

## Meet Noel Custodio



Noel is a seminarian, who is being ordained a deacon on 14<sup>th</sup> December at Sacred Heart parish. This is the second step to becoming a priest. First you study as a seminarian, then spend time as a deacon and finally make your vows for priesthood.

I hope you can join us in the celebrations on 14<sup>th</sup> December at Sacred Heart Mosman 6pm Mass and party afterwards.

What's your favourite food? Laksa!

*What are your hobbies?* I love reading. Rugby and Basketball are my favourite sports.

### What's your favourite time of the year?

My name, Noel, means Christmas, because I was born around that time. So December is always a wonderful time for me!

#### Where have you travelled that's been inspirational?

The Holy Land. Visiting Jerusalem, Nazareth, Bethlehem - all the places of the Bible - was amazing. The Bible comes alive like a giant picture-book! My favourite place in the world is the Basilica of the Annunciation in Nazareth, which is the site where the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary. That place means a lot to me - ask me why if you ever get the chance!

Where would you like to travel?

I love Our Lady so I'd love to go to Lourdes in France and Fatima in Portugal.

*If you could do any Olympic Sport what would it be?* I always did well in sprinting so being part of the 100m sprint would be fun.

#### What's the best thing about becoming a priest?

The best thing about this life so far is the relationship you build with God that is intimate and profoundly beautiful. I wouldn't trade that for anything. I can't do any sacraments yet but my favourite pastoral work is visiting the sick in hospital.

### What are your hopes?

Personally, my hope is Heaven. My hope for everyone is that people come to discover that a relationship with Jesus Christ is possible and incredibly life-giving. After all, that is the whole reason why I feel called to lay my life down and serve - to bear witness to Christ's love.



## **ADVENT IS HERE!**

I hope you have you have all received your family take-home activity for Advent. Please spend time using the prayer cards each week with your children. Perhaps you can say the prayer at night time or before/after dinner?

# SPaR....STOP, PRAY AND REFLECT...

Our last SPaR for the year was a celebration at Café Jam. We celebrated the friendships made throughout the year as well as gaining insight into our own relationship with Jesus. This group of parents are very special!

A special thanks to Deborah Maravelle who paid for all the coffees and morning tea! This was very generous of you and we all appreciated it.

Next Thursday 12.12.19, we will be packaging our Vinnies hampers. Please join us in the hall if you can.



# \$20 CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS FOR VINNIES KIDS

As you can imagine, the Christmas / January period is a very sad one for mothers and their children who are fleeing violence and they are consequently distanced from the their families and friends. Our donation of \$20 made such a difference to their lives last year and I'm sure we can do a great job this year too!

The QKR app is now live. Please donate if you can. **Our target is 50 vouchers.** 

The app will close on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.



Thank you to all our volunteers this year. Gift of Bread has been so successful. It has built community, helped the needy and nurtured our spirit. A special thanks to Mrs Marilina Watson, year 3 teacher at SHM, who was a tremendous help all year, attending every week and leading the brigade when I couldn't be there. Thank you!

Gift of Bread will be closed from 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and will resume operations on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2020. We hope you have a Happy Christmas and a terrific New Year.

## PARISH NEWS.....

## CALLING ALL CHRISTMAS NATIVITY ACTORS!!

SHM parish is in need of students to act in the Christmas Nativity Play on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December at the 5pm Mass. Rehearsals are on 23rd and 24<sup>th</sup> December from 10 to 11 am in the church. All costumes will be organised for you. We just need attentive young budding actors. The kids mime the parts so there is no pressure to learn lines. Email <u>mary.lozina@syd.catholic.edu.au</u> if interested.

### **BABY JESUS NEEDED!**

We need a baby Jesus for our 5pm Christmas Eve Mass. Has anyone had a baby lately? We need a baby who is under 4 months of age. No experience necessary! A pew for the family will be reserved to take the stress off coming early to Mass. Please contact Mary Lozina if you can help.

### NOEL CUSTODIO'S ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

Please see the flyer for Noel's deaconate ceremony and the Christmas concert for Sydney Harbour North.

### PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Please see flyer.

#### Parish bulletin link:

<u>http://www.shnparish.org.au/index.php?option=com\_content&view=article&id=</u> <u>75&Itemid=55</u>



You are invited to

The Ordination to the Diaconate of



by the Most Reverend Dr. Richard Umbers Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney

Saturday 14 December 2019 6.15pm Vigil of the Third Sunday of Advent

Sacred Heart Parish Church 23 Cardinal Street, Mosman NSW 2088

RSVP Essential by 4 December secretary@shnparish.org.au or (02) 8969 3200 Mary Lozina Family Educator



