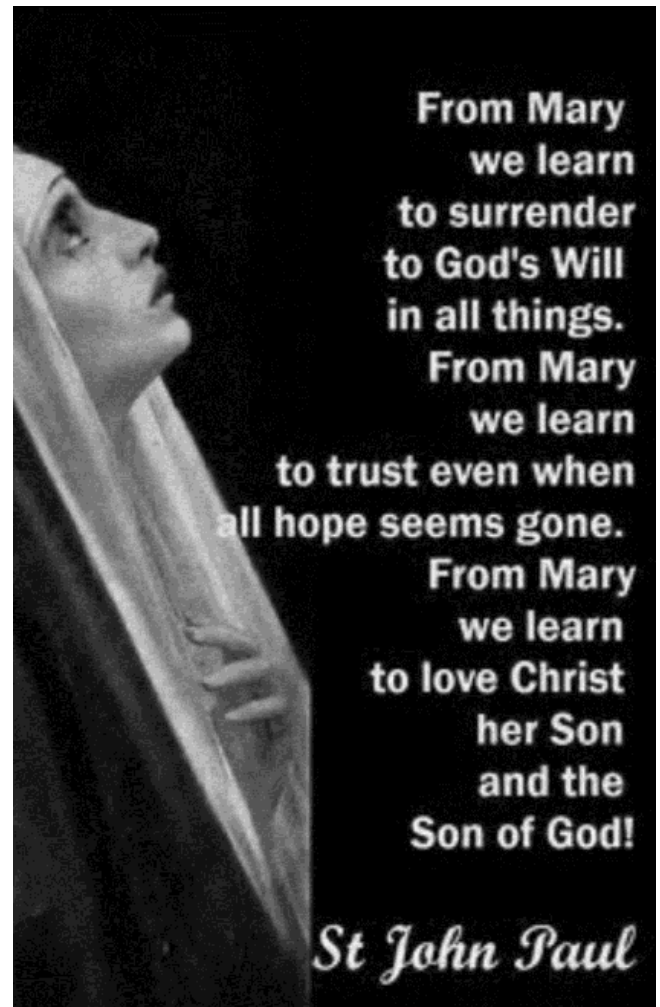
Wednesday: "O stock of Jesse, you stand as a signal for the nations; kings fall silent before you whom the peoples acclaim. O come to deliver us, and do not delay."

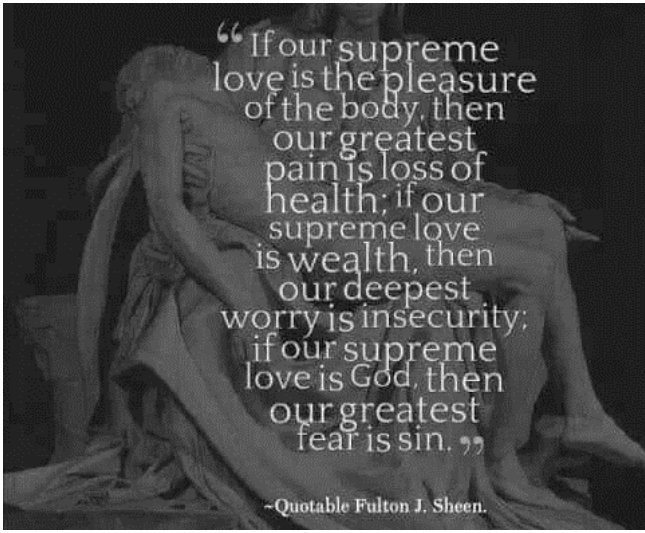
Thursday: "O key of David and sceptre of Israel, what you open no one else can close again; what you close no one can open. O come to lead the captive from prison; free those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

Friday: "O Rising Sun, you are the splendour of eternal light and the sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death."

Saturday: "O King whom all the people's desire, you are the cornerstone which makes all one. O come and save man whom you made from clay."

