

St Patrick's Cathedral Newsletter



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We acknowledge and respect the Traditional Owners of this place, the Jarowair and Giabal peoples.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT– Year C Saturday 01 December/Sunday 02 December 2018

First Reading:	Jeremiah 33:14-16 – <i>I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.</i>
Responsorial Psalm:	To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; to you, O Lord, I lift my soul. [Psalm 24]
Second Reading:	1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2 – <i>When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.</i>
Gospel Acclamation:	Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!
Gospel:	Luke 21:25-28, 34-36 – <i>Your redemption is near at hand.</i>

“Pray with Me” by Grace Mazza Urbanski

Recently when still unpacking my books, I came across a book with the above title. Advent is a time when we are invited to consider our prayer life. With the school holidays almost upon us we might have the opportunity to open the hearts of our children and grandchildren to the wonder and gift of prayer. With this in mind this book expresses a number of ways to help your children to encounter God in prayer. It offers a number of ways which invite you to choose the best according to your situation - the personality of your child, their age, the place you find yourself in, before bedtime, outside, family time etc. The author begins with **Praying Spontaneously**. “One of the most practical ways to help children develop the instinct to pray is simply to pray in their presence, speaking out loud about God and to God at any given moment of the day.” Easy to take the opportunity to thank the creator when in creation or for someone who is ill, or the joy of life. It is giving the view of praying in good times and difficult times. This becomes a lovely habit that includes God during our day. **Praying from Memory**. “Memorised prayer can be robotic, but consider another phrase we use to describe memorization: Learning by Heart. Prayers learned by heart nourish us.” These prayers help us connect to the wider faith community by having prayers in common. They give us words when our own fail us. I remember how proud I was when I could say the Our Father all the way through without a mistake. Known prayers can bring us a sense of security and comfort. **Praying from Scripture**. “We all have an image of who Jesus is and what he said. What better way to deepen our encounter with Jesus than to return frequently to the witness of his very words and actions?” Read the bible together. Talk about the meaning of the story – it doesn’t have to be theologically correct, you are opening your child’s mind to seeking meaning and seeking Christ. Close your eyes and imagine if you were there. What would Jesus say to you? How would you respond? Encourage your child to have a couple of favorite stories that they will remember and come back to. **Praying with Songs**. “Music is a deeply human way to pray. Singing with others releases healthy chemicals in our brains. Music inspires wholeness and trust, and joining in song with others encourages attentiveness as we breathe together, begin together and end together.” Of course many of the psalms were meant to be sung in the temple and in praise of creation. Many children would love to teach you a song about God. Let them, join in with them. Write a little song yourselves. Find a prayer and make it into a song. Laugh and find joy!! **Praying with Silence**. “Most parents and teachers don’t need to be convinced that silence is therapeutic, that it is a sacred place to encounter God. We all need to practice silence because we’re so unused to the quiet. Let’s practice silence with our children as we can learn to listen to Jesus in our hearts, where he come to us so intimately.” There is silence in words and deeds. Silence invites a time of remembering and giving thanks from within. This is prayer. Deeds are when we do something anonymously and tell no one. When we give a hug, kiss or smile for no reason. This is prayer. Maybe a way of introducing silence is to begin meals with a moment of silent prayer and then maybe some sharing before sharing a meal together. Finally, **Praying with Reflection**. “Reflection helps us recollect ourselves and re-collect what feels like fragmented pieces of ourselves” In old terms our “examen”. Our looking over our day and finding areas to thank God, and areas where we need a little help. Often one way is to invite children to look back over their day as if they are watching a movie from when they got out of bed and reflect on what the events of the day meant to them and God.

What a wonderful opportunity during this ADVENT to give a gift to the children in your life that will last them a lifetime!

Fr. Michael



Willow, a friend of mine, aged four thought the Nativity Scene could do with some improvement!

We remember in our prayers all those who have died recently: Carolyn Instrell. *May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Them, May They Rest in Peace.*

We hold in our hearts the memories of those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Bernadette and Anthony Aboud, Msgr Michael McKenna, Fr Justin King.

For all those who are ill in our community, especially Roslyn Pardon [nee Kearney], Joanne Essey [Sydney], Mr Rene Perla, Braxton Rayner, Kate Gibbs, Max Shearer, Saturnino Bustamante, Hannah Marie Marasigan, Robert Badger, Stephanie Shine, Susie Rolls, Andrew Supple (Robina), Mary-Ann Hine, Antony Dunbarr, Kathy Allan, Bernadette Gobbert, Freda Coorey, John Morgan, Patricia McCracken, Matthew Dwyer, Reggie James, Morgan O'Brien, Charles Walker, Celie Brosnan, Teresita Pamulaklakin, Michael O'Malley.

Congratulations to these newly weds: *May the Holy Spirit bless their lives together.*

For all those recently baptised: **Matilda Akers** daughter of Daniel and Chloe, **Matilda Pollard** daughter of Michael and Kylie, **Isla Rose Martin** daughter of Sharyn, **Mia Sutcliffe** daughter of Timothy and Samantha, **Leo James Weedon** son of Jared and Katie and **Antoinette Alberca** daughter of Mark and Mary. *May the gift of the Holy Spirit grow throughout their lives.*

Reconciliation: 1st Rite available every Saturday, 9.00am – 10.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral.

