



ANNERLEY EKIBIN CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

First Sunday of Advent - Year B

29/30 November, 2014

Readings for next Sunday

6/7 December 2014

1st : *Isaiah 40/1-5, 9-11*

2nd: *2 Peter 3/8-14*

Gospel: *Mark 1/1-8*

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† Mary Immaculate Church

616 Ipswich Road, Annerley

† St John Fisher Church

17 Messines Ridge Road, Tarragindi

† St Elizabeth's Chapel

61 Effingham Street, Ekibin

† St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Chapel & Centre

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10.00 am - 4.00 pm

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Brisbane Oratory in Formation

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Casa San Girolamo
42 Ferndale Street, Annerley
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St Vincent de Paul Helpline

Phone: 3010 1096

From the Priest-in-Residence

Advent

Today begins the new liturgical year and the season of Advent. In a society that easily forgets or overlooks the traditions of the past, Advent is a season of remembering.

Advent is also counter-cultural. What happens in our churches is not what happens in the stores and through advertising. The shopping centres go straight to Christmas. In fact, they often do that even before Advent begins!

The Catholic Church, from our tradition, insists that the Incarnation of the Son of God and his birth in Bethlehem is so significant that we need time each year to experience the sense of waiting and expectancy that was the condition of the human race for centuries before the birth of Christ. Otherwise, we run the risk of forgetting: forgetting the great gift that Christ is to the world but also forgetting the reasons why Christ came into the world: for our salvation and our entry to heaven.

That is why during Advent we hear the beautiful literature of the Old Testament prophets so we may experience the millennia-long waiting of humanity, the world, and creation for the Messiah.

The liturgy during Advent has a twofold purpose. It is, of course, a preparation for Christmas and so we remember the first coming of the Son of God. It is through and while remembering this though, that our minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time.

Advent is a time of devout and expectant delight, says the document on the norms for the liturgical year. The season is divided into two sections: from the First Sunday of Advent until December 16th and then from 17th - 24th December, when the Christmas novena takes over.

There are many customs of Advent that assist us in making the season most particularly one of preparation and

anticipation. The **Advent Wreath** helps to mark the passing of the weeks. It is composed of a circle of greenery, which reminds us of eternity. The candles for each Sunday of Advent remind us again that Christ is the light of the world.

The **colour** of violet reminds us of preparation, but also, in similarity to Lent, there is also a sense of humility, sorrow, and penance. **Rose** is used for the third Sunday, *Gaudete Sunday*, to capture the joy of the approaching festival of Christmas.

Carol Services and Christmas Carols may make their appearance from December 17th onwards, and then they can stay with us during the Christmas season. The **Gloria** is omitted to emphasise the preparatory nature of Advent and to allow for a more joyful celebration at Christmas

St Charles Borromeo (1538–1584) was the cardinal archbishop of Milan and was a leading figure during the Counter-Reformation. He was responsible for significant reforms in the Catholic Church, including the founding of seminaries for the education of priests. He wrote about Advent:

Each year, as the Church recalls this mystery, she urges us to renew the memory of the great love God has shown us. This holy season teaches us that Christ's coming was not only for the benefit of his contemporaries; his power has still to be communicated to us all. We shall share his power, if, through holy faith and the sacraments, we willingly accept the grace Christ earned for us, and live by that grace and in obedience to Christ.

The Church asks us to understand that Christ, who came once in the flesh, is prepared to come again. When we remove all obstacles to his presence he will come, at any hour and moment, to dwell spiritually in our hearts, bringing with him the riches of his grace.

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1. Come, thou long expected Jesus,
born to set thy people free,
from our fears and sins release us,
let us find our rest in thee.

2. Israel's strength and consolation,
hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of ev'ry nation,
joy of ev'ry longing heart.

3. Born thy people to deliver,
born a child, and yet a King,
born to reign in us for ever,
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

4. By thine own eternal Spirit
rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit
raise us to thy glorious throne.

CHARLES WESLEY, 1707-1788

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS

Friday 12th December	PCI hosted Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe at 7:00pm MI Church.
Saturday 13th December	Artes Christi Christmas Carols at 6:00pm, Mary Immaculate Church.
Saturday 13th December	Bluesy Christmas Dance at 7:00pm, Marymac Centre.
Wednesday 17th December	Anointing Mass at Tricare, Annerley, at 10:00am.
Wednesday 17th December	Baptism Preparation for Parents at 7:00pm at St John Fisher Hall.
Saturday 31st January	Parish Pastoral Council Formation Morning, 9:00am-1:00pm, Saint Ita's.
Wednesday 4th February	Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Workshop, 6:30pm, SJF Hall
Wednesday 11th February	Parish Pastoral Council meets in the Parish Office at 6:30pm.
Tuesday 17th February	Anointing Mass & Morning Tea at 10:00am, Marymac Centre
Wednesday 5th August	Marriage Anniversary Mass at 7:00pm, Mary Immaculate Church.
Saturday 21st November	November Remembrance Mass at 10:00am, Mary Immaculate Church.

