



PARISH HAPPENINGS

A family Baptism

The Vicar had the privilege and pleasure of conducting the sacrament of Baptism for his granddaughter Clara Elizabeth Shade, daughter of Katharine. This took place on Sunday 23rd November in Katharine's home in the presence of family and friends. (The godparents were friends of Katharine, Jeremy and Sarah. Fr Fred baptised their child, Maeghan, a few years ago, and also conducted their wedding!) What was of especial significance and a great joy to all present was having great grandmother Beatrice Shade in attendance. Thus four generations of Shades were present on this happy occasion.

Katharine moved house just before Clara was born, and is now in walking distance from her parents. As one would expect, the Vicar is getting in more exercise these days, walking to Katharine's and also taking the little one for a walk around the block! And as you can imagine, Fr Fred and Libby have plenty of photos of the occasion and will show them at the slightest encouragement!

Sunday, 28th December

The Sunday within the week of Christmas will be a special morning in that we hope to admit to membership of the parish of St. John The Beloved Ruth-Mary Love. Ruth-Mary lives in the country and will travel to Melbourne bringing the beautiful harp she plays. Also we hope to have Fr Fred's mother, Beatrice, who will be celebrating her 91st birthday on that day. Please try to come to church on this day and join us in celebrating these events.

CHRISTMAS WEEK SERVICES

Sunday, 21st December (Advent IV)
Holy Eucharist at 10.30 am.

Wednesday, 24th December (Christmas Eve)
Midnight Eucharist commencing at 11.15 pm. with Carols.

There has been a request for a Midnight celebration this year and this has now been scheduled. Please support this service.

Thursday, 25th December (Christmas Day)
Service of Prime and Holy Communion at 10.30 am.

Sunday, 28th December (Octave of the Nativity)
Holy Eucharist at 10.30 am.
(See notes above.)

DATES FOR YOUR 2009 DIARY

Lenten Talks
Sunday 15th, 22nd, 29th March at 12.00 noon

Theme: "The Philosophy of Jesus."

A study of the thought provoking and challenging teachings of our Lord and how they impact upon our own world view and priorities.

Easter Services

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| 10 th April | Good Friday
Prime & Veneration of the Cross at 10.30 am. |
| 11 th April | Holy Saturday (Easter Eve)
Blessing of the Fire, Renewal of Baptismal Vows, Midnight Eucharist commencing at 10.30 pm. |
| 12 th April | Easter Day
Prime & Holy Communion at 10.30 am. |

Annual General Meetings of the Parish and the Trust
Sunday, 3rd May, at 12.00 noon.

**Let nothing disturb you.
 Let nothing frighten you.
 All things pass away.
 God never changes.
 Patience obtains all things.
 He who has God lacks for nothing.
 God alone suffices.**

**Teresa of Avila
 1515 – 1582**

CHRISTMAS HAMPER

There is a Christmas Hamper box in the Social Room. Please give generously. Toys, tinned food etc. are recommended items. The Hamper will be taken to a local charity on Christmas Day.

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CHURCH CALENDAR

December

Sunday, 7th Second Sunday of Advent
 Intent: Self-forgetfulness
 Sunday, 14th Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)
 Intent: Love
 Sunday, 21st Fourth Sunday of Advent
 Intent: Right Action
 Thursday 25th Feast of the Nativity (Christmas Day)
 Saturday 27th Feast of St John The Evangelist
 (Patron Saint of the parish)
 Sunday, 28th Feast of the Nativity (octave)

January

Sunday, 4th Second Sunday after Christmas
 Sunday, 11th Feast of the Epiphany (octave)
 Sunday, 18th Baptism of Our Lord (octave)
 Sunday, 25th Feast of the Transfiguration

February

Sunday, 1st Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
 Intent: Endurance
 Sunday, 8th Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple
 (Candlemas)
 Friday, 13th 93rd Anniversary of the Founding of the LCC
 Sunday, 15th Sexagesima
 Intent: The Holy Spirit as Sanctifier
 Sunday, 22nd Quinquagesima
 Intent: The Holy Spirit as the Fire of Love

March

Sunday, 1st First Sunday of Lent
 Intent: Self-examination
 Sunday, 8th Second Sunday of Lent
 Intent: Control of Speech
 Sunday, 15th Third Sunday of Lent
 Intent: Understanding
 Sunday, 22nd Fourth Sunday of Lent
 (Lætare or Refreshment Sunday)
 Intent: Spiritual Refreshment

A complete Church Calendar is posted on the noticeboard at church.