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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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

28 December 2025

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Fr Michael Shadbolt (d'ced 4 December 2025); Fr Kevin's aunt Nancy Berger (d'ced 18 December 2025); former Member for Higgins Katie Allen (d'ced 23 December 2025)

ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Ambrose, Michael Breheny, Del (Eileen) Brown, Leo John Corbett, John James Flynn, Sylvia Mary Mahony, Jan (Janis) Rutherford, Lil (Elizabeth) Scollon, Harriet Smith, Theodorus Joannes Veldhoven

MEMORIAL MASS: Our 10 am Mass today is a Memorial Mass for Sylvia Mahony. Sylvia passed away on 27th December 2018. Her Requiem Mass was celebrated in St Cecilia's on 3rd January 2019. We celebrate this Memorial Mass with Sylvia's husband John Mahony. May God bless Sylvia with eternal life.

THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to our celebration of Christmas at St Cecilia's. This includes the children who performed the Nativity Play at our Children's Mass on Christmas Eve, those who prepared the children for the Nativity Play, our very fine musicians and singers, and our readers. It also includes those who worked behind the scenes preparing our church and grounds for Christmas, and setting up in the hall for our Children's Mass. May God bless you for your dedicated service.

Many people came to Mass at St Cecilia's this Christmas. About 230 people attended our Children's Mass at 5 pm on Christmas Eve. About 90 people attended our 9 pm Vigil, and just over 100 people attended our Christmas Day Mass at 10 am.

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. Please have your contribution for collection at Masses during December or early January, 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.

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING: We celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord next Sunday. Two years ago, we introduced to St Cecilia's the Catholic custom of blessing our homes on this day. We'll do that again this year.

This blessing is performed by the members of each home. It can be done by a family, or by someone who lives alone. It involves a short prayer service, and writing an inscription over the front door of our home with blessed chalk. We will be blessing chalk at our two Masses next Sunday. We are then invited to call down a blessing on our homes by taking home a stick of blessed chalk and a sheet of paper with the instructions and the prayer service. Many people have used this blessing in the last two years, and we hope that more will try it this year. It's a great way of starting the New Year.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Fr Kevin's aunt Nancy Berger passed away in Sydney on 18th December at the age of 103. Fr Kevin will fly to Sydney on Monday to celebrate his aunt's funeral on Tuesday. As he won't return until late Wednesday afternoon, there is **NO 9:15 am Mass on Wednesday this week**. Our weekday Masses this week are at 9:15 am on Monday 29th December, Thursday 1st January, and Friday 2nd January. Note that we do have **9:15 am Mass on Thursday for New Year's Day**.