

YOUTH NEWS

Youth Masses: 6pm Sunday, 3rd December, beginning with prayer and praise at 5.30pm; 9am Sunday, 17th December, with practice at 8am.

United Youth: our last meeting for this year is Friday, December 15th, 6pm in the Joey's Hall, ages 10-20s.

'Discover' Young Adults will be back next year!

Band practice: Tuesday nights from 7-8.30pm.

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Rosters for 9th & 10th December, 2017 Second Sunday of Advent - Year B

Ministry	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 7am	Sunday 9am	Sunday 6pm
Music	Anne Erbacher	Aileen Eley	Couples for Christ	CK, LG, BV
Readers	Renate Atkins Colleen Clune	Moya McKeon M Skerman	Vin Russell Vilma Rivers	Josephine Ching Theresa Greig
Ministers of Communion	Chris Davis T Houghton Jennifer Jeffery Don Robertson John Roberts	Irene Churchill Margaretha Clark Mick Foley Lawrie Griffin Carmelita Jay	Angel Callum M Everett John Gore Betty Graver Mauga Hunt	Gary Logan Pipo Ng
Gifts	K & T Maloney	Lawrie Griffin	O'Dempsey Fam	Cook Is Comm
	Counters Julie Hellis, Leigh & Lauren Hellis, Joanne Hoban	Church Cleaners Carmelita Jay & helpers		

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2nd March 2018: Next year on Friday 2nd March St Patrick's will be the host church for the World Day of Prayer 2018. The service for 2018 has been prepared by the women of the little South American country of Suriname. The theme they have focused on is "ALL GOD'S CREATION IS VERY GOOD". The women of Suriname have put together a beautiful service for us to follow. What I am now needing our parishioners to help me make this day a great success. The World Day of Prayer brings together many churches in the area and in late January we will meet with representatives from all the churches. However, before then we need to have a meeting with parishioners who are able to help me out with this special event. If you could contact me Marian Ward on Mobile: 0433 727713 to discuss if you are able to help me in anyway at all (no matter how small) it would be most appreciated. I would like to have a meeting on Tuesday 12th December 5.30pm in the Truelson room. Thanking you all so much, Marian Ward.

New rosters are available to be picked up in the Truelson room.

Midnight Mass Parish Choir: As some of our regular choir members will be away this Christmas, there is a real need for parishioners to volunteer for this Liturgical Ministry. For more information contact the parish office.



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PARISH MASS TIMES

Mon	04/12/17	7:00am Mass
Tue	05/12/17	7:00am Mass
Wed	06/12/17	7:00pm Mass
Thu	07/12/17	7:00am Mass
Fri	08/12/17	7:00am Benediction 9:00am Anointing Mass
Sat	09/12/17	8:00am Mass Novena 5:00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Mass
Sun	10/12/17	7:00am Mass 9:00am Mass 6:00pm Mass

Readings: Second Sunday of Advent

1st Reading: Is 40:1-5, 9-11

2nd Reading: 2 Pet 3:8-14

Gospel: Mk 1:1-8

Parish Library Opening Hours:

Mondays and Tuesdays: 7:30-10am

Weekends: Before and after Masses

**Deadline for items in the Parish
Newsletter is 11.00am**

ADVENT: A SEASON OF EXPECTATION AND HOPE.

This weekend is both the first Sunday of Advent and of the Church’s liturgical calendar year B. Advent is a season of hope and a period during which as Christians we await the fulfilment of the promise of God through his prophets. In addition to being a season of hope, it is equally, a season of great patience and prayer.

In order to understand the importance of Advent, one must understand the importance of humility and the beauty of waiting for something special. In a world of “instant gratification,” to wait for something seems pointless. As a matter of fact, it can feel downright irritating and a waste of good, valuable, productive, earning time. Advent is a season to wait, ponder, reflect, and to be ready and vigilant. But, wait for what or for whom?

Advent is truly about preparing for the “two comings of Christ” which is reflected in today’s preface at Holy Mass: the coming of Christ in the flesh (Incarnation and Christmas) and the second coming of our saviour (the eschaton). He came in History (Christmas), He comes in Mystery (the sacraments) and He will come in Majesty (His Second Coming.)

The words of Jesus in the Gospel today express the mood of this early part of the Advent season, “Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come.”

