

JEANNIE ELIZABETH SCULLY 12/7/1940 – 8/12/2022 RIP:

Throughout Avoca and district we mourn the passing of our popular, generous and passionate parishioner Jeannie Scully who has departed peacefully after becoming unwell this year. Jeannie and her husband Vin have owned and run Lamplough Estate winery for many years and Jeannie was an esteemed leader at St Kevin's and highly involved with other Avoca groups. Deepest sympathy to her husband Vin and their children Rachel, Elizabeth, Edward and Sarah; with whom we prayed at her Funeral Mass on Friday followed by her burial at Avoca Cemetery whose Cemetery Trust she was the first female member of.

ANNETTE ELEANOR LLOYD 21/11/1950 – 1/12/2022:

We pray for Annette who lived in Maryborough for many years and is returning here from Ballarat for her graveside burial later this week as her husband Leon Golding and son Timothy Castleman are also buried here.

BISHOP PAUL'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL: Our annual Christmas appeal helps our diocese respond to people and organisations in need of assistance throughout the year. Last year's appeal enabled the diocese to give \$42,000 to Flood appeals, the Ukraine appeal and other worthy causes. As Christmas Day is on a Sunday this year, the First Collection is for clergy support, the Second is for parish support and planned giving and all loose money placed on the Second Collection will go directly to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal.

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT: Please contact our parish or Chris Hadwen if you or your children would like to be part of a Christmas Pageant during our 6.00pm Christmas Eve Mass.

MAKING A SCENE AT CHRISTMAS: A display of over 500 Nativity scenes from more than 60 countries plus frankincense, myrrh, and coins from Jesus' time. Gold coin donation. Bridge Mall, Ballarat from 10–23 December.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR UKRAINE: Earlier this year, our parish generously donated to our appeal for the people of Ukraine. Pope Francis invites us to "Celebrate Christmas With Ukraine In Our Hearts" and spend less on our Christmas celebrations this year and donate the savings to help the people of Ukraine. The Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia has set up a special appeal from which all proceeds will go "Mudra Sprava" (Wise Action) Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine that has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for displaced persons. Simply mark an envelope "Ukraine" and enclose your donation in this that can be put on any collection.

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for Annette Lloyd and Jeannie Scully who died recently and those whose anniversaries are at this time: Bernie Grimes, Charles Balzan, John Lyell, Desmond Alfred O' Meara, Bill Stewart, Angelina Diwola, Mary Harris, Doris Mullins, Gilbert Aver, Vi Severino, Lorraine Milda Jones, Margaret Mary Petersen, Mary Witty, Phyllis Hynes and Frank Hynes.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL Fourth Sunday of Advent.

Priest: With the confidence of Mary's great trust in God,
let us bring our prayers to the Lord.

**Reader: That we be united as one in God's promise of salvation
and enlightened by the Holy Spirit to proclaim Christ's
coming in word and deed.**

***(pause)* Lord, hear us: All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader: That conflict and war will be silenced and people of all
nations be empowered to bring about conditions where
peace and goodwill can flourish.**

***(pause)* Lord, hear us: All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader: That, with Mary and Joseph, we will be graced with
trust in God and be given strength and courage when
making our own difficult decisions.**

***(pause)* Lord, hear us: All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader: That all who are awaiting the birth of a child will be
filled with joy and peace at the wonder of God's
creative love.**

***(pause)* Lord, hear us: All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

**Reader: We pray for Annette Lloyd and Jeannie Scully who died
recently and those whose anniversaries are at this
time.**

***(pause)* Lord, hear us: All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Priest: We ask for Mary's intercession – "Hail Mary full of grace ...

Priest: God of peace, as Joseph and Mary responded to your will
by welcoming your plan of salvation, hear our prayers and
grant us the confidence to embrace Christ's coming as
God-with-us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.