



# Brisbane Oratory in Formation Parish of Annerley Ekibin

Second Sunday of Advent - Year B [OF] & [EF]: 9th/10th December, 2017

**Readings for next Sunday  
16th/17th December, 2017**  
1st: *Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11*  
2nd: *1 Thessalonians: 5: 16-24*  
Gospel: *John 1: 6-8, 19-28*

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## This Week's Featured Notices

**PLEASE NOTE:** Overnight adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concludes for the year at St Elizabeth's Chapel after December 14th/15th and resumes again on Thursday 1st February, 2018. The Friday Holy Hour at Mary Immaculate Church will conclude for the year after December 22nd and resume again on Friday 2nd February, 2018.

**A Timely Reminder!** A gentle reminder to everyone of the importance of arriving for Mass on time. In fact we should aim to arrive at least 5 minutes *early* for Mass to give ourselves some time to settle down, focus and recollect ourselves before the sacred mysteries begin to unfold for us at Mass. However, it is understood that occasionally we may be unavoidably late for Mass due to exceptional circumstances beyond our control. Of course when we near the end of Mass it goes without saying that we could never think of leaving Mass early after communion except if it was an unavoidably urgent situation.

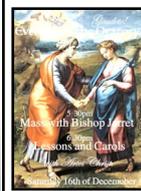
**Another timely reminder for this Holy Season!** Please make a personal resolution to the Lord to make a good confession before Christmas and the New Year. Confession times are on Page 3, including some extra opportunities to receive this sacrament of mercy and new beginnings before Christmas.

### **Men's Secular Oratory: MI Church this Thursday, 14th December, 2017, from**



**7:30pm to 8:30pm:** *Secular Oratory* for men aged 18+, including a short talk, meditation, prayer and time for discussion - all centred on growth in the Christian life.

**Advent "Evening at the Oratory": 16th December, 2017:** To celebrate Gaudete Sunday we invite you to a special Advent "Evening at the Oratory"! 5:30pm Mass celebrated by His Lordship Bishop Jarrett 6:30pm Oratorio, Lessons and Carols with Artes Christi Choir & Orchestra from Sydney providing the music. There will be plenty of opportunities not only to experience the harmony of Artes Christi but also to join in the singing of carols! **All Welcome!**



**The White Christmas fifties dance follows at 7:30pm. Please see Page 2 for details.**

### **Advent Working Bee on Saturday, December 16th at Mary Immaculate Church**

Please come and lend a hand to prepare MI Church for the coming Christmas Season - from 9:00am (after 8:15am Mass) till 11:00am or as long as you can spare between these times.

**Parish and Oratory Volunteers Thank You Function:** *To say thank you to all who have helped the Parish and the Oratory we will be hosting Christmas drinks and finger food in the Parish Office between 5:00pm and 8:00pm on Wednesday 20th December.* All who volunteer in big and small ways are invited to drop in anytime between 5:00pm and 8:00pm that evening to enjoy a Christmas drink with the Oratory fathers and other volunteers. See you there!

**Morning Masses for the 4th Sunday of Advent, 24th December, are as normal. Please note the usual 5:00pm Sunday Mass will not take place on December 24th only.**

## Christmas Timetable 2017

### **Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> December**

5:30pm:	Vigil [OF]	St John Fisher church
7:30pm:	Vigil [Solemn OF+]	Mary Immaculate church
Midnight:	Mass [EF] <i>Missa Cantata</i>	Mary Immaculate church

### **Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> December**

7:30am:	Mass [OF]	Mary Immaculate church
9:00am:	Mass [EF] <i>Missa Cantata</i>	Mary Immaculate church
11:00am:	Mass [OF] Sudanese Community	Mary Immaculate church

### PARISH DATE CLAIMERS

Saturday 16th December

**Mary Immaculate Church Advent Working Bee** from 9:00am till 11:00am (after the 8:15am Mass). All welcome!

Saturday 16th December

**Baptism Preparation for Parents** at 9:00am in the Music Room (under MI church). Please contact the Parish Office to book.