For those who are finding these times difficult for one reason or another the message of Advent is “Wait for God in patient hope.” God has not abandoned us; God is with us, though sometimes our lack of faith prevents us from seeing him. Remember Jesus in the womb of Mary for nine months; Mary could not see Jesus but she knew that the Word had been made flesh and she was waiting in hope for his birth. Wait in patient hope for God to fulfil his plans in his own way in his own time.

Fr. Joseph Kanatt mcbs
Parish Priest

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Christmas Raffle will be DRAWN this Wednesday. Outstanding tickets can be left at the PIETY STALL and IF YOU wish to purchase tickets, this also Can take place at the PIETY STALL. \$1.00 per ticket Or 6 tickets for \$5. Many thanks....Colleen

Liturgical Ministries for Advent 4 and Christmas: Rosters available this weekend and next weekend for people to **PRINT** their names for the Advent Masses: Sat, Dec 23, 6pm and Sun Dec24, 7am & 9am; Christmas Masses: Dec 24, 6pm, 8pm, Midnight and Dec 25, 7am & 9am.

SVDP - St Patrick's Conference Beenleigh

Piety Stall News: Columban Calendars, still a few left. Only \$9 each. Advent Blue Book: Prayers, reflections etc \$6.50 each. **Christmas Cards:** St Vincent de Paul cards (pack of 8) have just arrived. Great value. \$3 per pack.

Christmas Appeal: Our parish will conduct the Vinnies Christmas Appeal on **Sat 9th & Sun 10th Dec.** Information and envelopes will be distributed at all Masses this weekend. **Your contributions can be:** Placed on the collection plate at any Mass over the next few weeks; Posted to the address provided; Handed to the Parish Office or Piety Stall.

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

Monday	04/12	7:30am	Legion of Mary
		9:00am	Adult Meditation
		3.15pm	No Children's Meditation
		7:00pm	Parish Choir Practice
Tuesday	05/11	8.00am	Rosary in the Chapel
		10:30am	Charismatic Prayer Group
		7:00pm	Together in Faith Prayer Group Every First and Third Tuesday
Friday	08/12	8am—7pm	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
		9:00am	1st Friday of each Month Anointing Mass
Saturday	09/12	8:00am 9.00am	Mass/Novena Rosary in the Chapel
Sunday	10/12	9.00am	No Children’s Liturgy

Your prayers are asked for all of the following: FOR THE SICK: May they feel the Lord’s healing touch.

Rob Adair, Gary Battle, Nanette Bachmann, Ray Bachmann, Graeme Becker, Carolyn Becker, Sofia Birch, Rosario Burgos, Ann Campsie, Jennifer Corazzol, Frank Cridland, Michael Dickerson, Kathleen Dickerson, John Dickerson, Gabrielle Dickerson, Janice Eather, Billie Fiscalini, Peter Fiscalini, Rommel Suarez Escobarte, Debbie Chambers, Anita Gabriel, Jeffrey Graver, Val Hintz, Mary Hall, Ben Hall, Mary Harrigan, Brenda Humberstone, Laurie Keating, John Keir, Dominga Kennedy, Peter Katsadores, Neil Kajewski, Mary Kolosowski, Steve Leibinger, Vicki Leibinger, Ruth Marshall, Liam O’Brien, Jill Palmer, Elizabeth Reid, Carol Robertson, Paul Russell, Gavin Stewart, Rubeth Samuelsen, Jodie Taylor, Laurie Topp, Kev Topp, Joe Topp, Peter Topp, Kallum Topp, Marcella Van de Vorstenbosch, Googal Zillionoro.

Prayers are also requested for the following nursing home residents at Beenleigh, Pimpama, Bethania Gardens, Jimbelunga—Eagleby, Connolly Court, Palm Lake, Jeta Gardens and Woodbeck Village.

Transport for Mass: From time to time there are requests from parishioners who require transport assistance to and from Mass each weekend. The Parish Pastoral Council would like to do something positive to address this concern. If you would be willing to volunteer to assist a fellow parishioner by bringing them to Mass, would you advise the Parish Office. You would need to supply your name, telephone contact number and Mass you usually attend, and the area in which you live and would be able to pick up. It is not intended that this be in any way a permanent arrangement. It is merely intended to offer assistance if and when occasionally required. Can you please help?

PRAYER OF THE MONTH: Loving God, during this holy season of Christmas, we ask for your blessing on all families. Let Mary's openness to your wondrous ways be an inspiration to place all trust in you. Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety and uncertainty. Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit of light and love. For this we pray. Amen (Together-in-Faith Prayer Group)