



Brisbane Oratory in Formation Parish of Annerley Ekibin

First Sunday of Advent - Year B [OF] & [EF]: 2nd/3rd December, 2017

Readings for next Sunday
9th/10th December, 2017

1st: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11
2nd: 2 Peter 3: 8-14
Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

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Dear Parishioners,

From the Parish Priest.

Please note the featured notices below, including our Christmas Mass timetable. I especially hope that many Parish/Oratory volunteers who help in numerous large and small ways can accept our invitation to Christmas Drinks on December 20th. **Please see notice below.** The idea is that even if you have another function to attend that evening, you can still drop in to the Parish Office for a drink and some finger food anytime between 5:00pm and 8:00pm. This is to say 'thank you' for all your marvellous help and support in 2017.

Next Friday, 8th December, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is not a holy day of obligation but it is a very special Marian feast day and the patronal feast for Mary Immaculate Church. **Please see Page 3 for Mass times.**

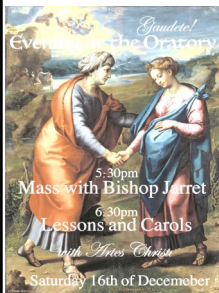
Our 'new' second confessional has now been completed and blessed and is operational when needed. (there are however still a few minor items to attend to). Many thanks to Murphy's Antique Restorations for their excellent work on this project.

Speaking of confessions, I urge **everyone to make a personal resolution to the Lord to make a good confession in preparation for Christmas and New Year.**

Fr Andrew Wise

This Week's Featured Notices

In the liturgical year, we celebrate Gaudete Sunday, taken from first words from the introit of the Mass, "Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near!" On this day our joy shines forth as we realise the birth of the Lord is close at hand! To celebrate Gaudete we invite you to a special Advent "Evening at the Oratory"! 5:30pm Mass celebrated by His Lordship Bishop Jarret 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! We hope you can join us in this preparation for the coming of Christ into our hearts, and to fulfil that divine command to rejoice at the advent of Our Saviour!

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 24th December

5:30pm: Vigil [OF]

St John Fisher church

7:30pm: Vigil [Solemn OF+]

Mary Immaculate church

Midnight: Mass [EF] *Missa Cantata*

Mary Immaculate church

Christmas Day 25th December

7:30am: Mass [OF]

Mary Immaculate church

9:00am: Mass [EF] *Missa Cantata*

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.

Reflection

Pondering Pride, the Most Perilous of All Sins by Monsignor Charles Pope, *Part Two*

The Disease of Pride – Pride is the source of many other sins. Not only is it their source, it is *in* those sins. Pride conquers at the root, since it conquers the heart of man and disposes him to the other capital sins. St. Gregory does not even account pride as a capital sin, for it is the mother of them all!

A widespread modern form of pride, even among believers, is the reduction of God from the Holy One, to a “harmless hippie,” or a doting Father. Further, the awareness of final judgement and that we will one day have to render an account to God is not a significant factor in the thinking of most moderns. As such, God is trivialized and man is exalted. To many, God exists to please and actualize them on their own terms, and His role is to affirm and console (but never challenge) them. In a certain sense, the ugliest and most self-serving form of pride is refashioning God in our own image. Making your own god and worshipping it used to be called “idolatry.”

Today, many proudly assert the right to fashion their own god: the god within, the god of their own understanding. This is pride writ large and ugly. It is idolatry, somewhat veiled, but idolatry just the same, and a violation of the First Commandment. Such pride cries out for correction and punishment. Yes, pride is ugly—a deadly disease.

St Vincent de Paul: St Elizabeth's Conference

Our **Giving Tree** remains at the rear of **St John Fisher Church**. Please take a card from the tree and return the requested item as soon as possible. We thank you and look forward to your continued support, especially at this time of year.

The Giving Tree - Mary Immaculate Church

It is the time of year when we request the support of Parishioners to assist in providing food for people in need who live alone in the Annerley area.

As usual the **Giving Tree** at the back of the Church is hung with tags listing an item for purchase. Please take a tag or two, purchase the items, and place them under the tree, for collection by SVDP members.

We apologise for the shorter notice. We are happy to receive the items as soon as possible, but we need to have received all items by Sunday, 17th December, so hampers can be prepared for delivery that week.

Thank you once again for your support. If you have any queries, please contact Patricia Rickard on 3391 8124.



St Vincent de Paul Society: Mary Immaculate Conference

We will launch the **2017 Christmas Appeal** at next weekend's Masses:

9th/10th December

through the distribution of appeal envelopes on the pews.

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

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND: \$2,612.50 ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS
AVERAGE FOR WEEK: \$1,839.60. Thank you from a grateful Parish.