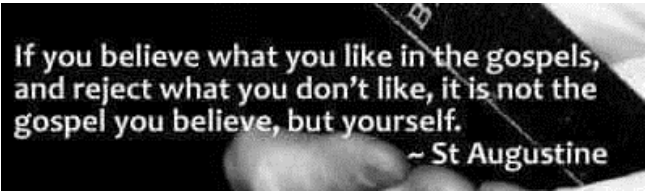
Sunday: "O Emmanuel, you are our king and judge, the One whom the peoples await and their Saviour. O come and save us, Lord, our God."





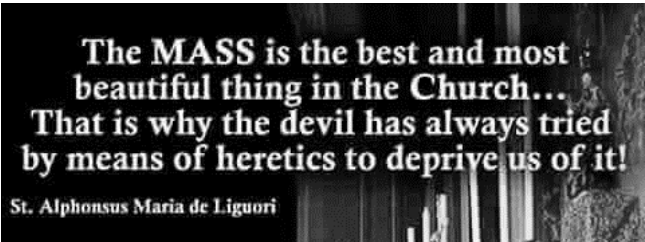
“If our supreme love is the pleasure of the body, then our greatest pain is loss of health; if our supreme love is wealth, then our deepest worry is insecurity; if our supreme love is God, then our greatest fear is sin.”

-Quotable Fulton J. Sheen.



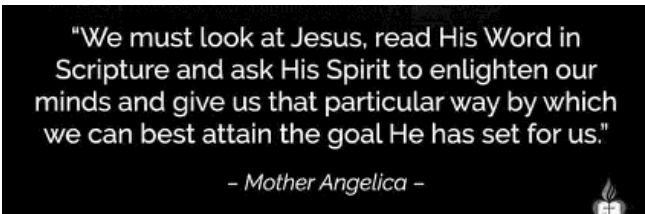
If you believe what you like in the gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself.

~ St Augustine



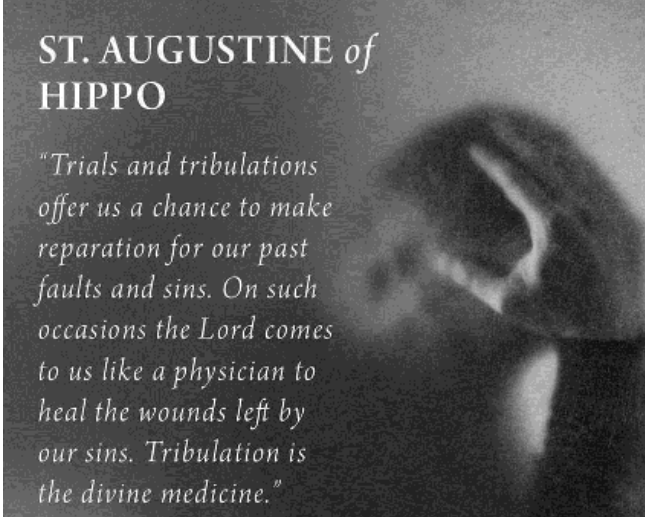
The MASS is the best and most beautiful thing in the Church... That is why the devil has always tried by means of heretics to deprive us of it!

St. Alphonsus Maria de Liguori



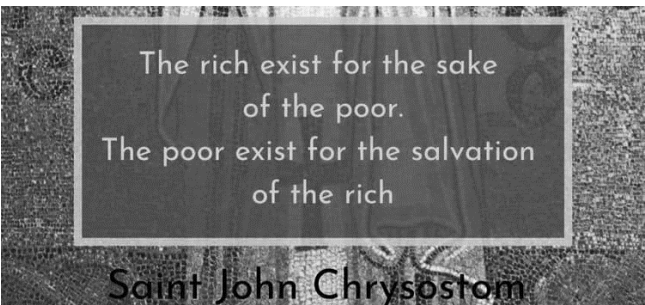
“We must look at Jesus, read His Word in Scripture and ask His Spirit to enlighten our minds and give us that particular way by which we can best attain the goal He has set for us.”