THURSDAY, 25th January

**Elizabethan Social Club Australia Day Function.** Pies, peas, etc. \$7.00. For bookings, please phone Joan on 3848 3251 or Philomena on 3349 2809.

### *From Archbishop Mark Coleridge*



The postal survey on same-sex marriage is behind us, and now we await the legislation that will follow. That is largely beyond our control, but there are other things that are within our control; and we would do well to look at these, particularly as we journey through Advent towards Christmas when we celebrate the marriage of heaven and earth.

After a debate which was often vitriolic or worse, there's a need to heal wounds and build bridges. That won't be achieved quickly or easily; and it will depend in part upon what happens in the aftermath of the postal survey and the legislation. That touches upon religious freedom. Some will see the vote and the legislation as a personal liberation which goes no further: so be it. But others will see it as a major victory in a long ideological war in which the Catholic Church is an enemy whose influence and freedom are to be curtailed at every opportunity. That's why there's a need not for paranoia or panic but for clear-eyed vigilance. The newly constructed right of same-sex couples to marry must not be set against long-recognised rights to religious freedom which are fundamental to the health of society. It's worth recalling that, in the area of religious freedom, we're talking about genuine rights, not exemptions which may be grudgingly conceded by government but withdrawn at any time in the future if government so decides.

An even larger and more urgent need in the wake of the vote and the legislation is to strengthen and renew our catechesis of marriage in every way and at every point. This is the call of Pope Francis in *Amoris Laetitia*, and it's time for us in Australia to respond in practical and positive ways. This is especially true at a time when evidence of the trivialisation of marriage is all around us, no more clearly than in mass entertainment, particularly some television shows. As the Pope writes in *Amoris Laetitia*: "There is no sense in simply decrying present-day evils, as if this could change things. Nor it is helpful to try to impose rules by sheer authority. What we need is a more responsible and generous effort to present the reasons and motivations for choosing marriage and the family, and in this way to help men and women better to respond to the grace that God offers them. We also need to be humble and realistic, acknowledging that at times the way we present our Christian beliefs and treat other people has helped contribute to today's problematic situation. We need a healthy dose of self-criticism" (35-36).

We need to consider a new language in which to express what the Church believes and teaches about marriage, given that the language we have used speaks to too few. Pope Francis again: "We need to find the right language, arguments and forms of witness that can help us reach the hearts of young people, appealing to their capacity for generosity, commitment, love and even heroism, and in this way inviting them to take up the challenge of marriage with enthusiasm and courage (AL 40).

We need a new nuptial catechesis which begins long before engagement and marriage. This would be the beginning of a journey on which the Church accompanies the couple at every point. Marriage preparation can't be consigned to a few sessions just before marriage. It needs to begin long before. Given how counter-cultural our understanding of marriage has become, preparation for it needs to be a kind of catechumenate.

But the journey doesn't end at marriage. The Church needs to accompany couples in the early years of marriage and right through their life together until death. This also applies when marriage fails. The Church has to travel the road with those who are divorced and with those who have remarried beyond divorce. We need to ask what resources we will need for such a ministry – educational resources, formative communities, celebrations for different moments of the journey and support for those in trouble.

Therefore, I invite everyone in the Archdiocese of Brisbane to think about how we as a Church might do this. Married people especially will have ideas of what might be done. I say this knowing that we already moving towards the Plenary Council in 2020 when it's likely that questions of a lifelong nuptial journey and the Church's accompaniment of it will be on the agenda. So let this be our positive and enduring response to the result of the postal survey and the same-sex marriage legislation as well as part of our preparation for the Plenary Council and all that lies beyond.

