



# ANNERLEY EKIBIN CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

Second Sunday of Advent - Year B

6th/7th December, 2014

**Readings for next Sunday**  
13th/14th December 2014  
**1st : Isaiah 61/1-2, 10-11**  
**2nd: 1 Thessalonians 5/  
16-24**  
**Gospel: John 1/6-8, 19-28**

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#### Parish Clergy

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Fr Adrian Sharp (Parish Priest) - 0427 109 054

#### Parish Team

Mrs Kathy Ducker (Parish Finance Officer)  
Mr Richard O'Neil - 0427 484 679  
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Mrs Selina Venier (Sacramental Journey for Families) 0409 735 462

#### † Mary Immaculate Church

616 Ipswich Road, Annerley

#### † St John Fisher Church

17 Messines Ridge Road, Tarragindi

#### † St Elizabeth's Chapel

61 Effingham Street, Ekibin

#### † Sisters of Saint Joseph

#### & Saint Mary of the Cross Chapel

16 Ferndale Street, Annerley  
Phone 3848 1635

#### St Elizabeth's Primary School

Mr Matthew Edwards (Principal)  
Phone 3848 0828  
Outside School Hours Care  
Phone 3255 9468  
Maddison Goodchild (Co-Ordinator)

#### Mary Immaculate Primary School

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Mrs Helen Camden (Principal)  
Outside School Hours Care  
Phone 3392 6291  
Mr Alwyn Wenting (Co-Ordinator)

#### Our Lady's Secondary College

Phone: 3848 7462  
Mrs Paula Goodwin (Principal)

#### St John Fisher Hall

17 Messines Ridge Road, Tarragindi  
Phone 3848 1107 (Office hours)

#### Brisbane Oratory in Formation

Moderator: Fr Paul Chandler  
Casa San Girolamo  
42 Ferndale Street, Annerley  
Phone 3392 9246  
<http://brisbane-oratory.org/>

#### St Vincent de Paul Helpline

Phone: 3010 1096

## From the Parish Priest

It's been an extraordinary week following last Thursday's storm. To all who suffered damage, in this instance I can honestly say that I know how you feel. I hope your repairs etc can happen as painlessly as possible. It has been amazing, given the mess that Mary Immaculate church was left in after the storm, that we were able to return to the church for Mass on Friday morning. That has only been possible by the wonderful generosity of those who worked so hard with the cleaning and repairing. Thank you so much to those who showed such love and dedication. There are a few things that will take some time to repair or replace, so you should expect to see some more things happen over the coming months, beginning with the removal and replacement of the carpets. Thanks again to all who assisted in any way. I will offer three Masses in thanksgiving, for your needs and intentions.

We have had to throw out most of the hymnals at Mary Immaculate as they were either water and/or mud damaged. We will print a hymnsheet for the time being, so please remember to collect a hymnsheet each week as you arrive.

The Archbishop has asked that this Sunday be kept throughout the Archdiocese as a Day of Prayer and Solidarity with the Christian people of the Middle East, whose plight seems quite desperate at this time, especially in Iraq and Syria. Many have had to abandon their home and possessions and some have had to sacrifice even their lives in order to be faithful to Christ. Many Christians who have been able to flee the Middle East have done so, and we now face the prospect of a Middle East without Christians, which is a tragedy since this is the region where Christ and Christianity came to birth. The Archdiocese will be making a donation on behalf of all the parishes which will be taken to the Middle East by some of the bishops who are travelling to Kurdistan, Iraq and Syria later this month. The Archbishop also asks that we make Advent a time of learning more about what is happening to Christians in the Middle East, and to pray day by day for them to the God who took flesh on that soil.

There will be no Mass at Mary Immaculate this Monday evening. Instead, all are invited to the Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon

Stephen Camiolo, which will take place at Saint Stephen's Cathedral at 7:00pm.

Another change to the normal schedule will occur on Wednesday: Mass will be celebrated at 7:00am at Saint Elizabeth's, and there will be no evening Mass at Saint John Fisher that night.

On Friday, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn, there will be Mass at 7:00pm in Mary Immaculate Church. This Mass, and the supper that follows, is the Christmas celebration for Pregnancy Crisis Incorporated. We are very pleased to be able to share some of our parish office space with PCI, and contribute in a small way to their wonderful work of supporting women facing crisis pregnancies, and helping to save the lives of unborn children. All are welcome to the celebration on Friday.

There will also be an extra Vigil Mass on Saturday evening (13th December) at 5:00pm at Mary Immaculate. This is just before the *Christmas in the City* Carols at 6:00pm, presented by the *Artes Christi* group from Sydney. All are welcome. The Christmas Dance and fundraiser for Cherish Life will begin at 7:00pm in the Marymac Centre.

Parishioners contributed \$823.80 to the Peter's Pence collection taken up a fortnight ago. This money assists the Holy Father in his charitable works. We have also been advised that 52 gifts were recorded from our parish for the Annual Catholic Campaign conducted in recent months, with an amount totaling \$5936. Thank you for your generosity.

