



Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish News



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(Safeguarding purposes only)

1st Sunday of Advent

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November 27th/28th 2021

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 Christ in advent. It is celebrating a truth about God, the revelation of God in Christ. Advent also symbolises 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 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.

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. 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 symbolise 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.

I hope and pray that this Christmas season will bring us more healing, joy, strength and hope as we journey together as family and community.

With God's Blessings,

Fr Joson

Readings: 2nd Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9

Philippians 1:3-6. 8-11

Luke 3:1-6

First Reading

Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

‘In those days and at that time,
I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David,
who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land.
In those days Judah shall be saved
and Israel shall dwell in confidence.
And this is the name the city will be called:
The Lord-our-integrity.’

Responsorial Psalm

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

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.

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.

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

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints.

Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

‘Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.’

Parish Diary

Monday, November 29th

Mass 8:00am

St Joachim's

Wednesday, December 1st

Mass **CANCELLED**

St Agnes'

Thursday, December 2nd

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

Friday, December 3rd

Mass 9:00am

Includes Anointing of the Sick

St Joachim's

Saturday, December 4th

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 4th

Mass 6:00pm

St Joachim's

Sunday, December 5th

Mass 7:30am

St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am

St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm

Youth and Family Mass

St Agnes'

Prayer to St Joseph

You were chosen by God to be the foster father of Jesus, the most pure spouse of Mary, and the head of the Holy Family. We ask your intercession...

Protect our Pope and all who labour for souls amid the trials and tribulations of this life, and grant that all peoples of the world may follow Christ.

Protect us from every disease present in our world.

Remove all fear from our hearts. Fill us with confidence.

Dear St. Joseph, accept the offering I make to you. Be my father, protector and guide in the way of salvation.

Amen

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Sr Angela Cooney OSU, Liberata Delos Santos and Rodolfo Delos Santos Snr, Maria Victoria and Madeleine Connolly. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Harvey and Kumar and Harvey and Ghaemmaghani families, and the Murphy family as they celebrate the baptism of Archie, Ruby, Oscar and Annie in the parish this weekend.

COUNTERS

Vince's team.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Tuesday, November 30th at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre

WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS

Please note that the regular Wednesday evening mass will be cancelled this week.

MASS OF ANOINTING FOLLOWED BY HOSPITALITY

The mass on Friday, December 3rd will include an Anointing of the Sick. This will be followed by hospitality which will be held at the front of the church.

ABUNDANCE YOUTH

The end of the year is coming up quickly! We will be celebrating our final Youth & Family Mass for 2021 on the 5th of December, 6pm at St Agnes Church. Please note, this is the 1st Sunday instead of our regular 2nd Sunday. Please join us in celebration of the year that's been, with a light dinner and hospitality provided. Looking forward to seeing you then! God Bless, Nick Kelly

COFFEE AND CHAT

On Monday, December 6th please join other parishioners for morning tea and fellowship at BrizStar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza (Coles end of plaza) commencing 10:00am. If you would like to attend or need more information please contact Barbara, 3349 6334 or just turn up. Everyone is welcome.

GOD'S WORD 2022

This book of daily reflections is a companion on the journey to pray, to share, to grow in God's love and be nourished by the word of God. It includes the scripture readings of the day along with a reflection. \$15.

BREAK OPEN THE WORD

Readers if you have not already done so please collect your copy of Break Open the Word from the sacristy this weekend. It commences next Sunday.

ADVENT PRAYER AND CHRISTMAS DRINKS

Our annual Advent Prayer with Penitential Rite will be on Monday, December 13th commencing 6:30pm in St Agnes' Church. This will be followed by supper and Christmas drinks. All parishioners are invited. Please RSVP to the Parish Office by December 9th

COMMUNITY NEWS

ST GERARD'S CHRISTMAS SHOP

Brimming with beautiful Nativity Sets, Advent Calendars, Christmas Cards and so much more, you must come and see for yourself. The shop is located at St Gerard Majella's Church, 146 Maundrell Tce, Chermside West. Open Monday – Friday, 9am to 5pm. Weekends before and after Mass. It will also be open Saturday, December 4 from 8am-12noon. EFTPOS available.

THE "SPIRIT OF HOPE" CITY MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

Our next gathering will be in St Stephen's Chapel, on Wednesday 1st December (10.45 - 12.15pm) following the regular 10am Mass. We would love you to join us for Praise & Worship & a Christmas Presentation by Doreen Cormack. Personal Prayer Ministry will be available. As this is our last meeting for the year we would love to see you all. We will be back on the 2nd February '22.

HEALING MASS

Are you in need of healing? Come to the first Friday of the month Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's, 24 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 3rd December, 2021, at 7.30pm. Fr. Tom Kessy, CSSp, PP, St. Michael's, Dorrington, will be the celebrant. Prayer for healing and the release of the Holy Spirit will be offered during Mass. COVID requirements will be followed. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com

POSITIONS VACANT WITH THE ARCHDIOCESE

Administration Assistant

Applications are open for the above full-time 37.5-hour position. The Archbishop's Office is currently requiring an Administration Assistant.

For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane

<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/398833/administration-assistant>

Position Vacant – Youth Ministry Coordinator

Applications are open for a position at The Mother of Mercy Catholic Parish (Hendra, Northgate, Hamilton). A person who can establish and develop a youth ministry program within the parish is required for 15 hours per week.

<https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities/399009/youth-ministry-coordinator-hendra-hamilton-parish>

Application close: 15 December 2021

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS IDEAS FOR KIDS

The Children and Families' team at Evangelisation Brisbane has developed some resources, including a free advent calendar and Christmas story booklet with puppets to make. Just head to our online store to download the free resources:

https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/shop/free-resources/?mc_cid=f46e9ce27&mc_eid=13b5147ab4



ST VINCENT DE SOCIETY ANNUAL CHRISTMAS APPEAL DECEMBER 4TH/5TH

Your support can provide financial and emotional assistance to families spending Christmas in poverty. Every day at the St Vincent de Paul Society, we see that ordinary people are able to make an extraordinary difference in their local communities. We are inspired by the joy of the Gospels and our Catholic social teachings to do things that matter.

As we enter this Advent season, your commitment to helping those experiencing disadvantage, poverty, loneliness and homelessness is still very much needed and appreciated.

This year our Appeal captures a quintessential Christmas story of need, hope and joy. So, as we prepare for the birth of the Christ-child may we continue in faith to hear the voices that influence our mission offering hope for the hopeless, shaping a more just and compassionate society.



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The Holland Park Mt Gravatt Catholic Parish acknowledge the Jagera people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Students on placement and Visitors to our sites.