

PARISH MEETINGS:

PPC Meeting: Alternate Thursdays – 7pm. **Wings of Freedom Prayer Group:** Tuesdays – 7.30pm – 9pm
Immaculata Apostolate: 2nd & 4th Monday of the Month – 9:15am – 10:15am
Legion of Mary: Thursdays – 4:30 – 6pm **Church Choir:** 3rd Monday of the Month – 8pm
St. Vincent De Paul: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the Month – 5.30pm – 6.30pm
Perpetual Help Novena Group: Wednesdays – 6pm **Youth Group:** First Friday of the Month 7pm – 9pm

LITURGY ROSTER **1 December 19** **8 December 19**

VIGIL (Sat 6pm):

Sacristan/Leader:	Winton Thorley	Ron Caldwell,
Welcome:	Maureen Thorley; Arliyah Harnett	Marie Caldwell
Readers:	Winton Thorley;	Ron Caldwell,
Offertory:	Maureen Thorley; Arliyah Harnett	
Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Maureen & Winton Thorley	Ron Caldwell

SUNDAY 9am:

Sacristan/Leader:	Kev Collins	Mick Pyke
Welcome:	Mary Yu-Yap	Maree Pyke
Readers:	Pamela Pedernal Anna-Maria McGregor Veronica Buckley	Mick Pike; Denise Orton Paul Lucas
Offertory:	Ali Pedernal, Mary Yu-Yap	M & M Pyke; M & S Sharkey; Michelle & Olivia Bannerman
Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Kev Collins Judy Eagle	Maree & Mick Pyke; Susie Sharkey
Morning Tea:	Emilie Yu-Yap	Maree Pyke; M & S Sharkey; D. Orton; M & O Bannerman

SUNDAY 5.30pm:

Sacristan/Leader:	Ellen Morosini; Beatrice Lucas	Ellen Morosini; Beatrice Lucas
Readers:	Michael Taylor, Ellen Morosini	Michael Taylor, Ellen Morosini
Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion:	Beatrice Lucas, Grahame O'Brien	Beatrice Lucas, Grahame O'Brien

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Our Sick:

Fr Kerry Costigan, Fr Murray, Helen George, June Rasmussen, Ava Bateman, April Hitzke, Margaret Lewis, Therese Fitzpatrick, Clayton Herron, Dulcie Carey, Mabel Saad, Yvonne King, Oscar Javier, Joseph Stafford, Paul Stanley Holmes, Theresa Hansen, Alfredo Bumatay, Alfredo Yap-Buzon, Barry Hart, Christine Barron, Kevin Prior, Pauline Mary, Kath Logan, Geraldine Erato, Brendan Blatchly, Wendy Heffernan, Angela Eastwood, Kevin Swain, Tony & Mary Lukie, Graham Ryan, Betty Carr, Tania Smith, Baby Austin Bliesner, Baby Joseph Giumelli, Greg Long, Carmel Burke, David Armstrong, Matthew Ryan, Louise Nutt, Killian Scherger, Kateri Byrnes, Sr. Aileen Marsh RGS,



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Masses: **Sunday:** Vigil (Sat) 6pm, 9am, 5.30pm **Mon, Weds & Fri:** 6.30am
Tuesday: 6.30am, 12.10pm **Thursday:** 6.30am **Saturday:** 8.30am
Eucharistic Adoration: Mon – Fri: 5am – 6.30am (including the Angelus & Morning Prayer)
Tuesday: CONTINUOUS 24 hours from 6.30am Mass to Wednesday 6.30am Mass
First Friday: 7am – 8.30am Mass Saturday (for the sanctity of life)
Second Friday: 7am – 7pm with a Mercy Hour 7pm – 8pm
Other Fridays: 7am – 7pm 12 hours
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday: 8am, 5.30pm
Office Hours: Monday & Thursday 9am – 3:30pm; Tuesday & Friday 8am – 4:30pm
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1 December 2019 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year A

STAY AWAKE

On this First Sunday of Advent, we Christians begin a new liturgical year. We are invited to celebrate in a “progressive movement”: Advent, Nativity (Christmas), and Epiphany. From this Sunday, until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (the last day of Christmas), we will celebrate for six weeks a “strong season” with the same Good News: the coming of the Lord. The three words: ‘Advent’, ‘Nativity’ and ‘Epiphany’— or coming, birth, and manifestation— underline the same message: that Jesus Christ “came” in our history to bring us salvation.

