

# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

## Bishop Gerard's CatholicCare Christmas Appeal

**"People Helping People"**

This year's appeal will be directed to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

The CatholicCare Appeal is the only appeal made each year for organisations which provide services within our own Diocese. Please give generously, donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. The Appeal envelopes are provided in the pews. Envelopes containing Cash should be placed in the Offertory basket. Do not post Cash Donations. Cheque and Credit Card donations can be either placed in the Offertory basket or posted directly to the Diocese

### POCKET ANGEL INFO:

Children's Liturgy (4-10 years old). Meet at the Entrance of the Church at the Start of the Mass.

### RCIA / RCIC INFO:

If you know anyone interested in learning about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Parish Office .

### TOILET FACILITY:

is situated at the Back of the Parish House; or right side of the Church; or nearest to School Oval.

Tuesday : 27<sup>th</sup> December - No Mass  
 Wednesday : 28<sup>th</sup> December - No Mass  
 Friday : 29<sup>th</sup> December - 9.00 AM Mass

**Special Note:** If you won't be able to come on your Roster, kindly look for someone to replace you. Thank you so much!

### CRYING ROOM INFO:

Feel free to use this room during the Mass. Kindly pack away toys at the end of the Mass. Thank you!

### PIETY STALL INFO:

If you wish to buy some religious articles, books, or items kindly ring the Parish Office or approach the priest.

### FIRST AID BOX:

is located inside the Crying Room at the Entrance of the Church. Thank you!

### Next Week Readings:

1<sup>st</sup> Reading (Numbers 7:10-14);  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading (Galatians 4: 4-7);  
 Gospel (Luke 2: 16-21)

## MONTHLY ROSTER

Parish Ministries	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan
<b>Greeter</b>	Volunteer	Volunteer	Name	Name
<b>Pocket Angel</b>	School Break	School Break	School Break	School Break
<b>Commentator</b>	Volunteer	Diana Noble	Name	Name
<b>Readers</b>	Laline Ford	Mary Page	Name Name	Name Name
<b>Minister of the Eucharist</b>	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer	Name Name	Name Name
<b>Offertory</b>	Harold & Anne Norrish	Aris Mills	Family	Family
<b>Acolyte</b>	Angelo	George	Name	Name
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Volunteer Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer	Name Name	Name Name



# ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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## MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS DAY		25 <sup>th</sup> of DECEMBER 2016			
<u>Saturday</u>	24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	14 <sup>th</sup> Jan
TAMBELLUP		8.30 AM	6.00 PM		6.00 PM
BROOMEHILL				6.00 PM	
<u>Sunday</u>		25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan	8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	15 <sup>th</sup> Jan
KOJONUP	5.30 PM		8.30 AM	8.30 PM	8.30 PM
KATANNING	8.30 PM	10.30 AM	10.30 AM	10.30 PM	10.30 AM

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**All the ends of earth have seen the saving power of God.**

**Tuesday; Wednesday & Friday (9.00 AM) : Mass (Katanning)**  
**Thursday (9.00 AM) : Mass (Kojonup)**

**First Friday of the Month (9.00 AM before the Mass): Holy Hour (Katanning)**  
**First Saturday of the Month (9.00 AM) : Mass (Katanning)**

## Parish Prayer

Good and loving Father, we pray for Your guidance in our Parish Community, all of our leaders and those in positions of different ministries. Fill them with Your wisdom, knowledge and understanding. Guide them and inspire them to unite their decisions, that may Your Holy Will be done. We pray for our aged and sick, grant them Your Peace, that they may experience Your love and healing presence in their lives. We pray for parents and families, that may be inspired to pray together; to be tolerant and patient with each other; growing in faith, love and understanding. Guide our youth and children that they may grow in their trust of You and be strengthened in their faith, as they grow to maturity. Inspire our school teachers, staff and children that they may grow in love. May each of us manifest the fruits and gifts of Your Holy Spirit, as we minister to each other with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You forever and ever. Amen.

ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH  
 & ST BERNARD'S CATHOLIC PARISH  
**C**HRISTMAS **M**ESSAGE

Dear Friends,  
 Welcome to our Parish Christmas celebration! Thank you for being here.

A special welcome to any newcomers and visitors in our midst, and to those who may have been away for a while. What an opportunity this is to enjoy the faith that joins us together as one family, and to experience the peace and loving mercy of God this Christmas.

Today, God speaks to us and draws close to us in a special way. Today, we celebrate a very special gift of God's love and mercy – Jesus Christ, the face of the Father's mercy and the Word made flesh.

As Christians, we believe that the sending of Jesus Christ into the world is the greatest of all ways in which God has spoken and drawn close to us. Through the gift of Jesus, God is closer to us in love and mercy than anyone ever dared to imagine! God our Creator is not just beyond and above us, but with us at every moment of our human story.

As we celebrate Christmas this year, we open our hearts and listen for God's Word of peace and mercy.

Take time to share God's love and mercy with others: through a conversation filled with kindness, a note or e-mail of love and encouragement, a smile for a stranger, a gesture of forgiveness or reconciliation, a prayer of gratitude.

For today we celebrate, not just an event in the past, but an experience of God's peace, love and mercy here with us in the present.

As members of the Body of Christ our lives "tell the story" of God's great mercy and love.

Through our words and actions today, the love and mercy of God reaches others.

**Happy Christmas!**  
**May the peace of Christ be with you!**

**-FR FRANCIS CONSTANTINO**  
 Priest-In-Charge  
 Katanning-Kojonup Parishes



# Parish News:

Envelopes Distributed : **60 pieces**  
 Envelopes Returned : **40 pieces**  
 Total Amount Collected : **\$ 280.00**



I wish to thank all of you who have participated and contributed into our simple project, entitled, "LIGHT A GLOBE...SHARE A HOPE THIS CHRISTMAS," by being aware of and concern to the needs of the 'poor' especially this Season of Christmas. This is something that we, as a whole Parish, have to be proud of. As St Francis of Assisi said, "for it is in giving that we receive." (Message from Fr Francis) The money has been counted by Diana Cavoli, Harry Cavoli & Fr Francis and has been forwarded to Parish Finance Committee to be given to the St Vincent de Paul Society.



*Christmas is JOY, religious joy, God's joy, an inner joy of light and peace.*

- Pope Francis

**CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS** are an expression of our generosity and appreciation to Fr Francis. Offerings in support of Fr Francis can be made in the Christmas Offering Envelopes in your pew."

# Finance News:

## PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

The ability to budget can only come about through the 'generous financial support of members of the Parish who make a pledge through the "Planned Giving Programme."

Like all families, everyone's pledge is important and commitment to the financial well-being of St Patrick's Parish is VITAL. If you would like to join or know more about the programme



COLLECTION	11 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2016	18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 2016
1 <sup>st</sup> Collection	\$ 130.05	\$ 161.30
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection	\$ 32.05	\$ 34.045
Planned Giving	\$ 305.00	\$ 655.00
Piety	\$ --	\$ --
Candles	\$ 13.25	\$ 11.50