Thank you Ron O'Brien for fashioning out of cedar our new Water Fonts at the front entrance of the church.

A pair of dark grey and red **Glasses** were found in the Cathedral on 29 November. If you are missing a pair, please go to the Parish Office during office hours.

MINISTERS' ROSTER FOR CHRISTMAS: To help with the preparation of the Christmas Roster there are blank sheets in the Sacristy and at both doors of the Cathedral. Please indicate if you are available to be an Altar Server, Communion Minister, Reader, Welcomer or Money Collector at the Christmas Masses. Please let us know if you will be away over Christmas/January. Sheets will be in the sacristy for the next few weekends.

Adoration - each Wednesday during Advent from 5.00pm – 6.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. Please mark these dates on your calendar and make a prayerful commitment to spend a little quiet time reflecting on life and God's presence in your Advent journey. Dates: 5/12, 12/12, 19/12.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2019: Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist will be celebrated in the first two terms of the school year, 2019. Our program begins with Enrolment Masses and Parent Information Sessions outlining the structure and background of the Sacraments. The parish will require a copy of your child's baptism certificate. The Reconciliation program [Term 1] will begin with a Parent Information Session on **Tuesday 12 February 2019** at 7pm in the **Cathedral Centre**. Child minding for this session [approx. 30 mins] will be provided if you are unable to organise other arrangements for your children. Sacramental Enrolment Forms are available from the Parish Office. Please contact Mary Schwartz, Pastoral Associate, at the Parish Office on 4637 1500 if you would like your child to participate in the program.

St Vincent de Paul: The next meeting of St Vincent de Paul will be held in the parish centre at 6pm on Tuesday 4 December 2018. New members are most welcome. Contact Terry on 0428 582 205. Please remember our non-perishable items collection – Sunday 25 November until Sunday 16 December.

Holy Hour/Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Friday from 2pm at the convent of Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver, 71 Margaret Street, Toowoomba

The Catholic Leader: Please feel free to **take** a copy. If you don't have any money on you, pay next week, or accept it as a gift from us to you!

St Pat's Indoor Bowls: Last Day for 2018 Tuesday 4 December. Resume in 2019 - date to be advised.

Limited copies of the **2019 Columban Calendar** are available in the Parish Office at a cost of \$10 each.

Daily Mass Book 2019 is available for purchase from the Parish Office at a cost of \$25 each – again limited copies.

A limited number of **SAVIOUR** – Advent & Christmas Daily Reflections – is available. If you wish, feel free to place a donation of \$5 on the plate.

Plenary Council 2020: Let's Have Our Say!

Yes the invitation is genuine: those who are gradually putting together the agenda for the Plenary Council first session in October 2020 [two years away] want to hear every voice. They want to hear your voice, the story of your experiences of Church. They want to hear your ideas and hopes for a Church that really brings GOOD NEWS each day to our country, Australia.

Send your thoughts and hopes directly to the addresses in bold type below. Better still, make some time to have conversations about the key question: What is God asking the Church to be in [and to bring to] Australia in these times? Conversations among family members and with friends will not only produce more wisdom, they'll bind us more closely together through our listening and speaking honestly. Have your say – send your thoughts:

by email to plenarycouncil@catholic.org.au

by post to **Plenary Council 2020, PO Box 747 NORTH SYDNEY NSW 2059**

by delivering or sending to our Cathedral Office (marked Plenary Council)

123 Neil Street, Toowoomba

PO Box 7056 TOOWOOMBA QLD 4350.

**PARISH WEEKLY PROGRAM:
Sunday 02 December 2018/Sunday 09 December 2018**

Sunday 02 Dec	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16 Second Reading: 1 Thess 3:12 – 4:2 Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	11am Baptism of Xavier Tame and Quinten Pacholke [FM] 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Monday 03 Dec	Saint Francis Xavier First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5 Gospel: Matthew 8:5-11	9.00am Mass at STM	10.30am Mass at Brodribb 5.30pm Choir Practice 6pm 'Thank You' Christmas Dinner – Cathedral Centre 8.30am Award Ceremony – St Thomas More's Primary School
Tuesday 04 Dec	Tuesday 1C Advent First Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 Gospel: Luke 10:21-24	7.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass at STM	9am SSPS Year 6 Mass [FM] 12.30 St Pat's Indoor Bowls 2.15pm SSPS Year 2 Liturgy
Wednesday 05 Dec	Wednesday 1C Advent First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10 Gospel: Matthew 15:29-37	7.00am Mass	2pm Race Day meeting 5-6pm Adoration 7:15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Thursday 06 Dec	Thursday 1C Advent First Reading: Isaiah 26:1-6 Gospel: Matthew 7:21, 24-27	7.00am Mass	8.30am Final Assembly SSPS 10.30am Nursing Home Ministry meeting – Parish Centre 2pm AGM Board of Management Cathedral Parish Units 6pm STM Graduation Ceremony
Friday 07 Dec	Saint Ambrose First Reading: Isaiah 29:17-24 Gospel: Matthew 9:27-31	7.00am Mass Only 11am Mass STM	9am SSPS Graduation Ceremony 11am STM End of School Year Mass – Everyone is Welcome! 7:15pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre
Saturday 08 Dec	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary First Reading: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 Second Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Gospel: Luke 1:26-38	7.00am Mass 6.00pm Vigil	9.00am – 10.00am: 1 st Rite of Reconciliation
Sunday 09 Dec	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9 Second Reading: Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11 Gospel: Luke 3:1-6	7.00am Mass 9.00am Mass 5.30pm Mass	11am Baptism of Evie Higgins [HR] 4.30pm: Bingo – Cathedral Centre

