



Brisbane Oratory in Formation Parish of Annerley Ekibin

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - Year B [OF] &
Sunday in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord [EF]: 30th/31st December, 2017

Readings for next Sunday
6th/7th January, 2018
1st Isaiah 60:1-6
2nd: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

We hope everyone is enjoying the days of Christmas with family and friends. Thank you once again to everyone who contributed to the wonderful celebration of Christmas in the Parish and all those who have shown such kind generosity to our Oratory community during these holy days. **Fr Sharp, Fr Armstrong, Fr Wise and our four Oratory Brothers would like to wish everyone a truly blessed, holy and prosperous New Year for 2018.**

Christmas Offering envelopes may still be given on any collection plate or through the Parish Office. If you would like to make an offering, but do not have a printed envelope, please clearly mark a plain envelope and return as above. Offerings will be finalised after next Sunday when the Christmas season concludes.

Thank you again to all who have been so generous in their offerings and gifts to the Oratory community and to the Parish.

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New Year Resolutions and Giving 2018

Consider a Bequest. Preparing a Will is the best way to ensure that the people you care about are properly provided for. When preparing your Will, your heart and mind turns first to your family and loved ones. Please also prayerfully consider including a gift to our Annerley Ekibin Parish Endowment Fund or the Brisbane Oratory in Formation Endowment Fund in your Will. Your bequest, of any amount, will help us carry forward the gospel message to future generations. To find out more contact the parish office or go to www.catholicfoundation.org.au. To find out how to support the mission of the Catholic Church and your local parish well into the future please contact the parish office or go to: <https://catholicfoundation.org.au/articles/donate-perpetual-fund/>, choose 'designation' and select Annerley Ekibin Parish and/or Brisbane Oratory in Formation.



Brisbane Oratory Music: *Would you like to audition for the mixed choir, the schola or the children's choir (5yrs - 15yrs). Lessons in sacred music are also offered. Contact: Warwick Adeney, Director of Brisbane Oratory Music: brisbaneoratorymusic@gmail.com; Phone: 0401 831 087.*

The new Notre Dame Priory in Tasmania has produced a beautiful 2018 Monastic Liturgical calendar as a fundraiser for the Priory . The Parish now has a number of these for sale for \$20. All proceeds go to Notre Dame Priory to assist the monks in furthering their ministry. Purchase your copy after the 9:00am Mass at MI on Sunday.



AN EXCERPT FROM POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT ON THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD FROM JANUARY 1ST, 2013

Just as the sun's light and heat are a blessing for the earth, so is the light of God for humanity when He makes His face to shine upon us. This is what has happened with the birth of Jesus Christ! God has made His face to shine upon us: at the beginning in a very humble, hidden manner -- in Bethlehem only Mary and Joseph and a few shepherds were witness to this revelation -- but little by little, like the sun passing from dawn to noon, the light of Christ has grown and extended everywhere. Including the brief time of his earthly life, Jesus of Nazareth made God's face to shine on the Holy Land and then, through the Church enlivened by his Spirit, he extended to all peoples the Gospel of peace. 'Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests'. This is the angels' song on Christmas and it is the song of Christians under the heavens, a song that moves from our hearts and lips to concrete action, to the gestures of love that build dialogue, understanding, and reconciliation...



This is why the Church, eight days after Christmas, celebrates the World Day of Peace when, just like Mary the Virgin Mother, she shows the world the newborn child, Jesus the Prince of Peace. Yes, this child who is the Word of God made flesh, comes to bring us a peace that the world cannot offer. His mission is to break down 'the dividing wall of enmity' that separates us...

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS

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.

Saturday, 17th February

Baptism Preparation for Parents at 9:00am in MI Music Room. Please phone the Parish Office to book.

Reflection: Archbishop Fulton Sheen on Praying the Rosary

Taken from an address delivered on February 11th, 1951

If anyone ever sent roses to a friend in token of affection, or ever received them as a sign of remembrance, he or she will not be alien to this story of prayer!

Some deep instinct in humanity makes it link roses with joy. Pagan peoples crowned their statues with roses, as symbols of the offering of their own hearts. The faithful of the early Church substituted prayers for roses. In the days of the early martyrs...I say "early" because the Church has more martyrs today than it had in the first four centuries—as the young virgins marched over the sands of the Colosseum into the jaws of death, they clothed themselves in festive robes and wore on their heads a crown of roses, bedecked fittingly to meet the King of Kings in Whose Name they would die. The faithful at night would gather up their crowns of roses and say their prayers on them, one prayer for each rose.

