



ANNERLEY EKIBIN CATHOLIC PARISH NEWSLETTER

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year B

20th/21st December, 2014

Readings for next Sunday

27th/28th December, 2014

1st : *Genesis 15/1-6; 21/1-3* or *Sirach 3/2-6, 12-14*

2nd: *Hebrews 11/8, 11-12, 17-19* or *Colossians 3/12-21*

Gospel: *Luke 2/22-40*

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From the Priest-in-Residence

This weekend's Gospel presents the familiar account of the Annunciation in Luke's Gospel. Here "the mystery kept secret for long ages [is] now manifested" (Second Reading).

What is this mystery now made known? *God wants to marry us!*

While the prophets of the Old Testament spoke of God's love for Israel using the language and imagery of marriage, here, through the conception of God's Son in the womb of the Virgin, we learn, as Pope Francis asserts, that God's "spousal love" for humanity is not just a "manner of speaking." These are "real and true nuptials!" exclaims Francis.

While Mary had "no relations with a man," as we read in this Sunday's Gospel, the virginal union Mary experienced with God when the "power of the Most High" overshadowed her was an experience of everything to which the marital embrace is meant to point.

The doctrine of Mary's perpetual virginity, therefore, is in no way a negation of human sexuality, as many tend to think. Rather, it is the deepest possible affirmation of the real purpose and meaning of sexuality: to point us to union with God. As Saint John Paul II observed, Mary's virginity is motivated by her "desire for total union with God." "She wanted to be his faithful bride."

Christopher West, "The Cor Project": Reading Scripture through the lens of the Theology of the Body. www.corproject.com

Recent events

Let us pray for all those murdered in the recent terrorist attacks on our own soil in Sydney and in Pakistan.

While what happened in Sydney is awful and beyond comprehension, it is outdone in degree of evil by the murder of children. It makes one think of the Holy Innocents.

All people of good will and sincere religious faith are revolted by these events. Much will be said and much will be investigated about the events in Sydney. We

may not hear so much about what happened in Pakistan.

In these last days before Christmas, it is good to ponder, in light of these recent events, the significance of the central Christian belief in the Incarnation.

Sometimes you hear it said that all religions are the same or that we all worship the same God. That is not true.

Jesus Christ is the definitive revelation of God. In becoming man and sharing in our human nature fully, God has opened "the way for man to receive God, and for God to dwell with man", as St Irenaeus puts it.

This event of God-becoming-man has also shown us the dignity of our humanity. God did not shun our humanity but took it to Himself so that He could save us. A necessary consequence of this is a deep and abiding respect for human life, from conception to natural death.

The Incarnation makes Christianity unique and because it is the action of God, not a human invention or plan, it makes Christianity true.

As Christians we must always commit to work with other people of faith to eliminate evil, injustice and poverty, and all other social ills. Because in doing this we further Christ's kingdom and look for the day when He will come again.

Parish Life

Please notice the Christmas Mass times as well as the 11:30am Mass on St Stephen's Day, Boxing Day, December 26th

The envelopes for the Restoration Fund for Mary Immaculate Church remain available and will be so for some time. Quotes for the repair and restoration work are still coming in so it will be a few weeks before firm details of costings are available.

Nominations for the Parish Pastoral and Finance councils are still open.

Lastly, may the celebration of Our Lord's Nativity bring you and your family much peace and joy. Likewise, may God continue to bless you abundantly in the New Year of AD MMXV.

Fr Paul

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2014

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

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

Christmas Eve Vigil: 6:00pm Saint John Fisher Church, Tarragindi

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

Wednesday 21st January	Mass with all staff of Catholic Schools in the parish, 9:30am, Mary Immaculate
Wednesday 21st January	Baptism Preparation for Parents at 7:00pm at St John Fisher Hall.
Wednesday 28th January	Anointing Mass at Tricare, Annerley, at 10:00am.
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.
Thursday 12th February	All night Exposition and Adoration recommences at Saint Elizabeth's Chapel
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.

From the Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed from 1:00pm on Wednesday, 24th December, 2014 until 9:00am on Monday, 12th January, 2015. The usual telephone number will be accessible during this period. For those travelling over the next week or so, may your journeys be safe and may you celebrate well with family and friends.