Saturday, 16 December
Mary Immaculate Hall
Ipswich Rd, Annerley



I'm Dreaming of a
WHITE CHRISTMAS
Fifties Dance

Featuring **The Wanderers**

\$70 Adult
Early Bird \$50 (by 30 Nov.)
\$10 Children

Price includes dinner, 5 complimentary drinks & unlimited soft drink

WE PRAY FOR: Those who are recently deceased: Fr Michael McKEATEN and Charlie WINTER.

Those who are sick: Bob GILLESPIE, Luke ADENEY, Baby CHARLIE, Ksenia BORODIN, Rex BOWEN, Joan BRAMMER, Peter BROPHY, John BROPHY, 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.

All the faithful departed.

Rosters for next week

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MINISTERS OF THE WORD

Sat (SJF) 5:30pm Barbara Nicolaides

Sun (MI) 7.30am Ann Fell

Sun (SJF) 8:30am Peter Menagh

Sun (MI) 5.00pm Pat Rickard, Andrew Carney

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, 4th December, 2017

Clem Poncini, Bernie O'Hara

CHURCH CARE

Sacristy (SEC) Maria Monro

Sanctuary & Sacristy (MI) Mabel Saah

Laundry (SJF) Rebecca Birkett

Laundry (MI) Mabel Saah

Parish Pilgrim Statue: For many years, a statue of Our Lady has been circulating within the Parish. The Legion of Mary Mystical Rose Praesidium would like to invite parishioners to avail themselves of the opportunity to say the Rosary while having the statue in their homes for two weeks. Please ring Judith Turner on 3397 1414 to arrange Our Lady's visit to your home.

PLEASE NOTE :

No Weekday Masses are omitted this week

St Gregory's Latin Mass Community:

First Sunday of Advent, Wilston 7:30am

PCI ANNUAL MASS

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE FEAST DAY

Pregnancy Crisis Incorporated (PCI) invites you to our Annual Mass to honour our patroness, **Our Lady of Guadalupe** on her feast day. Please join us in praying for all PCI clients, members, supporters and benefactors including our sick and deceased. **Mass will be held at 7pm at Mary Immaculate Church on 12th December.** It will be followed by a Christmas function for members and supporters, there is no cost to attend. Please bring a plate to share.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 2nd December, Away: For Joan Betts, recently deceased, and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory
5:30pm Vigil at MI:

For the People of the Parish: *Pro populo*

Sunday, 3rd December, Away: For the Seminarians of the Brisbane Oratory and for Oratorian Vocations

Monday, 4th December, 6:00am Mass at SE:

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

Tuesday, 5th December, 6:00am Mass at SE:

For Angelorum College, and for a special intention

Wednesday, 6th December, 6:30am Mass at SJF:

For all the sick, and for the Intentions of the donor

9:00am Mass at MI:

For Maureen Campbell, recently deceased

Parish Diary & Mass Times: 4th-10th December

Monday 4th December

6:00am Mass [OF+] SE

7:00pm Mass [OF] MI

Tuesday 5th December

6:00am Mass [OF+] SE

7:00am Mass [EF] MI

9:00am Mass [OF] MI

Wednesday 6th December

6:30am Mass [OF] SJF

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

Thursday 7th December

6:00am Mass [OF+] SE

7:00am Mass [OF+] MI

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

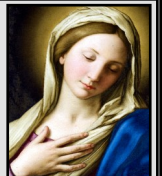
Friday 8th December

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

6:30am Mass [OF] SE

9:00am Mass [EF] MI Low Mass with Hymns

7:30pm Holy Hour MI Confessions + Rosary



Saturday 9th December

8:15am Mass [EF] MI

Second Sunday of Advent

5:30pm Vigil [OF+] MI

5:30pm Vigil [OF] SJF

Sunday 10th 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)

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.

Please note 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.

Thursday, 7th December, 6:00am Mass at SE:

For a special intention

7:00am Mass at MI: For Mark Mazur, Birthday

Friday, 8th December, 6:30am Mass at SE:

For the Pope and the Bishops

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

MASS READINGS

First Reading: *Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father, our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down - at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And, yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 79

(Said 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.

Second Reading: *1Corinthians 1:3-9*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace. I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

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

Gospel: *Mark 13:33-37*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad:

he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Memorial Acclamation: *Number One*

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



Men's Secular Oratory: Mary Immaculate Church

Thursday, 14th December, 2017

from 7:30pm to 8:30pm



Secular Oratory for men aged 18+ will begin on Thursday, 14th December, including a short talk, meditation, prayer and time for discussion - all centred on growth in the Christian life.

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.

**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.....

Address.....

Phone.....**Mobile**.....

E-mail.....