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PARISH NEWS

Please note the change of venue for the regular Monday evening Mass this coming Monday, *December 1st*. While St Elizabeth's School celebrates the graduation of the Year 6 and 7 students in Annerley, the usual 7pm Mass will be celebrated in St John Fisher's Church at Tarragindi.

This *Tuesday* will be the final Mass in the Convent Chapel until further notice.

I will be away for the next weekend 6/7 December, conducting the annual retreat for the Frassati young men, so there will be no Extraordinary Form Masses on that weekend, which would normally be celebrated because it is the first Saturday and Sunday of the month.

Blessings and Peace from Fr Paul

Special Parish Notice

It hardly needs to be stated that, along with many others, the parish suffered extensive damage during Thursday afternoon's storm. I thank those who have been working hard to restore order. Mary Immaculate church will be out of service for most of this week, and we're aiming to be able to return to it for use next weekend. Please note the diary on page four for the venues for this week's Masses. Several will be celebrated in the Marymac Centre, and we'll move Thursday morning's Mass to Saint Elizabeth's. It will take some time before things like the windows can be repaired.

Father Adrian

Columban Calendars and St Vincent de Paul Christmas Cards

The 2015 Columban Art Calendar is now available at both the Mary Immaculate and St John Fisher Piety Stalls for \$8.00 each. When you purchase the calendar, you are participating in God's Mission and assisting Columbans in meeting the needs of the poor. Christmas Cards with true Christian greetings are also available at both Piety Stalls. Keep Christ in Christmas this year.

VOLUNTEER STAFF REQUIRED

PCI is still in urgent need of volunteer staff as **House Supervisors** at PCI House, the Charity's safe house. She (or a married couple) will have a separate suite, free rental, food allowance (if living in for one week or more), free electricity, insurance, water and rates, but beyond that this work is a labour of love. The address of the Safe House is of course confidential and is located in a southern suburb of Brisbane. A current driver's licence and motor vehicle would be helpful. If you feel called to help impoverished abused pregnant mothers by volunteering for the above positions please telephone Patti on 1300 777 777 or email: pci777@bigpond.com.

Adults: \$60
Early Bird: \$50
(30th November)
Students: \$45

OPEN BAR

FEATURING
The Soul Men

Date:
Saturday
13th Dec
6.30pm

Mary Immaculate
Church Hall
Ipswich Road
Annerley

Contact
Nicole King
07 3342 0777
0413544192

Theme:
Winter Wonderland
Blue/Silver/White

Proceeds go to
Cherish Life

Frassati Youth: every Friday for the remainder of term 4 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Phone: 3848 1107 for more info.

You are invited to join us for "**Christmas in the City**" a special Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols to be held on **SAT 13 DEC (6pm)** at Mary Immaculate Church (Annerley). The Carols are being co-hosted by the Parish, the Artes Christi National Choir & Orchestral Ensemble and the Prima Luce Singers. The evening will feature a wide-selection of carols including *O Come All Ye Faithful* and *O Holy Night* as well as Vivaldi's '*Gloria*' & Handel's triumphant '*Hallelujah Chorus*'. ENTRY BY DONATION (\$10+), all profits support The Vinnies Christmas Appeal www.christmasinthecity.org.au

Rosters for next week

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

- Sat (SJF) 6.00pm Kay Holmes, Madonna Fogarty
Sun (MI) 7.30am Michael Cooper, Sol Dobinson
Sun (SJF) 9.00am Deidre Vokes, Dianne Shanahan
Sun (MI) 5.00pm Maggie Soares, Ken Meissner

EXT MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

- Sat (SJF) 6.00pm Bert Jacobs, John Lesina
Sun (MI) 7.30am Charles Grugan, Kathleen Grugan,
Bernadette Nelmes
Sun (SJF) 9.00am Margaret Henry, Peter Menagh
Sun (MI) 5.00pm Terese Shephard, Ester Evangelista

MUSIC MINISTRY

- Sat (SJF) 6.00pm Organist - Clare Stevens
Sun (MI) 7.30am
Sun (SJF) 9.00am Organist - Linda Triasmono
Sun (MI) 5.00pm Organist - Marilyn Meissner