*May the Blessings of the Christ Child be
Yours at Christmas and throughout 2015*

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.

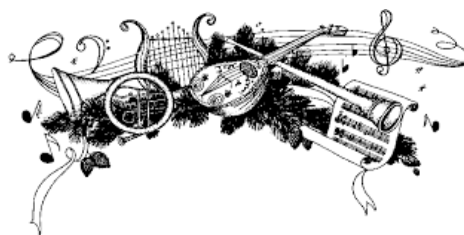


Caritas
AUSTRALIA

This Christmas, you can give a unique and life-changing gift. By choosing a Global Gift this year, you are helping to spread the message that together, as on global family, we are making the world a better place.

A Global Gift makes a positive and real impact on the lives of the poorest and most marginalised communities around the world.

You can purchase a Global Gift by free-calling us on 1800 024 413, or by choosing your gift online at www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts



Choir Practice at St John Fisher Church

There will be a Christmas

Choir practice at St John Fisher Church today after the 9:00am Mass. All are welcome to join our Christmas Choir and add their voices to this joyous celebration. Younger children and their families are especially invited, with the little ones dressed as angels and shepherds.



On behalf of the people of Rwanda, and those missionaries who serve them, Catholic Mission thanks the people of Annerley Ekibin

Parish for supporting our 2014 Church Appeal. Your community's contribution of \$2,027.15 has helped bring reconciliation and hope, mercy and new life to the people of Rwanda. It also has helped ensure 'life for all' for those people Catholic Mission supports in more than 160 other countries.

David McGovern, Brisbane Diocesan Director

PATHWAYS OF ST PAUL Join parishioners from Holy Innocents' on a 20 day Pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey, departing Monday 20th April, 2015. Walk in the footsteps of St. Paul, visit the places where he lived, worked and was imprisoned. Also visit island of Patmos, where St John wrote the book of Revelation, Basilica of St John built over the tomb of "The Divine" Apostle and the "House of Mary" where it is said Mary spent the later years of her life. For Itinerary Brochure and Booking Form please contact Fr. Peter Krigovsky, admin@holyc.org.au, (02) 9747-4291, or download from www.holyinnocentscroydon.org.au/news-and-events/parish-pilgrimage

Rosters for next week

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sat (SJF) 6.00pm Kevin Rowen, Barbara Nicolaidis

Sun (MI) 7.30am Judy Harris, Marie Melski

Sun (SJF) 9.00am Vince Kartelo

Sun (MI) 5.00pm Robyn Albury, John Butterworth

EXT MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat (SJF) 6.00pm Val Winter

Sun (MI) 7.30am Chris Walsh, Bernadette Nelmes,
Brian McMahon

Sun (SJF) 9.00am

Sun (MI) 5.00pm Anna Herbert, Liam Herbert

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

Sun (MI) 7.30am Dennies Kwaku

Sun (SJF) 9.00am Rose Albert

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

OPENING CHURCH

Sat (SJF) 6.00pm

Sun (MI) 7.30am Mabel Saah

Sun (SJF) 9.00am

Sun (MI) 5.00pm

COUNTERS

Monday, 22nd December, 2014

Pat Brophy, Bernie O'Hara

CHURCH CARE

Sacristy (SJF)

Sacristy (SEC) Maria Monro

Sanctuary & Sacristy (MI) Mabel Saah

Church Cleaning (MI) Carol Keates, Anne Low

Laundry (SJF)

Laundry (SEC)

Laundry (MI) Mabel Saah

On some weekends, especially during the holiday season, we are in need of ministers for regular Masses. If you are staying home this Christmas season and can help as a Minister of the Word or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, please make yourself known to the Celebrant before Mass.

God Bless!

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Australia's leading Catholic Newspaper

In this week's issue:

- Christmas messages from Queensland bishops and Catholic Religious Australia.
- Retired Sunshine Coast couple thanking Holy Spirit Sisters and others for best Christmas gift ever - a home for their adult son with 'profound and multiple disabilities.'
- Reports that greater access to abortion is major cause of dramatic drop in Queensland adoption rates.
- Sydney archbishop calls for prayer after fatal siege in Martin Place.
- Pope sends Christmas message to prisoners.
- Catitas disappointed by Australia's foreign aid cuts.
- Catholic student chosen to visit Gallipoli for centenary commemorations.
- Brisbane Catholic writes of his experience as volunteer among desperate and persecuted Christians in Kurdistan refugee camp.
- Rugby league legend John Sattler talks of South Sydney's glory days, mateship, his defiance of Marist Brothers' attempts to have him play league at school, and about his love of the Mass.
- Talking Point: Iraqi priest Fr Douglas Bazi writes a heartfelt letter to the people of Australia.