Far away in the desert of Egypt, the anchorites and hermits were counting their prayers too, but in the form of little grains or pebbles strung together into a crown...a practice which Mohammed took for his Muslims. From this custom of offering spiritual bouquets arose a series of prayers known as the Rosary, for Rosary means "a crown of roses."

From its first days the Church asked its faithful to recite the one hundred and fifty Psalms of David. But it was not easy for anyone to memorize the 150 Psalms. The people who could not learn the 150 Psalms wanted to do something to make up for it. So they substituted 150 Hail Marys. They broke up these 150 decades, or series of ten. Each decade was to be said while meditating on the different aspects of the Life of Our Lord. To keep each decade separate, each one began with the "Our Father" and ended with the Doxology of Praise to the Trinity. (Glory Be.)

St. Dominic who died in 1221 received from the Blessed Mother the command to preach and to popularize this devotion for the good of souls, conquest over evil and the prosperity of Holy Mother Church, and thus gave us the Rosary in its present form.

It is objected that there is much repetition in the Rosary because the Lord's Prayer and the Hail Mary are said so often; therefore it is monotonous. That reminds me of a woman who came to see me one evening after instructions. She said: "I would never become Catholic. You say the same words in the Rosary, over and over again, and anyone who repeats the same words is never sincere. I would never believe such a person and neither would God." I asked her who the man was who was with her. She said it was her fiancé. I asked, "Does he love you? What did he say?" He said, "I love you." "But never before?" "He tells me every night." I said, "Do not believe him." He is repeating; he is not sincere." The beautiful truth is, there is no repetition in "I love you." Because there is a new moment of time, another point in space, the words do not mean the same as before. Love is never monotonous in the uniformity of its expression. The mind is infinitely variable in its language, but the heart is not. The heart of man in the face of the woman he loves is too poor to translate the infinity of his affection into different words. So the heart takes but one expression, "I love you" and in saying it over and over again, it never repeats. It is the only real news in the universe. That is what we do when we say the Rosary. We are saying to the Holy Trinity, to the Incarnate Savior, to the Blessed Mother, "I love you," I love you, "I love you."

The beauty of the Rosary is that it is not only a vocal prayer. It is also a mental prayer. You have sometimes heard a dramatic presentation in which, while the human voice was speaking, there was a background of beautiful music, giving force and dignity to the words. The Rosary is like that. While the prayer is being said, the heart is not hearing music, but meditating on the Life of Christ, and applied to our own life and our own needs. As the wire holds the beads together, so meditation holds the prayers together. We often speak to people while our minds are thinking something else. But in the Rosary we do not only say prayers; We think Bethlehem, Galilee, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Golgotha, Calvary, Mount Olivet, Heaven...all these move before our mind's eye as our lips pray.

Peace will come only when the hearts of the world have changed. To do this we must pray, and not for ourselves, but for the world. The world means everyone. Our enemies and our next door neighbors.

New Years Day is the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. There will be a midnight Mass [EF] at Mary Immaculate Church on New Years Eve, 31st December. Other Mass times will be 9:00am [EF] and 7:00pm [OF+] at Mary Immaculate Church.

WE PRAY FOR: Those who are recently deceased: Brian NELSON, Tony MUSSO, Brian BROPHY.

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

All the faithful departed.

Rosters for next week

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sat (SJF) 5:30pm Kay Holmes

Sun (MI) 7:30am Michael Cooper, Sol Dobinson

Sun (SJF) 8:30am Deidre Vokes, Dianne Shanahan

Sun (MI) 5:00pm Maggie Soares, Ken Meissner

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

Tuesday, 2nd January, 2017

Bernie O'Hara

CHURCH CARE

Sacristy (SEC) Maria Monro

Sanctuary & Sacristy (MI) Mabel Saah

Laundry (MI) Mabel Saah

First Friday Devotion on January 5th 2018:



9:00am Mass followed by Adoration until 11.30am in Mary Immaculate Church.

First Saturday Devotion on January 6th 2018: 8.15am Mass followed by the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Holy Rosary in Mary Immaculate Church.

The booklets containing BOTH devotions will be available at the back of the church. **Enquiries:** Legion of Mary Mystical Rose Praesidium on 0412 938 596.

