



## Parish Priest

Fr Joson Antony MCBS

## Office Staff

Dot Lomax

## Pastoral Coordinators

Rachel Marchesini

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## Churches

St Joachim's Church

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1227 Logan Road

Mt Gravatt

## Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday

8:30am – 4:00pm

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## Parish Schools and College

St Agnes' School

07 3349 5130

St Joachim's School

07 3397 9087

Seton College

07 3291-5333

## St Vincent de Paul Welfare

1800 846 643

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(Safeguarding purposes only)

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

Year A 30<sup>th</sup> November/1<sup>st</sup> December, 2019

## SPREADING JOY AND PEACE IN THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

**Advent** is the beginning of the Church Year. The word Advent means "coming" or "arrival." The focus of the entire season is preparation to celebrate the birth of Jesus the Christ in his First Advent. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ. Advent also symbolizes the spiritual journey of individuals and a congregation, as they affirm that Christ has come, that He is present in the world today, and that He will come again in power.

### THE SPIRIT OF ADVENT

Advent is marked by a spirit of expectation, of anticipation, of preparation, of longing. In the Eastern Orthodox Churches, the Season of Advent has been a time of fasting and penitence for sins similar to the Season of Lent. However, a different emphasis for the season of Advent has gradually unfolded in much of the rest of the church.

### THE COLOURS OF ADVENT

Historically, the primary sanctuary colour of Advent is Purple. This is the colour of penitence and fasting as well as the colour of royalty to welcome the Advent of the King. Purple is still used in some traditions (for example Roman Catholic). In the four weeks of Advent the third Sunday came to be a time of rejoicing that the fasting was almost over. The shift from the purple of the Season to pink or rose for the third Sunday Advent candles reflected this lessening emphasis on penitence as attention turned more to celebration of the season.

### THE ADVENT WREATH

This is an increasingly popular symbol of the beginning of the Church year in many churches as well as homes. It is a circular evergreen wreath with five candles, four around the wreath and one in the centre. Since the wreath is symbolic and a vehicle to tell the Christmas story, there are various ways to understand the symbolism. The circle of the wreath reminds us of God Himself, His eternity and endless mercy, which has no beginning or end. The green of the wreath speaks of the hope that we have in God, the hope of newness, of renewal, of eternal life.

### THE ADVENT CANDLES

The Candles symbolize the light of God coming into the world through the birth of His son. The four outer candles represent the period of waiting during the four Sundays of Advent, which themselves symbolize the four centuries of waiting between the prophet Malachi and the birth of Christ.

The first Sunday of advent, we light one candle, symbolising **HOPE**. An expectation of what to come. The second Sunday of advent we light two candles, the second one symbolising **LOVE**, sometimes called Bethlehem candle. Third Sunday of advent we light three candles, the third one, the rose candle, symbolising **JOY**. The fourth Sunday of advent we light the four candles, the fourth one symbolising **PEACE**, sometimes called Angel's candle.

Let's prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus with unwavering hope and joy.

With God's blessings, Fr Joson

**Readings: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12

## **WE REMEMBER**

We remember Donna Meadowcroft, Ricardo Cabrera, Valerie Gray and Madeleine Connolly. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

## **PARISH HAPPENINGS**



### **Vinnies Christmas Appeal**



The annual Christmas Appeal for the local conference of St Vincent de Paul is being held in the parish this weekend. As we look towards entering the Season of Advent may we give some thought to those whose lives are a constant struggle.

There are envelopes in the churches today. Please enclose your donation in an envelope provided and place in one of the collections. If you have come unprepared please take an envelope with you and return it next weekend.

### **AMENDMENT TO WEDNESDAY LITURGIES**

Benediction and Mass has been cancelled this Wednesday evening due to St Agnes' School's Rite of Passage.

### **ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DAILY REFLECTIONS**

This book of reflections is available in the churches this weekend at a cost of \$3.

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS AND COLUMBAN CALENDARS**

Christmas Cards are available this weekend; Pack of 8 - \$3. Columban Calendars - \$9

### **COUNTERS**

Tony's team.

### **COFFEE AND CHAT**

On Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> please join other parishioners for morning tea and fellowship from 10:00am at Kafe Me in the Greenslopes Mall Shopping Centre. Everyone welcome. Contact Barbara Kerr on 3349 6334 or just turn up.

### **BAPTISMAL PREPARATION**

A baptism preparation evening for families who are having their child baptised in the parish will be held on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> commencing 7:00pm in the Parish Centre.

### **MASS OF ANOINTING AND HOSPITALITY**

The mass on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup> will include an Anointing of the Sick. This will be followed by a hospitality which will be held at the front of the church.