PLUS: a regional focus on Northern NSW, 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 Hampers: a Wonderful Success

Thanks to the efforts of so many people, over 140 families and individuals in the Annerley area will have a better Christmas due to hampers distributed by the Mary Immaculate Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society.

55 magnificent hampers were supplied by staff of Greenslopes Hospital. The Conference made up 75 hampers with Christmas fare provided by staff of the Princess Alexandra Hospital, Our Lady's College, Mary Immaculate Primary School, Our Lady's Old Girls Association and parishioners, with their generous response to the Christmas Giving Tree.

Distribution of the hampers was accomplished with the support of players from the Queensland Reds Rugby Union Team, members of Souths Rugby Union Football Club, Fire Officers and parishioners young and old from both parishes, many of whom provided vehicles.

The St Vincent de Paul Society members thank everyone for this tremendous support. We wish all a very Holy and Happy Christmas.

St Elizabeth's Conference will distribute hampers this weekend. Please see our next Newsletter for a full report.

"The image of God infused in us never sees the light of day in the service of self, but it becomes the light of day in the service of others." Craig D. Lounsbrough

**Fourth Sunday of Advent
20th/21st December, 2014**

**Parish Diary & Mass Times
December 22nd-28th, 2014**

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

LITURGY

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7/1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Responsorial Psalm: 88

(Spoken by all)

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

'I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.'

He will say to me: 'You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always;
for him my covenant shall endure.

2nd Reading: Romans 16/25-27

Gospel Acclamation: Sung

Gospel Acclamation: (if not sung)

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.**

Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 1/26-38

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent - Year B

A Vocation View: Every person who has ever born a child,
and every person who has freely vowed away this
honour, helps in some mysterious way to bring
Jesus Christ into this world again. Can you say:
"Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord"?



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**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND
First: \$ 829.30 Second: \$ 3,465.05**

Monday 22nd December	Mass—22 December
6:30am Angelus & Rosary	Saint Elizabeth
7:00am Mass [OF]	Saint Elizabeth
11:00am Funeral Mass [OF] for Wally Frangi, Mary Immaculate	
<u>No evening Mass at Mary Immaculate today</u>	
Tuesday 23rd December	Mass—23 December
9:00am Mass [OF]	Mary Immaculate
Wednesday 24th December	Mass - 24 December
7:00am Mass [OF]	Saint Elizabeth
Vigil of The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	
4:00pm Mass [OF]	Saint John Fisher
5:00pm Mass [OF]	Mary Immaculate
6:00pm Mass [OF]	Saint John Fisher
Thursday 25th December	The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Midnight Missa Cantata [EF]	Mary Immaculate
8:00am Mass [OF]	Mary Immaculate
10:00am Sudanese Community Mass [OF] , Mary Immaculate	
Friday 26th December	St Stephen
11:30am Mass [OF]	Saint Elizabeth
Saturday 27th December	St John
7:15-7:45am Exposition & Confessions, Mary Immaculate	
7:30am Rosary	Mary Immaculate
8:00am Mass [OF+]	Mary Immaculate
Vigil for the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph	
5:15-5:45pm Exposition & Confessions, Saint John Fisher	
6:00pm Mass [OF]	Saint John Fisher
Sunday 28th December	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph
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
10:30am Baptisms	Mary Immaculate
5:00pm Mass [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, 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, 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, **Nick SHANAHAN (Jnr)**, Kelvin SNELL, Mary STUART, Joan TATHEM, Heather TERRILL, Nell THOMSEN, Clare WALSH, Maureen WARD, Janine WHARTON (Southport), Fr John WORTHINGTON SM, Josephine and Bill WRIGHT and Matthew ZEMEK.

Those who are recently deceased: **Wally FRANGI**, **Olga CLARKE**, Veronica BRADY, Tim HOWES, 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 Nick SHANAHAN.