**MINISTRIES FOR MASS:
Saturday 08 December 2018 / Sunday 09 December 2018**

	Vigil 6.00pm	7.00am	9.00am	5.30pm
Coordinator	Trevor Cavanagh 4632 3118	John Fisher 0458 635 374	Leo Lunney 4634 2004	Gabrielle Saide 4632 4778
Welcomers	Peter & Eileen Castles	John Ryan, Vince Murphy Bob Ryan, Joan Coonan	Teresa Frelek	Joe Briffa, Jim Harris, John and Rosemary Keenan
Readers	Trevor Cavanagh Clinton Shearer Elizabeth Klimkowicz	Graham Healy John Fisher Angela Travers	Ian Church Charles Kitapindu Hugh Boyce	Barbara Lees Patrick Murphy
Communion Ministers	Roberta Cooke Carmel Cavanagh Kate Gilloway Paul Byrnes Mary Schwartz	Noela Fisher Carmel Doolan Mary Tupou Mary L Fitzgerald Sr Reena John	Leo Lunney Pat Lunney Michael Cook Leona Parker	Gabrielle Saide Judy Lindores Kevin Lindores Fran Mitchell John Cronin
Altar Assist				
Music	Vicky and Singers	CDs	St Patrick's Choir	Tom and Singers
Collectors	Lindsay Fox Rodney Melvin	Bob Hegarty, John Ryan, Vince Murphy, Bob Ryan Bernie Coonan	Brian Strong Terry Collins	Jim Harris, Joe Briffa, John Cronin John and Rosemary Keenan
Counters	This Week: Jabour Hanna, Gabrielle Saide, Kate Gilloway, Craig Hogan		Next Week: Jenny Hurd, Bob Hegarty, Helen Hoddle, Bob Ryan	

Collections: 24/25 November 2018: PG - \$1552.40; Loose - \$2395.80

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Today's Psalm

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and
teach me: for you are God my saviour.

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and
will. The Lord's friendship is for those
who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.

ENTRANCE SONG: Now In This Banquet GA197

Refrain:

*God of our journeys, daybreak tonight;
Lead us to justice and light.
Grant us compassion, strength for the day,
Wisdom to walk in your way.*

You who have touched us and graced us with love,
make us your people of goodness and light.

Let our hearts burn with the fire of your love;
open our eyes to the glory of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: GA26

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul; to you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Mass Shalom

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

PREPARATION OF GIFTS:

Jesus Come To Us AOV1-148

*Refrain: Jesus, come to us,
lead us to your light.
Jesus, be with us,
for we need you.*

Lord, we come before you,
listen to our prayer.
Fill us all with hope, and your love.

Lord, we come to praise you
for your faithfulness through night.
You will be with us, this we know.

Lord, you give us wonders, your glory to all.
We believe in you, come to us.

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

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MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION: Mass Shalom No 1

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your
Resurrection until you come again..

COMMUNION SONG:

May We Come To Know the Lord AOV2-19

*Refrain: In the bread may we be broken.
In the cup may we be outpoured.
May we come to know the healer,
may we come to know the Lord.*

Though many are we, we are one in the Lord.
We are all welcome to his table of new life.

We come to the table to remember the Lord,
who gave his life that we might live forever more.

In breaking the bread, in sharing the cup,
may we be filled as we come to know the Lord.

RECESSIONAL SONG: O Come, O Come, Emmanuel GA285/AOV1-174

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O Wisdom from on high,
Who orders all things mightily.
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, O come, great Lord of might,
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height,
In ancient times once gave the law,
in cloud, and majesty, and awe.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to you, O Israel.

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.

Advent and Christmas Masses and Services:

- Advent Adoration 5.00pm – 6.00pm Wednesday 5/12; 12/12; 19/12
- Advent Evening Prayer 5.15pm Monday 17/12 to Friday 21/12
- 2nd Rite of Reconciliation 5.30pm Thursday, 13/12 and 12.15pm Friday, 14/12
- Christmas Eve Masses: 6.00pm; **8.30pm** and Midnight with carols preceding
- Christmas Day Masses: 7.00am and 9.00am (No 5.30pm)