+ Mark Coleridge, December 2017



*I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas Fifties Dance: Saturday, 16th December at the Marymac Centre, 7:00pm for a 7:30pm Start.*

Adults: \$70; Children: \$10. Price includes dinner, 5 complimentary drinks & unlimited soft drink. Please RSVP to Nicole King on 3342 0777 or 0413 544 192.

**WE PRAY FOR: Those who are recently deceased:** Brian BROPHY.

**Those who are sick:** Bob GILLESPIE, Luke ADENEY, Baby CHARLIE, Ksenia BORODIN, Rex BOWEN, Joan BRAMMER, Shannon EMSLIE, Jane FARRELL, Bryan FITZPATRICK, Joan FLEW, Anne FRANETTOVICH, Gwen GAIR, Vilma GHOUSE, Bronte GREER, Marlene JOHNSTON, Marie MITCHELL, Valerie ORTON, Mila PICKARD, Ron ROFE, Joan ROONEY, Rosa Maria SANTOS, Matt VASIL, Josephine & Bill WRIGHT and Matthew ZEMEK.

## Rosters for next week

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#### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sat (SJF) 5:30pm Kay Holmes  
 Sun (MI) 7:30am Brian McMahon, Noel Everding  
 Sun (SJF) 8:30am Marie Lalor  
 Sun (MI) 5:00pm Anna Herbert, Liam Herbert

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat (SJF) 5:30pm: Bert Jacobs, John Lesina, Prem Nair  
 Sun (MI) 7:30am: Bertha Clark, Joan Coghlan, Paul Coghlan,  
 Charles Grugan, Kathleen Grugan

#### COUNTERS

Monday, 11th December, 2017  
 Paul Coghlan, Joan Coghlan, Bernie O'Hara

#### CHURCH CARE

Sacristy (SEC) Maria Monro  
 Sanctuary & Sacristy (MI) Mabel Saah  
 Church Cleaning (MI)  
 Laundry (SJF) Pat Smith  
 Laundry (MI) Mabel Saah

### St Vincent de Paul Giving Trees: Giving Trees

remain at the rear of both St John Fisher and Mary Immaculate Churches. Please take a tag or two from the tree and return the requested items as soon as possible for collection by SVPD members. Both Conferences need to have received all items by Sunday, 17th December, so hampers can be prepared and delivered in time for Christmas. Thank you once again for your support.

**HELP WANTED**  
 The Annerley Conference requires HELP to deliver Christmas Hampers to families in the Parish on Tuesday, 19th December from 11.30am. Personnel and Vehicles are required - Utilities an advantage. If you can help, please phone PAUL COGHLAN: 3848 9845.

#### PLEASE NOTE:

No Weekday Masses are omitted this week

**St Gregory's Latin Mass Community:**  
 Second Sunday of Advent, Wilston 7:30am

#### RECENT MASS INTENTION

**Friday, 8th December, 9:00am Mass at MI:**

For all souls in purgatory, especially deceased members of F.O.S.S.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, 9th December, Private:**

For the intentions of the donor  
**5:30pm Vigil at SJF:** For the repose of the soul of Fr Michael McKeaten, recently deceased

**Sunday, 10th December, 7:30am Mass at MI:**

For Sofia Chappuis, Birthday  
**8:30am Mass at SJF:** For the People of the Parish:  
*Pro populo*

**9:00am Mass at MI:** For the Benefactors of the Brisbane Oratory in Formation, living and deceased

**Monday, 11th December, 6:00am Mass at SE:**

For the Pope and the Bishops  
**Tuesday, 12th December, 6:00am Mass at SE:**

For the Holy Souls  
**Wednesday, 13th December, 6:30am Mass at SJF:**  
 For the Holy Souls

## Parish Diary & Mass Times: 11th-17h December

### Monday 11th December

6:00am Mass [OF+] SE  
 7:00pm Mass [EF] MI

### Tuesday 12th December

6:00am Mass [OF+] SE  
 7:00am Mass [EF] MI  
 9:00am Mass [OF+] MI  
 7:00pm Mass [OF+] MI *Our Lady of Guadalupe, PCI*

