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Sunday Masses:
Sun. 10 a.m.
Sun. 5:30 p.m.
Weekday Masses:
Mon. 9:15 a.m.
Wed. 9:15 a.m.
Fri. 9:15 a.m.
Confessions:
By arrangement

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

14 December 2025

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

ANNIVERSARIES: Pat (Patricia) Anderson, Francis P. Cleary, Brian Dee, Val Dunn, Gerald Malcolm Mazoletti, Veronica O'Brien, William James Parkinson, Margaret Ann Scanlan, Harold Gordon Spears, Mary Denise Stubbs, Gizella Aranka Virag, Sr Ina Watson RSJ

MEMORIAL MASS: On 14th December 2018, Veronica O'Brien passed to eternal life. She was a parishioner of St Cecilia's Parish from around 1990 until 2011. She is also the mother of St Cecilia's parishioner, Tony O'Brien. Our 10 am Mass this morning is a Memorial Mass for her, which marks the seventh anniversary of her death. We welcome Tony and his family to this Memorial Mass.

MATERIAL FOR READING AND REFLECTION: We invite you to take home for reading and reflection three items which are all available on the table in the narthex or foyer of our church. There is a short reflection on the Book of Isaiah and its significance during this season of Advent. Because the Book of Isaiah contains so many prophecies about the Messiah, it is sometimes called the Fifth Gospel. There's also a copy of the Apology given last Tuesday by the Parliament of Victoria to the First Peoples of Victoria. It acknowledges the harms inflicted on generations of First Peoples since colonisation. We hope and pray that it does mark the beginning of a new era. Thirdly, there's also the December *Melbourne Catholic Digest*. This includes a two-page report on the Australian Catholic Youth Festival which was held in Melbourne from 30th November to 2nd December. Six thousand young pilgrims gathered from around Australia for prayer, workshops, worship and the Mass.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Our Glen Iris Conference has had another active year helping people. Every person we visit says thank you when our volunteer Vincentians meet them. Sometimes the financial aid we give people appears modest – enough to help them get through the next few days to overcome a temporary difficulty – but at the time of giving, it is a huge help to our companions.

If you would like to contribute to our Christmas Appeal, **envelopes** are available **in the narthex or foyer** of our church, or perhaps you could contribute a \$20 or more supermarket or other store gift card that we can pass on to someone in need this Christmas. Please have your contribution for collection at Masses during December or pass it on to Vincentians David Maiden or Paul Townshend. Or you could **donate online** at vinnies.org.au or **phone 13 18 12**: please mention "Glen Iris" so that the funds donated are credited to our Conference. We appreciate your financial support and prayers.

CHRISTMAS MASSES: Christmas Masses will be celebrated at St Cecilia's at the following times:

5 pm Children's Mass on Christmas Eve (Wednesday 24th December) in the hall

9 pm Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve (Wednesday 24th December) in St Cecilia's Church

10 am Mass on Christmas Day (Thursday 25th December) in St Cecilia's Church

The first of these Masses is in the hall because the numbers who attend are too large for our church. We are trying to organise 50 extra chairs for this Mass so that everyone can sit down. If anyone can help with even a few chairs, please let Fr Kevin know.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH: You are invited to a performance of Handel's Messiah at St Dominic's Church **this Sunday, 14th December at 2 pm**. All are welcome to join in the Hallelujah Chorus! Tickets cost \$50 Adults, \$40 Concession, \$25 for a child, or \$135 for a family. For more information, visit www.stdominicsmessiah.org. To register online, go to www.trybooking.com/DAZNT.