PLEASE NOTE

Weekday Masses omitted this week:

Monday, 1st January, 6:00am Mass at SE

Tuesday, 2nd January, 6:00am Mass at SE

St Gregory's Latin Mass Community:

Sunday in the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, Wilston 7:30am

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 30th December, Private:

For the Holy Souls in purgatory

8:15am Mass at MI: For Alfie Jeffs, intentions

5:30pm Vigil at MI: For Dominic Minuzzo, intentions

Sunday, 31st December,

7:30am Mass at St Columba's Wilston:

For the Pope and the Bishops

8:30am Mass at SJF:

For the People of the Parish: *Pro populo*

5:00pm Mass at MI: For the repose of the soul of Colin Bassett, Anniversary of Birthday

Monday, 1st January, Midnight Mass at MI:

For the Holy Souls in purgatory

9:00am Mass at MI: For the Holy Souls in purgatory

7:00pm Mass at MI: For the seminarians of the Brisbane Oratory in Formation, and for Oratorian vocations

Tuesday, 2nd January, 7:00am Mass at MI:

For the Holy Souls in purgatory

9:00am Mass at MI:

For Jack Campbell Taylor, recently deceased

Parish Diary & Mass Times: 1st - 6th January

Monday 1st January

9:00am Mass [EF] MI *Mary,*

7:00pm Mass [OF+] MI *Mother of God*

Tuesday 2nd January

7:00am Mass [EF] MI

9:00am Mass [OF+] MI

Wednesday 3rd January

6:30am Mass [OF] SJF

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

Thursday 4th January

6:00am Mass [OF+] SE

7:00am Mass [OF+] MI

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

Friday 5th January

6:30am Mass [OF] SE

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

Saturday 6th January

8:15am Mass [EF] MI

The Epiphany of the Lord

5:30pm Vigil [OF+] MI

5:30pm Vigil [OF] SJF

Sunday 7th January

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)

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)

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. **Resumes 1st February.**

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

Overnight adoration of the Blessed Sacrament has concluded for the year at St Elizabeth's Chapel and will resume again on Thursday 1st February, 2018.

The Friday Holy Hour at Mary Immaculate Church has concluded for the year will resume again on Friday 2nd February, 2018.

Wednesday, 3rd January, 6:30am Mass at SJF:

For Notre Dame Prior (Tasmania), and for a re-flourishing of religious life in Australia

9:00am Mass at MI: For the intentions of Ally Lucia Minuzzo

Thursday, 4th January, 6:00am Mass at SE:

For Angelorum College, and for a special intention

7:00am Mass at MI: For the intentions of Christian Minuzzo

Friday, 5th January, 6:30am Mass at SE: For all the sick, and for a special intention

9:00am Mass at MI: For the intentions of David Minuzzo

Saturday, 6th January, Private:

For the intentions of the donor

8:15am Mass at MI: For the intentions of Maree Minuzzo

Sunday, 7th January, 7:30am Mass at MI:

For the intentions of Ted Butterworth

8:30am Mass at SJF:

For a special intention

MASS READINGS

First Reading: *Genesis 15:1-6.21:1-3*

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'. 'My Lord,' Abram replied 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...'

Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir'. And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be of your own flesh and blood'. Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.

The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 104

(Said by all)

Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,
make known his deeds among the peoples.
O sing to him, sing his praise;
tell all his wonderful works!

Be proud of his holy name,
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.
Consider the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Remember the wonders he has done,
his miracles, the judgments he spoke.
O children of Abraham, his servant,
O sons of Jacob he chose.

He remembers his covenant for ever,
his promise for a thousand generations,
the covenant he made with Abraham,
the oath he swore to Isaac.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 11:8.11-12.17-19*

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Alleluia, alleluia! In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Luke 2:22-40*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

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: \$2,542.10
ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS AVERAGE FOR WEEK:
\$1,878.40. Thank you from a grateful Parish.

**ARE YOU A NEW PARISHIONER?
OR ARE YOU FROM ELSEWHERE IN BRISBANE BUT
REGULARLY ATTEND MASS HERE AND WOULD LIKE
TO BE REGISTERED AS A FRIEND OF THE BRISBANE
ORATORY? If so, please fill in the form below and place
it on the collection plate or mail to our Parish Office:
P.O. Box 3131, Tarragindi. 4121.**

I am a new parishioner

**I am from elsewhere but would like to be
registered as a friend of the Brisbane Oratory**

Name.....

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