ALTAR SERVERS

- Sat (SJF) 6.00pm Ned Stevens, Noah Stevens
Sun (MI) 7.30am Dennies Kwaku
Sun (SJF) 9.00am Thomas Bergin, William Bergin,
Benjamin Curran, Oliver O'Callaghan

Sun (MI) 5.00pm

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sun (SJF) 9.00am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sun (SJF) 9.00am Anthony Smallhorn
Assistant: Claire Smallhorn

SETTING UP FOR MASS

- Sat (SJF) 6.00pm
Sun (MI) 7.30am Mabel Saah
Sun (SJF) 9.00am
Sun (MI) 5.00pm Terese Shephard

OPENING CHURCH

- Sat (SJF) 6.00pm
Sun (MI) 7.30am Mabel Saah
Sun (SJF) 9.00am
Sun (MI) 5.00pm Terese Shepard

COUNTERS

Monday, 1st December, 2014

Nick Jabore, Bernie O'Hara

CHURCH CARE

- Sacristy (SJF)
Sacristy (SEC) Maria Monro
Sanctuary & Sacristy (MI) Mabel Saah
Church Cleaning (MI) Noel Everding
Laundry (SJF)
Laundry (SJF) Valmai Winter
(Altar Cloths)
Laundry (MI) Mabel Saah
Laundry (SE)

How do you want to be remembered?

Having a will is good stewardship of your family and the organizations you support during your lifetime. Please consider a gift to our parish in your Will. For more information please contact the Catholic Foundation at (07) 3324 3200 or giving@bne.catholic.net.au

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Australia's leading Catholic Newspaper

In this week's issue:

- Full coverage of *The Catholic Leader's* first national awards ceremony for The Community Leader Awards 2014.
- Townsville diocese fights to save Afghani refugee from deportation.
- Students at inner-city Catholic primary school reaching for the stars make final of international film festival.
- Three Nigerian seminarians ordained deacons in Brisbane and look ahead to life as priests.
- Archbishop Mark Coleridge's Advent Pastoral Letter focuses on marriage and Church's synods on the family.
- Queensland dioceses combining for World Youth Day 2016 pilgrimage to Krakow, Poland.
- Catholic Leader columnist Br John Venard talks about his 64 years as a Marist Brother.
- Caritas Australia report reveals shocking truth of sexual violence against women in Democratic Republic of the Congo.

PLUS: a regional focus on Townsville Diocese, Australia's top Catholic columnists and the Church's most read jobs market. *The Catholic Leader* is available in both Churches this weekend for \$2.00.

St Vincent de Paul: Christmas 2014

The theme of the Queensland Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) 2014 Christmas Appeal is

Help Make a Christmas Wish Come True

Appeal envelopes will remain available at the back of both Mary Immaculate and St John Fisher Churches throughout the Appeal period.

You can choose to return the addressed envelopes via the collection plates; to a SVDP volunteer at the at the end of mass; or mail it to the St Vincent de Paul Society.

As in previous years there will also be a "Giving Tree" in each Church— this year at the entrance of Mary Immaculate Church, and at the back of St John Fisher Church. Giving Tree gifts greatly assist in making up hampers. Please take a tag today from the tree and return items by Sunday 14th December.

Mary Immaculate Conference is seeking assistance to deliver over 120 Christmas Hampers to families in need in the Annerley Region. Personnel and vehicles are required (Utility a great help), at 12.00pm on Thursday, 18th December at Marymac Centre. If you can assist please phone Kevin Rowen on 3892 6113. To assist the St Elizabeth's Conference with their deliveries please phone Gerry Smith on 3892 2065.

Many thanks once again.

The winner of the fifth and final draw in our **Spring 2014 Minor Art Union** was "Anonymous" of Annerley, who won \$1000. Congratulations!

Many thanks to all who supported our Art Union by purchasing or selling tickets.

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29/30 November, 2014*

**Parish Diary & Mass Times
December 1st-7th, 2014**

Weekday Mass times and venues sometimes need to change - please check your current Newsletter for times & places

LITURGY

1st Reading: *Isaiah 63/16-17, 64/1, 3-8*

Responsorial Psalm: 79 (Spoken by all)

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.

O Lord, rouse up your might,

O Lord, come to our help.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see,
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.

