

We made it! Week Ten, done and dusted! So why do we feel as if the chaos is ready to commence? The period of Advent is a time for us to recalibrate as we wait for the coming of our Lord Jesus, a sweet child born in a manger. We are reminded of the humble beginnings of his birth; the humility that should surround our lives. Picture this:

A lady, sweet and contemplative arrives in a town filled with darkness, the bright lights of the stars are her only guide. Her gentle husband does his best to make her as comfortable as he can, knowing that a barn isn't ideal for the son that he is about to nurture and love. The barn animals aren't really sure what's going on but they are quietly calm. Shepherds appear and respectfully kneel, not knowing the real consequence of what is about to happen. Angels sing harmoniously, glorifying the birth of a sweet child born in a manger. The world stops, breathes, and hopes for a better future; a world where people are kind to each other, where human dignity is first and foremost in everyone's thoughts and actions.

It's difficult in a busy world, but we try and take time out to make Advent a time of contemplation. It's a time for us to think about how we can be better versions of ourselves. Merry Christmas to all.



***ADVENT IS HERE!***

Happy Advent!

Keep up the prayer cards!



### ***,\$20 CHRISTMAS VOUCHERS FOR VINNIES KIDS***

Thank you to all the families who donated \$20 towards the gift vouchers that will be presented to the children at the Marion Women's Refuge, which is a part of the service that Vinnies offers to women in need. Christmas is hard for these families. We make their burden slightly lighter.



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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 [mary.lozina@syd.catholic.edu.au](mailto:mary.lozina@syd.catholic.edu.au) if interested.

### **NOEL CUSTODIO'S ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE**

Thank you to all the families who celebrated Deacon Noel's ordination to the diaconate. The next step will be his ordination to become a priest which will happen next year. We keep him in our prayers.

### **PARISH CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Dr Jim Coyle, our talented musician who plays at the 9am Mass is directing a Christmas Concert. If you would like to be a part of it, please see the flyer below.

### **CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES**

Christmas Eve: 4.45 pm carols and 5 pm Mass  
7.30 pm carols and 8 pm Mass  
11.30 pm carols and Midnight Mass

Christmas Day: 9 am Mass

Parish bulletin link:

[http://www.shnparish.org.au/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=75&Itemid=55](http://www.shnparish.org.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=75&Itemid=55)

*Merry Christmas to all!  
May God guide you gently through the holidays and bring you back  
to us safely in the new year!*

Mary Lozina  
Family Educator



Mosman Music Club &  
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# Christmas is coming.

A CONCERT DEVISED BY  
DR JIM COYLE & ALAN ZIEGLER



## CALL FOR YOUNG SINGERS

Are you 8 years old or older and want to sing in a Christmas concert with professional singers, orchestra and conductor? We need a chorus of young voices for a Christmas Concert in Mosman conducted by Dr Jim Coyle. Singers need to be able to come to 4 Sunday afternoon rehearsals (1-2pm, 24th November – 15th December) in Mosman and a general rehearsal on Saturday 21st December. The concert will be on Sunday 22nd December at 2pm. No need to audition or try out.

**If you are interested, please ask your parents to email Susan Boyle at [sujo29@bigpond.com](mailto:sujo29@bigpond.com) stating your age and singing experience.**



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