

NEWSLETTER

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Monday 7th December – Sunday 13th December 2020

<i>Monday</i>	10:00am	Peace in the World
<i>Tuesday</i>	10:00am	Betty Russell R.I.P
<i>Wednesday</i>	7:00pm	Holy Souls
<i>Thursday</i>	10:00am	Sonia Stojin R.I.P
<i>Friday</i>	10:00am	Justice
<i>Saturday</i>	6:00pm	World Hunger
<i>Third Sunday in Advent</i>		
Sunday	8:30am	People of the Parish
	10:00am	Anna Dooling R.I.P
	12 noon	Penitence

Fr Jack

As we move through advent, preparation to receive Jesus at Christmas should be top of our agenda.

The gospel calls on us to move on, grow up, confess our sins, repent. The twelve steps of Alcoholics Anonymous, all ask us to go contrary to our natural desires . . . they all deflate our egos. When it comes to ego deflation, few Steps are harder to take than Step Five. But scarcely any Step is more necessary to long time sobriety and **peace of mind** than this one step "ADMIT WRONGS." Once I admit, I can begin to grow.

Accountability and healing is very necessary in the life of us all, especially the life of a Christian. So often I settle for, "I'm OK." I need a human mirror so that I can dump, ventilate, release, and be forgiven. Someone has to be prepared to sit in the "mercy seat" (Exodus 25:17-22) and declare with authority that what God forgives, they dare not hold against themselves, or one another.

In short, admitting our wrongs in confession and not only moving on, but **growing**.

CHRISTMAS MASSES (Subject to change)

Hopefully the following Masses will happen, if there are no changes on the lockdown rules:

CHRISTMAS EVE Thursday 24th 6pm and 8pm

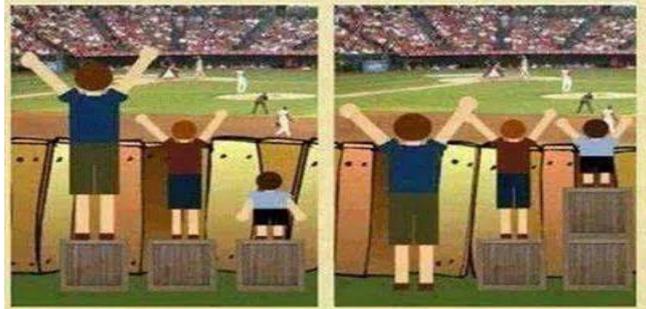
CHRISTMAS DAY Friday 25th 10am *only*.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY Saturday 26th 12 Noon.

SUNDAY - All at usual times.

ROOM FOR MUCH THOUGHT HERE FOR ADVENT

Equality doesn't mean Justice



This is Equality This is Justice

There is a fantastic retreat for Advent on the following link. If you are having difficulty opening it, send me an email:

johnpaul@praymorenovenas.com

Thank God for Pope Francis, who is ever new and original. Perhaps he is telling us to wake up as well, be new and original in our way of thinking and operating as a church. Ideas welcome.

Francis has voiced support for adapting the Church's liturgy to the culture of believers in the Amazon Region of South America, similar to the way it was enculturated decades ago for Catholics in the African Congo.

He does so in the preface of a book on the history of the "Zairean Rite", created for Congolese Catholics following the Second Vatican Council (1962-65).

"The Zairean Rite suggests a promising way also for the possible elaboration of an Amazonian Rite," the pope writes in the new book, which was written by theologian Rita Mbohu Kong and is to be published on December 9.

In his preface, Francis notes that the Zairean Rite "takes into consideration the African way of life and of celebrating solemn occasions [...] without upsetting the nature of the Roman Missal, to guarantee continuity with the ancient and universal tradition of the Church".

Another new book from the Pope....

LET US DREAM (a good Christmas present)

CHRISTMAS PREPARATION.

Help would be appreciated to decorate the Christmas tree outside my house on Saturday 12th Dec at 11am, please text me.

Confession during Advent on Saturdays from 2 to 4pm, or give me a call and make an appointment.

If you have requested a hamper, please collect from the church on Friday between 10am and 1pm.