Did you know that our parish website has a business directory? Sometimes parishioners might like to access services from those who are members of our community and who support the parish in some way. If you have a business you'd like mentioned in the directory, please contact me.

Our 2014 Art Union has now concluded. We generated \$3600 profit, so that is a great result. Thanks to all who bought tickets or helped sell them amongst your friends and family members. As was possible, one purchaser's ticket number was drawn twice! Congratulations to all winners. Watch out for the release of the 2015 Art Union.

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## CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2014

Christmas Eve Vigil: 4:00pm Saint John Fisher Church, Tarragindi

Christmas Eve Vigil: 5:00pm Mary Immaculate Church, Annerley

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Christmas Eve Midnight Mass: Mary Immaculate Church, Annerley (Missa Cantata, Latin Mass)

Christmas Day: 8:00am Mary Immaculate Church, Annerley

Christmas Day: 10:00am Mary Immaculate Church, Annerley (Sudanese Community)



### PARISH DATE CLAIMERS

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

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The Archbishop has approved the new Archdiocesan Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults policy. Training in this policy is mandatory and is part of the Church's strategy for educating and reducing risk for all people, our volunteers as well as those whom we serve. All parishioners who work with children, young people or vulnerable adults (including the elderly) are invited to attend training in this policy and the associated procedures. Priests, religious and parish staff will also attend training. Training for our parish will be offered on Wednesday, 4th February at 6:30 – 9:30pm, in Saint John Fisher Hall. Those who need to attend include: all Parish Pastoral Councillors, those involved in Children's Church, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Youth Group leaders, those who work with Altar Servers, those who visit sick or aged parishioners in their homes, aged-care facilities, or hospitals.

Please mark your calendar and also advise the parish office of your attendance to assist us with catering.

The members of our Parish Pastoral Council will begin the new year with a time of retreat and reflection on Saturday 31st January 2015, 9:00am-1:00pm, in the school library at Saint Ita's, Dutton Park.

Staff changes: Our new Sacramental Co-ordinator, Selina, has commenced, and has had the opportunity last weekend to meet with many of the families currently on the sacramental journey. Sister Maureen has now concluded her employment with the parish. Lyn Russo has also concluded her work in the parish office and stepped back from other areas she was involved with. Welcome to Selina, and we thank Sister Maureen and Lyn for their work among us.

**Father Adrian Sharp**

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### **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**.

**FLATMATE WANTED:** I'm looking for flatmate in Annerley, a female student preferably, to share for a year from late January 2015. Unit is very convenient to buses, shops, and uni. Please call Tricia for details on **0468 510 725**.

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

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](http://www.christmasinthecity.org.au)

## Rosters for next week

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sat (SJF) 6.00pm Christine Nitz, Barbara Nicolaides  
Sun (MI) 7.30am John McKnoulty, Ann Fell, Adam Fell  
Sun (SJF) 9.00am Peter Menagh  
Sun (MI) 5.00pm Pat Rickard, Andrew Carney

### EXT MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat (SJF) 6.00pm Kevin Rowen  
Sun (MI) 7.30am John Mitchell, Peter Fell  
Sun (SJF) 9.00am Anthony Smallhorn  
Sun (MI) 5.00pm John Butterworth

### MUSIC MINISTRY

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

### ALTAR SERVERS

Sat (SJF) 6.00pm Connor La Frenais  
Sun (MI) 7.30am Davies Kwaku  
Sun (SJF) 9.00am Emily Keller, Madeleine Bergin  
Sun (MI) 5.00pm

### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Sun (SJF) 9.00am

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Sun (SJF) 9.00am

### SETTING UP FOR MASS

Sat (SJF) 6.00pm  
Sun (MI) 7.30am Mabel Saah  
Sun (SJF) 9.00am  
Sun (MI) 5.00pm Pat Rickard

### OPENING CHURCH

Sat (SJF) 6.00pm  
Sun (MI) 7.30am Mabel Saah  
Sun (SJF) 9.00am  
Sun (MI) 5.00pm Pat Rickard

### COUNTERS

Monday, 8th December, 2014  
Clem Poncini, Bernie O'Hara

### CHURCH CARE

Sacristy (SJF)  
Sacristy (SEC) Maria Monro  
Sanctuary & Sacristy (MI) Mabel Saah  
Church Cleaning (MI)  
Laundry (SJF) Rebecca Birkett  
Laundry (SEC)  
Laundry (MI) Mabel Saah

## Give the Gift of Faith

Did you know that you can create a gift to the parish that lasts forever?