- Mother Angelica -



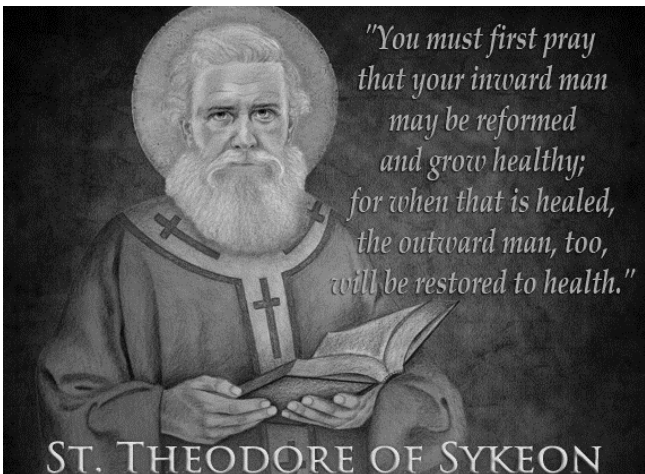
ST. AUGUSTINE of HIPPO

“Trials and tribulations offer us a chance to make reparation for our past faults and sins. On such occasions the Lord comes to us like a physician to heal the wounds left by our sins. Tribulation is the divine medicine.”



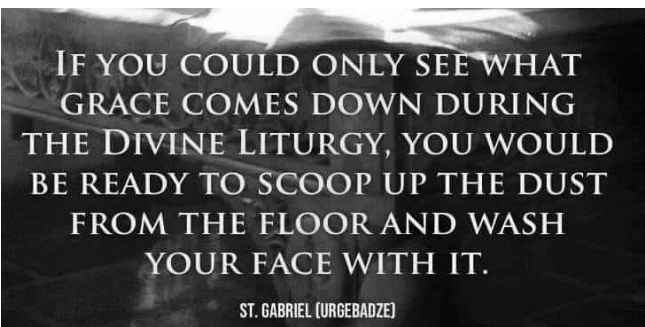
The rich exist for the sake of the poor.
The poor exist for the salvation of the rich

Saint John Chrysostom



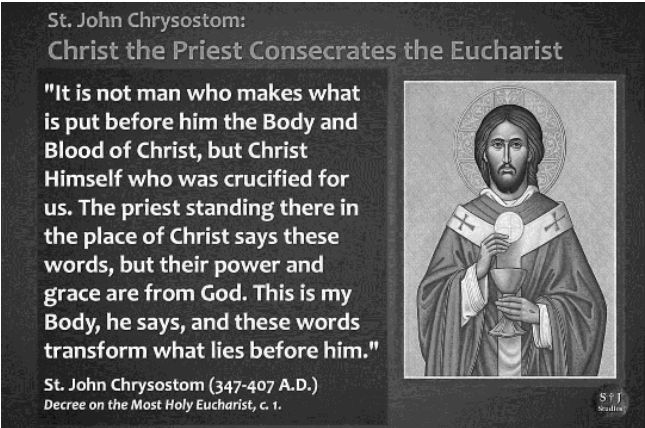
“You must first pray that your inward man may be reformed and grow healthy; for when that is healed, the outward man, too, will be restored to health.”

ST. THEODORE OF SYKEON



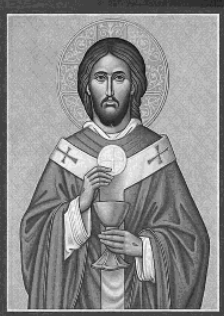
IF YOU COULD ONLY SEE WHAT GRACE COMES DOWN DURING THE DIVINE LITURGY, YOU WOULD BE READY TO SCOOP UP THE DUST FROM THE FLOOR AND WASH YOUR FACE WITH IT.