## **Parish Diary**

### **Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Mass 8:00am  
St Joachim's

### **Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Benediction Cancelled**  
Mass **Cancelled**

### **Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes'

### **Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 9:00am  
*(Includes Anointing of the Sick)*  
St Joachim's

### **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

Reconciliation 5:30pm  
St Joachim's

### **2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

### **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 6:00pm  
St Joachim's

### **Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

Mass 7:30am  
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes

### **GOODBYE RANI**

It is with regret that we farewell Rani as a member of our office staff. Rani took on the role of Office Coordinator in 2018 and has been a valued member of the team however due to family commitments she is no longer able to continue. I would like to sincerely thank Rani for her commitment and service to the parish. We achieved many goals through her ministry during her time with us.

Fr Joson

## **HOLY LAND + INDIA TRIP - SEPTEMBER 2020**

Departing September 17<sup>th</sup>, the tour will be conducted over 15 nights/16 days. Cost: \$6499pp on twin share in Luxury hotels. Return economy airfares on premium airlines. 7 nights Holy Land Tour includes tour to Petra, 4 nights North India visiting Taj Mahal, other major attractions & 4 nights in Kerala, South India including day cruise on houseboat – Alleppey, Elephant Safari. Includes all meals, government licensed guides, all entry fees, daily mass in Holy Lands, Catholic priest and tour manager accompanying tour from Australia. Excludes Travel Insurance and Indian Visa.

A full brochure is now available by contacting the Parish Office on 3349 2280; [hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:hpmg@bne.catholic.net.au) or through Flyworld at [holidays@flyworld.online](mailto:holidays@flyworld.online)

## Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish

invites applications for the part time position of

### Parish Office Coordinator

28 hours per week over 4 days

The role encompasses Administration duties and Financial coordination, as well as project management of Property upgrades and maintenance.

This role provides administrative support to Parish Priest and Parish Councils. In this role you will:

- Manage, coordinate and oversee Building maintenance projects and Property upgrades
- Document, prepare and report to Councils
- Manage Workplace Health and Safety issues, Programs and Audits as per Archdiocesan guidelines
- Communicate with School Principals, OSHC Coordinators, Pastoral and Finance Councils, including forming and delivering Agreements between these parties
- Liaise with all relevant Archdiocesan Bodies.

What we need from you:

- Skills to manage Building upgrade Projects and maintenance programs
- Intermediate/Advanced level skills in the use of Microsoft Office Suite of programs
- Strong communication skills (both written and verbal), and good negotiation skills;
- You need to be highly responsive to the needs of the stakeholders of the Parish
- Flexibility and a willingness to take on challenges
- High level of time management skills
- Project Management and Coordination skills
- Undertake day to day Financial duties such as coordination of Invoices and banking
- Ability to work independently and within the office team, exercising initiative as required
- Willingness to work within the Mission and Vision of the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Brisbane

Remuneration will be based on the suitable candidate's skills and experience and be paid in line with the Clerks Private Sector Modern Award 2010.

Applications close 6 December 2019. To apply for this position please email your application with your resume to [herdj@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:herdj@bne.catholic.net.au) with "Office Coordinator" in the subject. If you have any questions please contact HR Coordinator, James Herd on 07 3324 3331.

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## FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

### ADVENT EVENTS

Back by popular demand  
you are invited to our  
Ecumenical Taizé Prayer Evenings  
to prepare spiritually for Christmas.

- Mon 2nd Dec, 7.00 pm  
St Bernard's Church, Upper Mt Gravatt
- Mon 9th & 16th Dec, 7.00 pm  
St Catherine's Church, Wishart.

All are welcome! Come along and bring a friend.

**"Love, Hope, Faith on Fire.  
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**Saturday, December 7 from 6pm**

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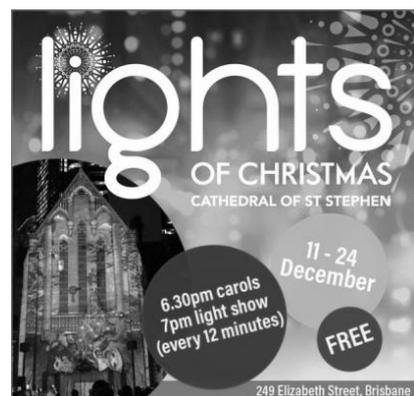
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11 - 24  
December

6.30pm carols  
7pm light show  
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Gather on the lawn at St Stephen's Cathedral to celebrate the joy of Christmas with an extraordinary sound and light show. The Lights of Christmas is a free event open to the public that will delight families with music, food and childrens' activities every evening 11 - 24 December, 6.30 - 10.30pm.

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### THE CATHOLIC LEADER

**\$2.00**

- CHA welcomes government's \$537 million boost to increase home care
- Brisbane archdiocese steps up to help eradicate human exploitation with a Modern Slavery Statement submission to the Federal government.
- Nightfever event and volunteers guide people to Jesus by candlelight in St Stephen's Cathedral through adoration and prayer.
- Brisbane's new religious community, Sisters of the Morning Star, offer a five-week iconography course during Advent.
- St Stephen's Cathedral commemorates 30 years since it's renovation and dedication on December 4.



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