

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish



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Church of the Sacred Heart

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A 27 November 2022

Walking in the light of the Lord

The opportunity to make a fresh start is something that we all value, especially if we have been struggling with problems which have weighed us down. The tradition of making New Year resolutions illustrates this deep desire to put the past behind us and move on.

Today, the Church begins another liturgical year. The celebration of the birth of Christ is coming: the season of Advent is here, and now is the time to take stock. Accordingly, the readings for the liturgy guide us to look back on history and learn from it.

The people of the Old Testament were schooled in being able to interpret their story and see the hand of God at work. Put simply, they realised that when they tried to go it alone, they made a mess of things. However, during those periods of their history when they were attentive to the prophets and God's message they seemed to prosper. In today's gospel Jesus was encouraging them to look back by reminding them of the story of Noah and the Flood. That was the point of no return in the early chapters of Genesis, when, as they saw it, God had become utterly fed up with them.

Jesus was reminding them that we don't know what the future holds, so it makes good sense to be attentive and ready for anything. St Paul learnt this lesson and encouraged his friends in Rome to do the same. Once we have discovered the wonder of God's presence, it does not make sense to live chaotic lives, which are self-destructive.

In the midst of all the ups and downs of their experience, the Jewish people clung to the belief that God would eventually redeem them. Interspersed with all the warnings about the dangers of going astray, there were the promises of better times to come. Isaiah, the greatest of the prophets, returns to these promises again and again, which is why we will hear a lot from him throughout the season of Advent. The opening chapter of his book is a heartfelt call to repentance. Later, in chapter two, we hear of his first great vision of redemption: all the nations will stream to the Temple of the Lord and people will learn to live without needing to go to war. The invitation is to "walk in the light of the Lord".

You are reading this because you have been blessed with the gift of faith that Jesus is that light, and he came into the world 2000 years ago, demonstrating how that prophecy of Isaiah can be fulfilled. As we prepare for Christmas this year, listening to and learning from the New Testament writers as they quote the prophets of old, let us pray that the Lord will deepen our faith in his abiding presence with us – Emmanuel.

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This week in the Parish

Sunday 27	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year A Rosary - 7:30 am Reconciliation: 7:30am - 7:50am 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass
Tuesday 29	5:30 pm - Mass
Wednesday 30	5:30 pm - Mass
DECEMBER	
Thursday 1	8:15 am - Mass 12 noon - Legion of Mary - Parish Meeting Centre 4:00 pm - Christmas Carnival 'Evaluation' Meeting - Parish Administration Centre
Friday 2	11:00 am - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon - Mass
Saturday 3	6:00 pm - Vigil Mass
Sunday 4	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Year A Rosary - 7:30 am Reconciliation: 7:30am - 7:50am 8:00 am - Mass 10:00 am - Mass 11:15 am - Baptisms 12 noon - Baptisms

HOUR FOR PRIVATE PRAYER

from 4:30 pm
before Tuesday & Wednesday
5:30 pm Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

First Friday of each month
11 am - 11:50 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 5.30 pm - 5.50 pm
Sunday: 7.30 am - 7.50 am

ROSARY

'The Rosary is prayed half an hour before each weekend Mass. Please join us in front of the tabernacle to pray for our parish and prepare for Mass.'

ROSARY STATUE

Anne Palmer



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Ben McShane-Hill (nephew of Mary-Anne), Daphne McLennan, Fr Louis Molloy SM, Michelle van den Broek, Maureen Cusack

THOSE WHO ARE SICK:

Julie Dawson, Maureen McCabe, Mark Hanna, Deb Craig, Fr Anthony Lemon, James Wallace

ROSTERS

READING ROSTER

3/4 Dec | Second Sunday of Advent - Yr A

6 pm - Christine Wightley
8 am - Philomena Zambelli
10 am - Ed Egan

ALTAR SERVERS:

9pm | Yasmin Van Rosi | Isla Chapman
8am | tba

CHILDREN'S LITURGY:

Michelle Seamer

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK:

Second Sunday of Advent - Yr A
Is 11:1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Bundjalung people who are the Traditional Owners of this land on which we gather and pray today. We pay our respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people past, present and emerging.

Christmas Carnival 'Evaluation' Meeting

Thursday | 1 December | 4:00 pm
Parish Administration Centre

LEGION OF MARY ANNUAL REUNION DAY

Saturday 10 December
Sacred Heart Church



8:30 am Legion Rosary & Prayers.
9 am Mass

Followed by morning tea & sharing - please bring a plate of food & drinks to share.