Advent comes from the Latin word adventus, which means “coming” or “arrival.” It has a clear eschatological character in its first part (from its First Sunday to December 16), which leads us to look toward the final coming of the Lord at the end of history. From December 17 until Christmas Day itself, the so-called “Holy Week” of Christmas, we are led to gaze at the preparation for Christ’s first coming by the people around him (John the Baptist and his family; Joseph and Mary). For these reasons, Advent is the time of prayerful and joyful expectation. Moreover, this Sunday’s Gospel challenges us to stay awake.

CHILDREN’S ROSARY: Children’s Rosary group will meet at Sacred Heart at 10.15am on **Sunday 22 December**. This international prayer group (childrensrosary.org) is open to all school aged children.

CHRISTMAS MULTI DRAW RAFFLES: Items for multi draw raffle, Please give to Parish Office or to Ann or Emilie.

IMMACULATA MISSION SCHOOL 2020 – FAMILY PROGRAM FOR UNDER 15s:
The IMS family program runs from 5th – 10th January and includes talks, children's ministry, Adoration and meals. If your family does not require accommodation, the cost for food and activities for the five days is \$180 per adult and \$90 per child (ages 4 – 14). Children 3 and under by donation (this contributes towards food, child minding, etc.). A \$30 surcharge per adult and child applies after 18th November (the closing date for early-bird registrations).

SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT DAY: 5 Dec. Thursday 9:30am at 69 Margaret Street, Twba.. Sr Elaine Morzone MFIC will be running a day of spiritual enrichment at Sychar. See notice board for details.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL: The Christmas appeal will reach out to those who are finding it difficult to access those small luxuries and food items that help over this period. The SVDP conference in Sacred Heart has, over the last 3 months, assisted over 200 families with food, clothing and furniture. Envelopes will be available next weekend.

STAYING AWAKE

Staying awake has nothing to do without getting a night of good sleep. It is about being consistent in doing good always, because we do not know when Jesus will come again.

Jesus does not want his disciples to be caught unaware, as in the time of Noah, when the people were busy eating, drinking, and merrymaking, unmindful of warnings on the coming disaster. They were not interested in knowing why Noah was building the ark.

Christians must always be on high alert level. They must use their time and resources doing the will of God. If they are carefree and do not take seriously God's message, to stop violence, immorality and crimes, they will not be spared of the devastating consequences when the time of reckoning comes.

In this season of Advent, we await the coming of the Lord on his birthday, as predicted by Isaiah. We also await his second coming to judge us if we have truly listened to his voice and made the world our home.

BUS TRIP MARIAN VALLEY: Sat 7th Dec. Cost \$25. For bookings, contact Theresa on 0434 528 904

'IMMACULATA' PIETY STALLS: Piety stalls at each of the 9am Masses 1st, 8th and 15th Dec. Christmas Items, Nativity Scenes, Cards, 2020 Calendars, Gifts and much more. Orders taken any time. Contact Ann: 0432 421 962 or Flora: 0401 635 168

CHERISH LIFE QLD: Movie: "UNPLANNED" Date: Wednesday 11th December **Time:** 6:30

Double Seminar Room, Level 3, City Library Building, Toowoomba, QLD. Please see Flyers in the foyer!

YOUTH GROUP: Fri 6th Dec 7pm to 9pm - All Seasons Function Centre for Fellowship, Games, Praise and Worship. Pizza and water provided. You are invited to attend Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Church from 9pm

THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER: Christmas Cent Sale at All Seasons Function Centre, Saturday December 7th at 12.30pm. Entry fee of \$5. All proceeds go to charity. Sisters can be contacted on 4632 1818.

THE FLUTE, THE LANTERN & THE SPELL: An exciting new musical is coming to the Empire Studio Toowoomba from December 11-13. Written by a Holy Name parishioner (who also comes to Sacred heart), Damian Dore, and presented by Empire Theatres' Home-grown Independents Program, The Flute, The Lantern & The Spell follows pirates and villagers on a journey of magic and wonder from the high seas to inland cotton-fields. Family friendly and suitable for ages 10+. Only 300 seats available in total - don't miss out and grab your tickets on empiretheatre.com.au.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PLAY: Christmas is around the corner and the parish will be having its annual Nativity Play on Dec 24. Parents are encouraged to let their children participate. There is always a role available for each child. Kindly approach Fiona Webb for more details.

