



ST. GABRIEL'S NOTES

23rd December 2018



Christmas is not a time to be alone. Even if you have lots of visitors, when they're gone and the house grows quiet, don't be on your own. Why not come on down to the Parish Centre for a cup of tea and a chat with old friends and make new ones.

As in previous years, the Parish Centre will be open from 7.00 - 8.30, every evening from Christmas Eve to New Year's Eve, inclusive.

We call it **CHRISTMAS CHEER** and that is what it is - a Parish community looking after each other while sharing happy times, plenty laughs, and lots of fun and chocolate!

Bridge Magazine for our Six Christian Churches

The Bridge Magazine has been delivered to every home in our Parish. If you are from outside the parish, please take one in the Gathering. Perhaps you could bring one to someone who cannot be here today.

St. Anthony's have asked us to point out that their Christmas Eve Vigil Masses are at 5.30 and 9.00pm - there is an error in the Bridge.



Sacrament of Baptism

Last week we welcomed into our Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism:

Alannah Eve Lewis

Family Mass, Christmas Day at 10.30

It was great to see so many children and their parents at the rehearsal last week for our Christmas Family Mass.

There will be another rehearsal on Christmas Eve at 11.00 am.

If you didn't make it last week, we'd love to see you there on Monday. All children must be accompanied by a parent.

We still need help, so please make a special effort to come along with your child on Monday at 11am. Looking forward to seeing you all there, with thanks.

Fr. Pat

*If you look for Me at Christmas
You won't need a special star –
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.
You may not be aware of Me
Amid the celebrations –
You'll have to look beyond the stores
And all the decorations.
But if you take a moment
From your list of things to do,
And listen to your heart, you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.
You're the one I want to be with,
You're the reason that I came,
And you'll find me in the stillness
As I'm whispering your name.*

Love, Jesus