2nd Reading: *1 Corinthians 1/3-9*

Gospel Acclamation: Sung

Gospel Acclamation: (if not sung)

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

Gospel: *Mark 13/33-77*

Profession of Faith: Creed

Holy Holy

Memorial Acclamation: Number One

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

Lamb of God

Monday 1st December	Monday, Advent 1
6:30am Angelus & Rosary	Saint Elizabeth
7:00am Mass [OF]	Saint Elizabeth
5:00pm SE Graduation Mass [OF] ,	Marymac Centre
7:00pm SE Graduation Mass [OF] ,	Marymac Centre
7:00pm Mass [OF+]	<u>Saint John Fisher</u>
Tuesday 2nd December	Tuesday, Advent 1
9:00am Mass [OF]	Saint Mary of the Cross
Wednesday 3rd December	Saint Francis Xavier
6:00pm Mass [OF]	Saint John Fisher
6:30pm MI Graduation Mass [OF] ,	Marymac Centre
Thursday 4th December	Thursday, Advent 1
7:00am Mass [OF]	<u>St Elizabeth</u>
No Confessions today.	
6:00pm Thurs - 6:45am Fri, Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament, Saint Elizabeth	
Friday 5th December	Friday, Advent 1
6:30am Angelus & Rosary	Saint Elizabeth
7:00am Mass [OF]	Saint Elizabeth
9:00am SE End of Year Mass [OF] ,	Saint Elizabeth's School
11:00am MI End of Year Mass [OF] ,	Mary Immaculate
Saturday 6th December	St Nicholas
7:15-7:45am Exposition & Confessions,	Mary Immaculate
7:30am Rosary	Mary Immaculate
8:00am Mass [OF+]	Mary Immaculate
Vigil for the Second Sunday of Advent	
5:15-5:45pm Exposition & Confessions,	Saint John Fisher
6:00pm Mass [OF]	Saint John Fisher
Sunday 7th December	Second Sunday of Advent
7:30am Mass [OF]	Mary Immaculate
8:15-8:45am Exposition & Confessions,	Saint John Fisher
9:00am Mass [OF]	Saint John Fisher
9:00am Mass [OF+]	Mary Immaculate
11:00am Baptisms	Saint Elizabeth
3:00pm Sudanese Community Mass [OF] ,	Mary Immaculate
5:00pm Mass [OF]	Mary Immaculate
[OF = Ordinary Form + = <i>Ad orientem</i> EF = Extraordinary Form]	

WE PRAY FOR

Those who are sick: Lorna ANSELL, Theresa BAGLEY, Z. BASSETT, Gabrielle BENTLEY, Stewart BOYD, Veronica BRADY, John BROPHY, Jeremy CARROLL, Robyn CLEMENTS, Hilary COLLINS, Rina COOK, Rochelle COWARD, Marietta CRUZADO, Diane ELLIS, Rowena ENNIS, Madge FARRELL, Joan FLEW, Mary FORRESTER, Anne FRANETTOVICH, John FRANK, Gwen GAIR, Helen GIAQUINTA, Dulcey HARVEY (Ingham), John HASTINGS, Desley HAZELL, Jan HEGARTY, Peter HEGARTY, Tim HOWES, Patricia JACOBS, Marlene JOHNSTON, Dominic KENNEDY, Robyn KINNES, Ryan MacGARY-WALSH, Cherril MALONEY, Eileen MATTHEWS, Bernard McALARY, Monica McCOY, **Betty McINERNEY**, Yaeko MINO, Patrick MURPHY (Senior), Robyn O'DWYER, Valerie & Kevin ORTON, Joan ROONEY, Julie ROWEN (Mackay), Dorothy RYAN, Kelvin SNELL, Mary STUART, Joan TATHEM, Heather TERRILL, Nell THOMSEN, Clare WALSH, Maureen WARD, Janine WHARTON (Southport), Fr John WORTHINGTON SM, Josephine & Bill WRIGHT and Matthew ZEMEK.

Those who are recently deceased: **Father Gerard Mulholland SVD**, Dominic FERRERO, Sr Marion O'SHANNESY RSJ, Thomas COUSINS, Barry HAYES, Dennis GREENE, Mary Freda RIDLEY, Sr Sheila EDWARDS RSJ, Sr Henrica JANS RSJ, Carmel BLUNT, Sr Alice Mary O'NEILL RSJ, Eileen CULLEN, Grace TURNBULL and Michael HENDERSON.

All the faithful departed, especially Ross GIRGENTI, Remigio De AMBROSIS



First Sunday of Advent - Year B

A Vocation View: Be watchful! Be alert!
The call towards a vocation can come at an unexpected day and hour, prepare your heart to always say 'yes' to God.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND

First: \$ 920.40 Second: \$ 3,708.00