FIRST WEDNESDAY NOVENA TO OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP: The Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help will be at the church this Wednesday, 4th of December, at 6pm. All are welcome to attend.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: This Friday is the first Friday of the month, 6th of Dec. Adoration from 7am until 8:30am Saturday. We encourage all to spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Eucharist. "Indeed, this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks upon the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life. Him I will raise up on the last day." (John 6:40). In addition, we'd like to invite you to make this Friday a day of fasting, prayer and reparation for Holy Mother church.

ADVENT PREPARATION: In preparation for Christmas, there will be Advent activities available for families after Mass. Activities such as making a Jesse Tree and Advent wreaths are simple tasks that family members can do together to kick-start the Advent season. Please see Fiona and Emilie at the gazebo.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION APPEAL 2019

At the November Council of Priests meeting it was agreed that the most pressing area of concern for our diocese is the difficulties affecting people due to the ongoing drought situation. Even with widespread rain in the near future the 'turn around' will take many years to occur. With this situation in mind it was decided that half of the Christmas collection this year will be divided between CatholicCare and Drought Angels.

CatholicCare provides counselling and support services in the areas that are in dire need. The focus on this part of the Christmas Appeal will be related to supporting good mental and wellbeing outcomes for those people within our diocese.

Drought Angels offer assistance to those who find the drought time challenging and difficult. They provide a unique service offering "a listening ear, a warm hug and personalised support for families." They work through personal contact with farmers and have earned a "reputation for providing discreet and heartfelt assistance". They are able to help those who would not normally reach out but prefer to battle it alone, which can lead to severe depression and in some cases suicide. For more information go to: www.droughtangels.org.au

EUCCHARIST ADORATION DURING DECEMBER AND NEW YEAR'S EVE: Extra people are needed to spend time in Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament following the 4.30am dawn Rorate Caeli Mass on **Tues 17 Dec and Fri 20 Dec from 5am – 7am** and also Adoration on **New Year's Eve 11pm – 12 mn, then from after Midnight Mass until 9am Mass on New Year's Day**. Please add your name to the extra roster in the foyer if you are able to help. Contacts: Ellen Morosini 0412 435 030 and Emilie Yu-Yap 0420 542 508.

SACRED HEART PARISH ADVENT, CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR '19-'20

Novena Mon 16-Tues 24 Dec at 4.30am (Rorate Caeli Mass):

Mon 16th -	4.30am Mass
Tues 17th -	4.30 am Mass; Eucharistic Adoration 5am – 6:30am Wed 18 th ; 12:10pm Mass
Weds 18th -	4.30 am Mass; Reconciliation 7pm (visiting Priests will assist)
Thurs 19th -	4.30 am Mass
Fri 20th -	4.30 am Mass; Eucharistic Adoration 5am – 7pm
Sat 21st -	4.30 am Mass; NO 8.30am Mass; 5.30pm Reconciliation; 6pm Vigil Mass
Sun 22nd -	4.30 am Mass; 9am Mass 4 th Sunday of Advent; 5.30pm Mass PARISH CHRISTMAS PARTY AFTER 9am MASS
Mon 23rd -	4.30 am Mass;
Tues 24th -	4.30 am Mass; NO Adoration; NO 12.10pm Mass; Christmas Eve – 5.30pm Nativity Play; 6.00pm Mass; 11.30pm Christmas Carols; 12mn Christmas Midnight Mass
Weds 25th -	NO 6.30am Mass; 9am Christmas Day Mass; NO 5.30pm Mass
Thurs 26th -	NO Masses
Fri 27th -	6.30am Mass; 7am – 7pm Adoration
Sat 28th -	8am Reconciliation; 8.30am Mass; 5.30pm Reconciliation; 6pm Vigil Mass
Sun 29th -	9am Mass; 5.30pm Mass
Mon 30th -	6.30am Mass;
Tues 31 Dec -	11pm – 12mn – Eucharistic Adoration; NO 12:10pm Mass
Weds 1st Jan -	12mn – Mass of Mary, Mother of God; 1am – 9am – Eucharistic Adoration; (NO 6.30am Mass) 9am New Year's Day Mass
Fri 4th Jan -	First Friday 24 Hours Eucharistic Adoration

LOST KEYS: A parishioner has lost their keys. If found, please advise the Parish Office on (07) 4634 8488.

