

## What's On this week

Wed, Thurs Fri:

Reconciliation—following  
Mass (10:30—11:00 am)

### Liturgies this Week

Monday...Funeral..10:00 am  
Tuesday ..... 5:00 pm  
Wednesday ..... 10:00 am  
Thursday ..... 10:00 am  
Friday ..... 10:00 am

### Collections, Thank you

Presbytery: .....1st \$ 683  
Parish: 2nd Collection  
Envelopes: ..... \$ 918  
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### Next Week's Readings

#### The Nativity of the Lord

Isaiah 52: 7-10  
Hebrews 1: 1-6  
John 1: 1-18

## 24th/25th Dec- The Nativity of the Lord

### Saturday OLHC 6.00pm

Minister of the Word:  
Sacristans:  
Communion Ministers:

Leader of Song:

### Sunday OLHC 10.00am

Ministers of the Word:  
Sacristans:  
Communion Ministers:

Leader of Song:

Counters:

### 8.30am Mass at the Rural Communities

#### This weekend - *Waubra*

Minister of the Word: Margaret McDonald  
Communion Minister: Clare Mullane

#### Next weekend - *Learmonth*

Minister of the Word:  
Communion Minister:

#### Church Cleaning:

Learmonth:  
Waubra:  
OLHC:



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## 4th Sunday of Advent (A) 18th December 2016

### Focus on the Scripture

Joseph could not ignore Mary's pregnancy, but he had an exceptional large-heartedness, so that he preserved a future for Mary even though she had apparently wronged him.

If he had gone to sleep in a frame of mind to avenge his honour, he would not have been ready to have the deepest levels of his consciousness stirred in the way God wanted. In the deep sleep of a just and good man, Joseph was enlightened as to the divine dimension of Mary's pregnancy. The old cycle of human history, literally generation after generation, was being broken. Something utterly new had happened.

You and I are just as likely to receive an intuition as to God's plan for us in the depths of sleep: who we really are, who we are destined to be, where we fit in to God's plan for transforming the whole of creation. When we get these instructive moments in our sleep, what can we do when we wake up? We can do what Joseph did: get up and do what is needed to fulfil the message.

We could pause for a moment to thank Joseph for showing what dreams can be made of. Tonight might be the night! © Fr Michael Tate



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Parish Priest: Fr. Peter Sherman 5339 2302 Exodus Community: 8 Primrose St  
Parish Office: Maree Roache 5339 2302 5338 2118  
Wednesday- Friday 9-1pm Gentle Dove Prayer Line:  
Parish School: Co-Principal: Paddy Ryan Val 0412 840 296  
Leigh Bradshaw 5339 4726 Baptism: Parish Office  
Parish Centre: Bookings: 0439 106 399 Funeral Ministry: Margaret White  
5339 2003

**Responsorial Psalm:** Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.

**Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us. Alleluia!

**Parish Council Update:** Following last week's announcement of Fr Peter's appointment to St Alipius Parish commencing on late January 2017, the Parish Pastoral Council will hold an extraordinary meeting this Tuesday regarding the appointment of a replacement Parish Priest for OLHC, to ensure that the needs of our parish are met in a timely manner.

**Carols in the Cathedral:** A festival of Readings and Carols on Friday 23rd December at 7:30 pm. Local choirs, bands and guest artists.

**Exodus Community:**

- \* The Exodus Community is looking for a volunteer to keep its books for 12 months in 2017. If you are interested please contact Fr Frank on 5338 2118
- \* On Christmas Eve the Exodus Players will be doing a dramatic presentation during Mass. If you wish to be part of this, please contact Fr Frank on 5338 2118. Open to children (Grades 5 and over), teenagers and adults. Three rehearsals in December

**Christmas Lunch:** OLHC Christmas Lunch is an annual event hosted by this parish. Volunteers are required to co-ordinate the various preparation tasks. Sign-up sheets will be available next week. Bookings for Lunch will open as from December 1st. Ph 0419 975 914.



**Christmas Mass Times for  
OLHC Parish**

**24th Christmas Eve:**

6 pm at OLHC

8 pm at Learmonth

9 pm at OLHC

**25th Christmas Morning:**

9 am at OLHC

9 am Waubra

Apologies—we are unable to have a Christmas Mass at Lexton.

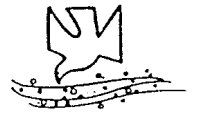
**Rotary Raffle Tickets:** Please return to ticket butts and money asap. Proceeds from the parish ticket sales support Parish projects.

**St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards and Calendars:** Now on sale. Packets of 5 cards = \$4. Packets of 8 cards = \$6. Columban calendars = \$9.

**Assistance required:** Volunteers to assist with the cleaning of the church are required. All equipment supplied. The roster is for two weeks at a time. If you are available to assist please contact Helen Rieniets (5339 2820) or the Parish Office. (5339 2302)

**Baptism:** Quinn Bianca Westman, daughter of Chloe is welcomed into the Church through the sacrament of Baptism this weekend.

**BAPTISMS**



**Farewell to Fr Peter:** Rural Communities cuppa after Mass on January 8th, and OLHC on January 14th and 15th.

Prayer for Parish re: new appointment???????

**Recent Deaths:**

**Anniversaries:**