'MASS OF ANOINTING'

9AM | SATURDAY | 17 DECEMBER

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a prayer of healing which may be celebrated individually and communally, and may be received more than once.

All Parishioners Are Welcome.

INCARNATE

2022 Advent & Christmas Reflections

Short daily reflections from Advent through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January 2023). Only \$5.00 | available from the Church and Parish Office.

ADVENT BANNERS

The Jesse Tree is a tree on which symbols are placed which represent those who have helped to prepare the way for Jesus, or who were part of his genealogy.

Jesse was the father of David, the king of Israel, and it is from this royal line that Jesus is descended, there were many Old and New Testament personalities who helped to prepare the way for him, so you could say that the Jesse Tree is a bit like a family tree. Our Jesse Tree symbols will be displayed on the banners.

During the First Week of Advent we concentrate of the importance of staying awake, being ready, waiting in hope for the coming of Jesus, the first three symbols are for three people who waited patiently for the coming of the Saviour placing all their trust and faith in God: Abraham – field of stars, Noah – rainbow, and Joseph - colourful coat.

ADVENT WREATH



Within the four weeks of the Advent season, the Church's liturgy draws attention to different facets of how God's plan has been revealed in Christ, is now revealed in every Mass we celebrate, and that Christ will be revealed in all his glory at the end of time.

For each Sunday of Advent, we take our focus for the Advent Wreath from our Advent traditions. Like the people of the Old Testament we live in **hope** for the fullness of the revelation of Christ the Messiah when he will come in glory to judge the living and the dead.



Twilight Retreat for Advent

'Waiting with Mary'

Tuesday 29 November

*6pm College Library/
Catholic Hall*

commencing with a

welcome cuppa

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

**CHRISTMAS EVE VIGIL
Saturday 24th December**

6:00pm | Sacred Heart Church

**CHRISTMAS DAY
Sunday 25th December**

9:00am | Sacred Heart Church



St Vincent de Paul Society Mary MacKillop Conference, Murwillumbah

Christmas this year, as a result of the floods, Covid and the high cost of living, will be more difficult than usual for many families in our area. Once again the Mary MacKillop Conference Murwillumbah will be helping those in need to make Christmas special. Instead of hampers, we will be giving those on our Christmas list **GIFT CARDS** or **VOUCHERS** to enable them to purchase gifts, toys and festive food.

Please will you consider donating any of the following:

- ◆ **Gift cards or vouchers** - especially on outlets where gifts, toys or something special can be purchased
- ◆ **Money** - can be left in a specially marked envelope at Parish or School offices or Vinnies, or on a collection plate at Mass
- ◆ **Donate online** to <http://donate.vinnies.org.au/christmas-appeal> **BUT WHEN YOU REACH THE OPTION ASKING FOR 'COMMENTS OR CONFERENCE NAME' PLEASE WRITE "Conference 43-427" SO YOUR GIFT STAYS IN THIS AREA.**

To give us time to get Christmas help to those who need it we hope most gifts will be received by early December. Thank you very much for anything you are able to do.

Denise Banner, President, Mary MacKillop Conference (personal 0409 243 147)



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - Yr A

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: (Psalm 121)

R: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL & NATIVITY TABLEAU



The Tableau is a wonderful way to begin the season of Advent and to remind us that Christmas is about the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sincere thanks to all who helped in any way to make the Christmas Carnival such a wonderful occasion. Its success always depends on the combined effort of many in our Parish community - the Parish schools, various groups and individuals all working together.

**It is very much appreciated.
Well done!**

ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINEE ...

Do you know anyone who would like to work as an Administration Trainee? The Chancery in Lismore and Invercauld House in Goonellabah would like to support a trainee in their pursuit of a Cert III in Business Administration. At the Chancery, you will receive exposure to many areas of administration, supporting all other administrative positions within the organisation. At Invercauld House you would be able to gain experience working in administration in a hospitality venue.

If you or anyone you know is passionate about obtaining administrative experience as a trainee in a caring and supportive environment or you would like additional information, please ring Marijo Bradley on 6621-9444.

JOSEPHITE CALENDARS

2023 Josephite Calendars are on sale in the Church and the Parish Office. \$10.00 each.

VIEW MASS AT HOME - *There are several options to tune into Mass at home when you can't join us:*

- Bishop Greg continues to online-stream Sunday Mass on the [Diocesan YouTube channel](#) - 9:00 am.
- Freeview TV - Channel 10 Sunday 6 am

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH (APOSTLES' CREED)

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.



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