ST. GABRIEL (URGEBADZE)

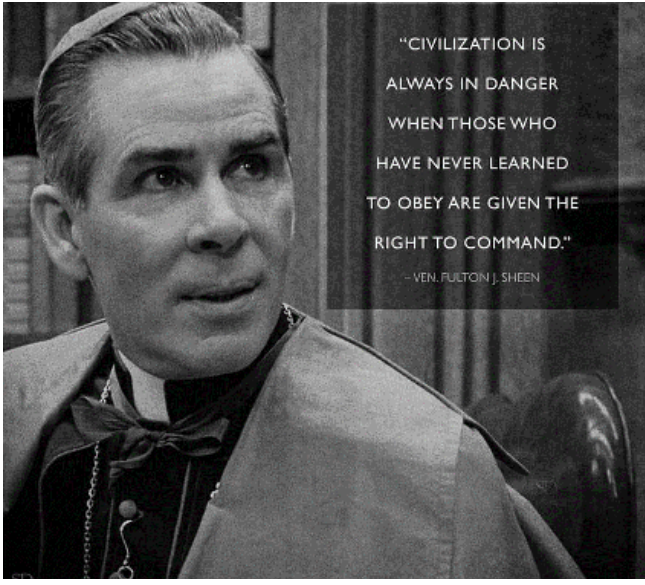


St. John Chrysostom:
Christ the Priest Consecrates the Eucharist

“It is not man who makes what is put before him the Body and Blood of Christ, but Christ Himself who was crucified for us. The priest standing there in the place of Christ says these words, but their power and grace are from God. This is my Body, he says, and these words transform what lies before him.”



St. John Chrysostom (347-407 A.D.)
Decree on the Most Holy Eucharist, c. 1.



“CIVILIZATION IS ALWAYS IN DANGER WHEN THOSE WHO HAVE NEVER LEARNED TO OBEY ARE GIVEN THE RIGHT TO COMMAND.”

-VEN. FULTON J. SHEEN



“No one in the world can change Truth. What we can do and should do is to seek truth and to serve it when we have found it.”

- St. Maximilian Kolbe -

PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

O Come, O come, Emmanuel
 Redeem thy captive Israel,
 That doth in exile homeless mourn
 Until her Saviour Christ be born.

*Rejoice, rejoice! Emmanuel.
 Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

O come thou day star seen on high
 with healing for our hearts draw nigh:
 Do thou the mists of night dispel and
 death's forboding darkness quell.

O come of Gentile hearts, the King.
 A world that needs thee ransoming
 And save thy Servants who confess
 with humbled hearts their
 faithlessness.

OFFERTORY CHANT:

*You will turn toward us, O God,
 * and restore our life again,
 and your people will rejoice in you.
 Show us, Lord, your mercy and grant us
 your salvation.*

*O Lord, you have favored your land, *
 And brought back the captives of Jacob.
 You forgave the guilt of your people, *
 And covered all their sins.
 You averted all your rage;
 You turned back the heat of your anger.*

*Bring us back, O God, our savior!
 Put an end to your grievance against us.
 Will you be angry with us forever?
 Will your anger last from age to age?*

*I will hear what the Lord God speaks;
 He speaks of peace for his people and his
 faithful, and those who turn their hearts
 to him. His salvation is near for those
 who fear him, and his glory will dwell in
 our land.*

*Merciful love and faithfulness have met;
 Justice and peace have kissed.
 Faithfulness shall spring from the earth,
 And justice look down from heaven.*

*Also the Lord will bestow his bounty,
 And our earth shall yield its increase.
 Justice will march before him,
 and guide his steps on the way.*

Vox clamantis in deserto:
 Parate viam Domini,
 Rectas facite semitas eius.

