

ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE: Earlier this year, our parish generously donated to our appeal for the people of Ukraine. Bishop Paul and his fellow Australian Catholic bishops encourage us to support Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia, in an Advent Appeal for Ukraine. 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 our donation in this that can be put on any collection during Advent.

Australian Catholic Bishops Prayer for Ukraine:

God of peace and justice, who change the hardened heart and break the power of violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you. Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not death but life, not slavery but freedom. You are Father of all; we are brothers and sisters. Give us the strength to live that truth in love, choosing peace not war. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Diocesan Community – October 2022: Your free copy has parish life reflections from newly ordained Frs Matt Restall and Bill Lowry.

Australian Catholics – Summer Edition:

Also still available if we haven't yet picked up our free copy.

Christmas Cards and Calendars: Cards \$8 per 10 pack and 2023 Columban Calendars \$7 available from our St Augustine's piety stall (door near Sacristy) after 10.30am Sunday Mass.

St. Vincent de Paul Relocation: Vinnies continues to assist locals in difficulties at our 54 High St building that is being renovated into a bright, new welcoming space and needs a desk and a coffee table. Please call Kerry Cameron on 0488 207 172 if you can assist.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL VICTORIAN FLOOD APPEAL:

Contributions can be made by: Calling 13 18 12; visiting <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022> or donating at Vinnies Shops and IGA stores where purchasing a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA GIVING TREE APPEAL:

Donations to assist needy families can be made online at: <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/campaign/donate/19/giving-tree-appeal>

Remembering those who have died:

We pray for John Holohan who died this week and those whose anniversaries are at this time: Anne Brown, Sara Melbourne, Rolph Amelia, Max D'Atri, Emma Winczil, Mick Gallagher, Ann Maree Jones, Shane Melton, Thomas Maffescioni, Graeme Pora, Jack May, Lou Prunty, Una Mary Burns, Bernard Maffescioni, Leo Grigg, William Corcoran and Clare Arrowsmith.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL Second Sunday of Advent.

Priest: Let us bring our prayer before God whose mercy extends to everyone.

Reader: That we will be signs of Christ's justice and peace in our world today.

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

Reader: That John the Baptist's message of repentance and salvation will help us prepare our hearts and minds for celebrating Jesus' birth at Christmas.

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

Reader: For people of Ukraine and elsewhere in our world whose daily lives are full of pain and uncertainty and need our prayers more than ever.

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

Reader: That peace and goodwill rather than personal advancement and material gain will be at the forefront of our Advent preparations for Christmas and New Year.

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

Reader: We pray for John Holohan 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 justice and peace, your prophets challenge us and confront our complacency, teach us to heed the words of John the Baptist and bear the good fruit of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.