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*Read all about it.....*

Hello Everyone,

This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the Church's year. Advent is a time of preparation, to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ, as we wait to celebrate his birth, the greatest gift of love, at Christmas. As a starting point, as we did last year, we challenge each of you to invite a friend to come to Mass with you this weekend for 'Bring a Friend To Mass' day. There are some great stories from last year. If I can share on a personal note for a moment, last year there was a friend I thought of asking, but I thought she wouldn't want to, she has never been to Mass that I know of, but she is passionate about outreach to those less fortunate. Having been challenging everyone else over the past week, I thought I should take up the challenge and last night I asked this particular friend. To my great surprise, she was so overwhelmed by the invitation, and she will be coming to Mass with me this weekend. So, I urge you, to take the leap and ask, it is a fantastic way to start our Advent preparation, as witnesses of God.

Until next time,

The CYM team

*(Fr Richard, Rachelle & Sarah)*

Quote of the Newsletter

**"Christ has no body now but yours"**

St Teresa of Avila

**Calendar of Events** (see other events throughout newsletter)

What?	Who for?	When?	Where?	Time?
<b>'Bring a Friend To Mass' Day</b>	EVERYONE	Sat 28th/Sun29th November	In your local Parish	Varying
<b>End of year gathering &amp; ACT1V8 Mass</b>	Southerners	Sunday 6th December	St. Mary's Cathedral	6.00pm
CYM Offices Closed	Everywhere	<b>Thursday 17th</b>	<b>Dec—11th Jan</b>	<b>2010</b>
CHRISTMAS	EVERYONE	Friday 25th December	(Christmas Masses in Check Diocesan webs	your Parishes ite for times)
WALKING: Way of the Cross: A Tasmanian Pilgrimage—Southern Loop	ANYONE (18+ or with parent)	21st—28th March, 2010	Southern Deanery Loop	All day
Palm Sunday Pilgrimage	EVERYONE	Sunday 28th March	Lindisfarne—Hobart	TBA
WALKING: Way of the Cross: A Tasmanian Pilgrimage—Northern Loop	ANYONE (18+ or with parent)	5th—10th April	North & North West Loop	All day

## Special Announcements....

We join with proud parents **Katie & Ian Potter** (Bellerive) as they welcome to the world their first born daughter, **Bridget June!** Many Congratulations to this amazing family, may you be blessed with much love, strength and happiness.



## Bring A Friend To Mass....

This Sunday 29th November marks the first Sunday of Advent, and therefore, it is also:

### Bring A Friend To Mass Day

As we prepare ourselves for Christmas, we take this opportunity to reach out and take up the challenge to be a true witness of Christ.

This concept was developed by WYD08 pilgrims in conversations about how we could address the part of the theme that states "and you will be my witness"

The important part of this is actually in inviting a friend, so make sure you take some time to invite a Friend To Mass this weekend.



At Mass this weekend, make sure you are extra nice, for all those friends that will be there!!

Remember to **SMILE** :)

## End of Year Gathering & ACT1V8 Mass.....

All Southerns (& any visitors) are cordially invited to our

### End of Year Gathering & ACT1V8 Mass



**Date:** Sunday 6th December

**Time:** 6.00pm

**At:** St. Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

**R.S.V.P:** To Rachelle by Friday 4th December, to assist us with catering.

We will start with Mass, and then follow with **BBQ and festivities!!**

Come along to finish off a great year together as we prepare for Christmas



## 2010 Calendars....



The 2010 Calendars, produced by CYM, are now for sale, and by buying one, you will be helping our neighbours in **Papua New Guinea** and sharing the Advent message of **hope, love, peace and joy!!**

These Calendars feature some absolutely beautiful photographs of PNG and the Kokoda track as taken by a Tasmanian trekking group that Fr Richard Ross walked the Kokoda with earlier this year.

The Calendars are **ONLY \$5.00 each**, and EVERY dollar from the sale of Calendars go directly to the work of Caritas in PNG.

Calendars will make great Christmas gifts, and you can purchase yours at your Parish, local CYM office or CDF in New Town.

## VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED.....

### Christmas in the City

Did you ever miss out on being Mary or Joseph in your school nativity?? Well, here is your chance to make things right!!



