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## 1st Sunday of Advent

Year A

November 26th/27th, 2022

### **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 Jason

Readings: 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-2

## READINGS FOR 1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading

Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the Temple of the God of Jacob  
that he may teach us his ways  
so that we may walk in his paths;  
since the Law will go out from Zion,  
and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Response:** Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'  
And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!'

For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good.

### Second Reading

Romans 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

### Gospel

Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.'

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

# Parish Diary

Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>

Mass 8:00am  
St Joachim's

Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

Mass Cancelled

Thursday, December 1<sup>st</sup>

Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes'

Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>

Mass of Anointing  
Mass 9:00am  
St Joachim's

Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Reconciliation 5:30pm  
St Joachim's

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>

Mass 6:00pm  
St Joachim's

Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>

Mass 7:30am  
St Joachim's  
Mass 9:00am  
St Agnes  
Mass 6:00pm  
St Agnes



*The Candle of Hope.*

*Hope  
is like a light shining  
in a dark place. ...*

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.



## *Multicultural Mass - Welcome and Thank You*

I would like to welcome Bishop Tim Norton SVD to our Multicultural Mass in celebration of the diverse cultures within our Parish. Bishop Tim has experienced firsthand different cultures in his time spent in Mexico, Asia-Pacific and Italy.

Thank you Bishop Tim for presiding at this Mass.

I would also like to welcome Marlon Riley back to our Parish and acknowledge his participation in this celebration of cultures. Thank you Marlon.

Thank you also to all the volunteers who assisted with the mass, those who have provided food and service for hospitality and all parishioners who have joined us today.

Fr Jason

## **PARISH NEWS**

### **WE REMEMBER**

We remember Ian Bone. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

### **COUNTERS**

Elisabeth's team.

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY**

Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm in the Parish Centre.

### **WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS**

Our regular Wednesday evening mass will be cancelled this week due to the St Agnes' Rite of Passage.

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

The mass on Friday, December 2nd will include an Anointing of the Sick. This will be followed by hospitality.

### **COFFEE AND CHAT**

On Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> please join other parishioners for morning tea and fellowship at BrizStar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza commencing 10:00am. If you would like to attend or need more information please contact Barbara, 3349 6334 or just turn up.

### **ADVENT REFLECTIONS – HEART OF THE DISCIPLE**

A 28 day Prayer and Reflection resource for Advent is now available in the churches. \$5.

### **GOD'S WORD 2023**

God's Word is available in the churches or Parish Office from this weekend. Cost \$15

### **ADVENT PRAYER AND CHRISTMAS DRINKS**

Advent Prayer with Penitential Rite will be held on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> commencing 6:30pm in St Agnes' Church. Christmas drinks and supper will follow. All parishioners are invited.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **HEALING MASS**

Are you in need of healing? Come to the first Friday of the month Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's, 51 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 2nd December, 2022 at 7.30pm. Fr. Thomas Varkey, PP Booval Parish, will be the celebrant. Personal prayer for healing will be offered after the homily as well as intercessory prayer. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to [lenpatairey@gmail.com](mailto:lenpatairey@gmail.com)

### **LOURDES HILL COLLEGE**

Enrolments are closing soon for Year 7, 2026. Visit [lhc@qld.edu.au](mailto:lhc@qld.edu.au) for further details.

### **THE CATHOLIC LEADER AND CATHOLIC MAGAZINE**

Latest editions of both are available in the churches this weekend. The Leader - \$4  
Catholic Magazine - Free



### **INFORMATION SESSION**

Wednesday, 30 November from 6:00-8:30pm (dinner included) at the Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre, Cathedral Precinct.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane Refugee Sponsorship Initiative arises from a key relationship with Community Refugee Sponsorship Australia an organisation tasked by the Australian Government to oversee grassroots community support of refugee families. This initiative provides a way for parishes and communities to connect with and support refugee families as they settle and find a sense of home in Australia. For more information go to: [Refugee Sponsorship Initiative - Evangelisation Brisbane](#). RSVP: Friday, 25 November 2022

If you have already registered or are interested in going can you please let the office now.



Journey through Advent with Caritas Australia's new Parish Resource, useful for small groups or individuals. Exploring seasonal themes of peace, hope, joy and love through a social justice lens, this resource offers Gospel readings, stories of people Caritas Australia serves, reflection questions, prayers, song suggestions and ideas for putting faith into action. Visit [www.caritas.org.au/advent](http://www.caritas.org.au/advent) to download the resource.

### **CENTACARE MENTAL HEALTH HUB**

Seeking better mental wellbeing and would like a pleasant morning with a caring and supportive group in a faith setting. You are most welcome to join the folk at the Centacare Mental Health Hub ,58 Morgan Street, Fortitude Valley, any day Monday to Friday 9am – 12pm. For more details, please call 3324 3193, or just come along and you will be most welcome.



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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.