*The voice of one crying in the
 wilderness:
 Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
 Make straight his paths.*

COMMUNION HYMN:

*Sicut cervus desiderat
 ad fontes aquarum ita desiderat,
 anima mea ad te Deus.*

*As the deer longs for running water,
 So longs my soul for Thee. Lord.*

O Bread of Heaven, beneath this veil
 Thou dost my very God conceal;
 My Jesus dearest treasure, hail!
 I love Thee and adoring kneel:
 Each loving soul by Thee is fed
 With Thy Own Self in form of Bread.

O Food of life Thou Who dost give
 The pledge of immortality;
 I live; no, 'tis not I that live,
 God gives me life, God lives in me:
 He feeds my soul, He guides my ways
 And every grief with joy repays.

O Bond of Love, that dost unite
 The servant to his Loving Lord;
 Could I dare live and not requite
 Such love, then death
 were meet reward:
 I cannot live, unless to prove,
 Some love for such unmeasured Love.

Beloved Lord in Heaven above
 There Jesus Thou awaitest me,
 To gaze on Thee with endless love,
 Yes thus I hope Thus it shall be.
 For how can He deny me Heaven,
 Who here on earth Himself hath given?

*Alma Redemptoris Mater, quae pervia
 caeli porta manes et stella maris,
 succurre candenti, surgere qui curat
 populo:
 Tu quae genuisti, na tura miran te, tuum
 Sanctum genitorem: Virgo prius
 ac posterius, Gabrielis abore.
 Sumen illud ave, peccatorum miserere.*

RECESSIONAL HYMN:

Come, thou long expected Jesus,
 Born to set thy people free;
 From our fears and sins release us,
 Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
 hope of all the earth thou art:
 Dear desire of ev'ry nation,
 joy of ev'ry longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,
 Born a child, and yet a king,
 Born to reign in us forever,
 Now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit
 Rule in all our hearts alone;
 By thine all sufficient merit
 Raise us to thy glorious throne.

NEXT SUNDAY:**17th December 2023****Third Sunday of Advent***Is 61:1-2,10-11; 1 Thess 5:16-24;**Jn 1:6-8, 19-28;***LITURGY ROSTER****Readers:** E. Shaw, S. Shaw**Prayers of the Faithful:** T. Molloy**Offertory:** La'akulu Family**Special Ministers:** F. Ulugia**CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER**

Adoration

SUNDAY CUP OF TEA ROSTER

Mothers Group

This is our final cup of tea for 2023

ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK**9 Dec:** Richard Mihaljevich**10 Dec:** Kathleen Gould, Frances Warden,
Ivan Vujcich**11 Dec:** Carl Briant**12 Dec:** Mary King**13 Dec:** Eneliko Michael**14 Dec:** Caylyss Anania**15 Dec:** Marjory Moore**16 Dec:** Josephine Hill, Drina Letica

Church Carpark –just a reminder that
 we have plenty of parking behind the
 Church and Hall. **Please do not park on
 the grass in front of the Church.**

Christmas Mass Schedule**SUNDAY, DEC 24TH****8am: Traditional Mass****9:30am: English Mass****10pm: Carols Service****11pm: Midnight Mass****MONDAY, DEC 25TH****8am: Latin Mass****10am: English Christmas Mass****HOLY FAMILY PARISH NOTICES**

Catechism Classes: This Sunday is the last
 catechism class for 2023.

Christmas Hampers: Last chance to drop
 off your dry food stuffs for the hampers,
 this Tuesday 12th December between 10am
 to 4pm.

St Joseph's Men's group: Final meeting for
 our Parish Men's group for 2023 will be on
 Wednesday 13th December at 7 pm in the
 Marian Centre. **Topic:** *Reflection on
 Screwtape Letters – Chapter 1 to 5 by C.S.
 Lewis.*

**Please note: on Sunday, Dec 31, and
 Sunday, Jan 7, there will only be an
 English Mass at 9:30am, and no Latin
 Mass at 8am, as Fr Jeremy will be away
 at Hearts Aflame. A visiting priest will
 offer the Mass.**