The Archdiocese of Hobart is responsible for the **nativity and BBQ** on the afternoon of 23rd December as part of Christmas in the City, which is held at St. David's Cathedral, Macquarie Street, Hobart.

#### We Need:

- People to dress up and form a live nativity scene (no acting required, just dress up, stand, maybe say hello to visitors)
- People to man the BBQ

If you, or any of your family or friends, feel that you can fulfil any of these roles, please contact **Ben Brooks: [ben.brooks@aohtas.org.au](mailto:ben.brooks@aohtas.org.au) or 0418 126 434 ASAP please!**

## PALM SUNDAY PILGRIMAGE

Over the next week we will be putting out a call for Volunteers to assist in the **planning and coordinating** of Palm Sunday Pilgrimage 2010.

We need people to fulfil the role of site managers & committee members, as well as people who can help out on the day, or provide bands, food vans, coffee vans/stations or anything else they feel they can offer to the event.

It is **World Youth Day 2010**, so please consider whether you can **share your gifts** with the Diocese for this event. Forms will be available soon!

# Advent...

Advent is the beginning of the Church year. The four weeks before Christmas. During this season Catholics celebrate the coming of the Lord Jesus to earth, and his continuing presence in the Church today. The word 'Advent' comes from the term *adventus* and means coming. The liturgical colours of the season are purple and rose, signifying change and hope. Each Advent season is a special time for every believer to open his/her heart more fully to the love of God and to the eternal salvation offered by Jesus Christ.

Advent calls us to be listeners, to hear our own spirit's longing and the response of a loving God. Just as Mary said 'yes' with no understanding of what was to come, so too do we open our lives to the unknown ways of the encounter with Christ.

## ADVENT WREATH

The advent wreath has become a popular symbol in the Church – a way of acknowledging the significance of the season and counting the time.

**The circle** of the wreath, without a beginning or an end, symbolises God's unending love for us and reminds us of eternity.

**The evergreen** leaves represent growth and hopes of eternal life.

**The four candles** (3 purple and one rose) mark the four weeks of Advent – one purple candle is lit on the first Sunday of Advent and then two purple on the second Sunday, then the two purple and the rose one and finally on the fourth Sunday all candles are lit.

Sometimes a **Christmas Candle** (White) is placed in the centre of the wreath on Christmas Eve and is lit throughout the Christmas season signifying Christ – the light of the world.

Sometimes you'll here of the candles each representing something more. Here are a couple of versions for further symbolism:

1 <sup>st</sup> Candle	HOPE	Prophet's candle – Jesus is coming
2 <sup>nd</sup> Candle	FAITH	Bethlehem candle – Mary and Joseph's Journey to Bethlehem
3 <sup>rd</sup> Candle (pink)	JOY	Shepherd's candle – joy at the coming birth of Jesus
4 <sup>th</sup> Candle	PEACE	Angel's candle – the message of Angels: "Peace on Earth"



## Prayer

### A prayer for Advent:

Take away our blindness,  
 Remove the hardness of our hearts,  
 And form us into a humble people,  
 that, at the advent of your Son  
 we may recognise him in our midst  
 And find joy in his saving presence

AMEN

## WE'RE ACTUALLY GOING TO WALK IT!!!!

### The Way of the Cross: A Tasmanian Pilgrimage

This is your advance warning to **get walking and fitness up over the holidays** and break in those **walking boots**. There will be two walking pilgrimages and you can do one, both, or sections/days of either where you can.

Stations of the Cross Pilgrimage : **Southern Loop**: 21st—28th March (last day Palm Sunday Pilgrimage)

Stations of Resurrection: **North/North West Loop**: 5th—10th April

## The Birthday Cake

*Wishing a very Happy birthday to:*

Joanna Woolnough	26th November	Edward Luttrell	4th December
Macarena Pavez	26th November	Vincent Ponsonby	6th December
Georgia Allen	27th November	Alexandria Ponsonby	6th December
Gaby Canada	27th November	Sandra Mendoza	8th December
Christopher Jacobson	27th November	Claire Hickey	8th December
Margaret Etta	1st December	Richard MacNair	9th December
Mary Mabil	1st December	Tom Mahoney	9th December
Xavier Young	3rd December		

Happy, happy birthday to you!

