

St Cecilia's Catholic Church
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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

29 December 2024

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Margaret Ann Scanlon (d'ced 12 December 2024),
Alfie Beus (d'ced 23 December 2024)

ANNIVERSARIES: Agnes Bloch, Michael Breheny, Del (Eileen) Brown, Leo John Corbett, Lena Divola,
John James Flynn, Bill (William) Jennings, Sylvia Mary Mahony, Jan (Janis) Rutherford, Lil (Elizabeth) Scollon,
Harriet Smith, Theodorus Joannes Veldhoven

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, our musicians and singers, and our readers. It also includes those who worked behind the scenes preparing our church and grounds for Christmas. May God bless you for your dedicated service.

Many people came to Mass at St Cecilia's at Christmas. About 300 people attended our Children's Mass at 5 pm on Christmas Eve. About 90 people attended our 9 pm Vigil, and about another 90 people attended our Christmas Day Mass at 10 am.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Wednesday 1st January 2025 is New Year's Day. Our Mass on this day is at 9:15 am. While New Year's Day is no longer a Holy Day of Obligation, we invite you to join us for Mass on New Year's Day. It's a great way to start the New Year.

Our other weekday Masses this week are at 9:15 am on Monday 30th December 2024 and Friday 3rd January 2025.

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING: We celebrate the Epiphany of the Lord next Sunday. Last year, we introduced to St Cecilia's the Catholic custom of blessing our homes on this day. We'll do this 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 used this blessing last year, and we hope that more will try it this year. It's a great way of starting the New Year.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL: The Society cannot meet the increasing demand for its services, and therefore has had to instruct Conferences to reduce charitable giving, so as to spread the available funds across a growing population in need. They urgently need financial donations to assist people with food, utilities, and essential furniture. If you can, please make a donation using the **Vinnies Appeal Envelopes** which are available in the narthex or foyer of our church. Or you can **donate on-line at vinnies.org.au**. If you want to find out how you can help, contact Paul Townshend on 0418 356 442.