### Wednesday 13th December

6:30am Mass [OF] SJF  
 9:00am Mass [EF] MI

### Thursday 14th December

6:00am Mass [OF+] SE  
 7:00am Mass [OF+] MI  
 9:00am Mass [EF] MI

### Friday 15th December

6:30am Mass [OF] SE  
 9:00am Mass [EF] MI  
 7:30pm Holy Hour MI

### Saturday 16th December

8:15am Mass [EF] MI

### Third Sunday of Advent

5:30pm Vigil [OF+] MI  
 5:30pm Vigil [OF] SJF

### Sunday 17th December

7:30am Mass [OF] MI  
 8:30am Mass [OF] SJF  
 9:00am Mass [EF] MI  
 5:00pm Mass [OF+] MI

OF = Ordinary Form | OF+ = *Ad orientem* | EF = Extraordinary Form

MI = Mary Immaculate SE = St Elizabeth's SJF = St John Fisher

#### CONFESSION TIMES:

Mon 6:45pm (MI)  
 Wed 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)  
 Thu 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)  
 Fri 9:40am - 10:00am (MI)  
 Fri 7:30pm - 8:30pm (During Holy Hour)  
 Sat 7:15am - 8:00am (MI)  
 Sat 4:45pm - 5:15pm (MI)  
 Sat 5:15pm by request (SJF)  
 Sun During 9:00am Mass where possible (MI)

#### Extra confession times before Christmas:

After the 8:15am Mass on December 16th & 23rd;

After the 9:00am Mass on December 10th & 17th.

Normal confession times also continue during this period.

The Angelus and the Rosary are prayed half an hour before the early Masses, Monday to Friday, at SE & SJF.

\* All night Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Thursday at SE beginning at 6:00pm and ending at 6:45am on Fridays.

\* Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Saturdays from 7:15am - 8:00am at MI Church.

#### Thursday, 14th December, 6:00am Mass at SE:

For the intentions of the donor

**Friday, 15th December, 6:30am Mass at SE:** For the repose

of the soul of Francis Michael Clifford (died 31/10/1974)

**Saturday 16th, December, Private:**

For the repose of the soul of Ross Girgenti, anniversary

**8:15am Mass at MI:**

For Alan & Patti Camp, 45th Wedding Anniversary

**Sunday, 17th December, 7:30am Mass at MI:**

For the People of the Parish: *Pro populo*

**8:30am Mass at SJF:**

For the Holy Souls in purgatory

**5:00pm Mass at MI:** For the Benefactors of the Brisbane Oratory in Formation, living and deceased

**Advent Wreath Prayers**

**Celebrant:** O WISDOM, who came from the mouth of the Most High, reaching from end to end and ordering all things mightily and sweetly:

**Response:** COME, and teach us the way of prudence.

**Celebrant:** O LORD AND RULER of the House of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the flame of the burning bush and gave him the law on Sinai:

**Response:** COME, and redeem us with outstretched arms. Amen.

**MASS READINGS**

**First Reading:** *Isaiah 40:1-5.9-11*

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Response: Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm 84**  
*(Said 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.

**Second Reading:** *2 Peter 3:8-14*

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways.

The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat.

What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

*The Word of the Lord*

**Response: Thanks be to God**

**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*

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his path straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Memorial Acclamation: Number Two**

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

**COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND: \$2,178.40**  
**ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS AVERAGE FOR WEEK:**  
**\$1,878.40.**  
**Thank you from a grateful Parish.**

**Christmas is Coming**

On Sale now at the Mary Immaculate Piety Stall:  
Christmas cards with the true Christmas message 5 for \$2.50; 2018 Columban Art Calendar - a good Christmas present; Christmas cribs and small religious statues.



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ORATORY? If so, please fill in the form below and place  
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P.O. Box 3131, Tarragindi. 4121.**

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