Please consider naming the parish as one of the beneficiaries in your Will. You can designate a specific gift amount to the parish or create a permanent endowment fund in your family name which will provide perpetual support for the Church. With endowment funds, the principal is kept intact and the distributions come to the parish each year from growth and earnings. This provides a steady stream of income to the parish forever. For more information on naming our parish in your Will, please call the Catholic Foundation at 07 3324 3200 or [giving@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:giving@bne.catholic.net.au)

## THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Australia's leading Catholic Newspaper

In this week's issue:

- Brisbane archdiocese, parishes, schools and Church agencies count the cost and repair damage after super storm.
- Catholics around Australia celebrate Day of Solidarity with Christians of the Middle East this weekend.
- Pope launches Year of Consecrated Life and urges all Catholics to thank God for gifts members of religious orders bring to the Church and the world.
- Archbishop Mark Coleridge talks of his hopes for Synod on the family after being elected with Bishop Eugene Hurley to attend second session.
- Church joins in prayer for Test cricketer Phillip Hughes as his funeral was held in Macksville.
- Bishops concerned for Aboriginal peoples threatened with closure of their remote homeland communities in Western Australia.
- Church migrant and refugee agency critical of proposed immigration law changes affecting asylum seekers.
- School staff scrap Secret Santa and instead donate clothes for baby about to be born to parents in immigration detention in Brisbane.
- Talking Point: Sr Elvera Sesta on hopes for young people.

PLUS: a regional focus on Cairns 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 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.**

**Second Sunday of Advent  
6th/7th December, 2014**

**LITURGY**

**1st Reading:** *Isaiah 1/4-5, 9-11*

**Responsorial Psalm: 84** (Spoken by all)

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace,  
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.

Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps.

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

**Gospel Acclamation: Sung**

**Gospel Acclamation:** (if not sung)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Prepare the way of the Lord, make  
straight his paths: all people shall see the  
salvation of God.**

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** *Mark 1/1-8*

**Profession of Faith: Creed**

**Holy Holy**

**Memorial Acclamation: Number Three**

**Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your  
Cross and Resurrection you have set us  
free.**

**Lamb of God**



As I leave the Annerley Ekibin Parish I take with me many memories. I wish to express my appreciation for all the support and kindness you have given me over the years I have been Pastoral Associate. I wish you the blessings of this graced filled season. May the joy of Jesus, our Saviour, be in your heart. My prayer is that the Holy Family will bless and protect you as your journey through life. God's blessings.  
**Sister Maureen**



**Second Sunday of Advent - Year B**

**A Vocation View:** The cry of the people: "Lord, let us see your kindness". Who will prepare the way of the Lord coming to us today?

**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND  
First: \$ 1,446.25 Second: \$ 3,623.65**

**Parish Diary & Mass Times  
December 8th-14th, 2014**

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

<b>Monday 8th December</b>	<b>IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BVM</b>
6:30am Angelus & Rosary	Saint Elizabeth
7:00am <b>Mass</b> [OF]	Saint Elizabeth
<u>No Evening Mass at Mary Immaculate today</u>	
<b>Tuesday 9th December</b>	<b>Tuesday, Advent 2</b>
9:00am <b>Mass</b> [OF]	Mary Immaculate
<b>Wednesday 10th December</b>	<b>Tuesday, Advent 2</b>
7:00am <b>Mass</b> [OF]	<u>Saint Elizabeth</u>
<u>No Evening Mass at Saint John Fisher today</u>	
<b>Thursday 11th December</b>	<b>St Damasus I</b>
7:00am <b>Mass</b> [OF]	Mary Immaculate
7:30-8:00am Confessions	Mary Immaculate
6:00pm Thurs - 6:45am Fri, Exposition of the Bl. Sacrament, Saint Elizabeth	
<b>Friday 12th December</b>	<b>Our Lady of Guadalupe</b>
6:30am Angelus & Rosary	Saint Elizabeth
7:00am <b>Mass</b> [OF]	Saint Elizabeth
7:00pm <b>Mass</b> [OF+]	Mary Immaculate
<b>Saturday 13th December</b>	<b>St Lucy</b>
7:15-7:45am Exposition & Confessions, Mary Immaculate	
7:30am Rosary	Mary Immaculate
8:00am <b>Mass</b> [OF+]	Mary Immaculate
<b>Vigil for the Third Sunday of Advent</b>	
5:00pm <b>Mass</b> [OF]	<u>Mary Immaculate</u>
5:15-5:45pm Exposition & Confessions, Saint John Fisher	
6:00pm <b>Mass</b> [OF]	Saint John Fisher
6:00pm <i>Christmas in the City</i> Carols, Mary Immaculate	
7:00pm <i>A Bluesy Christmas</i> Dance, Marymac Centre	
<b>Sunday 14th December</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
7:30am <b>Mass</b> [OF]	Mary Immaculate
8:15-8:45am Exposition & Confessions, Saint John Fisher	
9:00am <b>Mass</b> [OF]	Saint John Fisher
9:00am <b>Mass</b> [OF+]	Mary Immaculate
11:00am Baptisms	Mary Immaculate
5:00pm <b>Mass</b> [OF]	Mary Immaculate

[OF = Ordinary Form | + = *Ad orientem* | 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 Angela DE AMBROSIS, Ross GIRGENTI, Remigio De AMBROSIS**