



The Brisbane Oratory in Formation Parish of Annerley Ekibin

First Sunday of Advent, Year C [OF] & [EF]: 1st/2nd December, 2018

Readings for next Sunday
8th/9th December
1st: Baruch 5: 1-9
2nd: Philippians 1: 4-6, 8-11
Gospel: Luke 3: 1-6

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Dear Parishioners,

This weekend the Annerley Vincentians are running their Christmas Appeal with a distribution of envelopes on the church seats. I encourage you to contribute generously to this appeal, which looks to provide hampers for families and individuals who have sought assistance through the year. Please also see below for Christmas giving plans for the St Elizabeth's Conference.



As we begin the holy season of Advent, and thus a new liturgical year, we are reminded of the inescapable passage of time. Advent has a twofold character - a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the incarnation of the Son of God is held before the eyes of the mind for the belief of the heart, and a looking forward His glorious return at the end of time to judge the world, both aspects prompting us to direct our lives towards meeting Christ in His sacramental advent today. For this reason, Advent is an appropriate time to make a good confession. Let us not allow fear or laziness to deter us from receiving the grace of the Lord's forgiveness in the lead-up to Christmas.

in Christ, Fr Scot Anthony Armstrong

The final Monday night Verso L'Alto for the year is this Monday, 3rd December. Following the 7:00pm Mass, the Frassati men will host the annual **Christmas party** in the hall. All Monday night regulars (and visitors) and all friends of Frassati are warmly invited. There will be customary spit roasts and BBQs. There will be drinks available, but feel free to BYO as well.

Thursday exposition of the Blessed

Sacrament at Saint Elizabeth's has concluded for the year. It will resume on Thursday 31 January 2019.

The next **Secular Oratory for men** will take place on Thursday 13th December, starting at 7:30pm in MI church. This month will be led by Father Armstrong.

Please mark Sunday 16th December in our calendar for our **Advent Lessons and Carols**, 7:00pm in MI church. All welcome.

St Vincent de Paul, St Elizabeth's Conference

Giving to others less fortunate this Christmas



Our Christmas Giving Tree will be at the rear of St John Fisher Church from this weekend. Please take a card from the tree and return the requested item as soon as possible for inclusion in our hampers.

Our Conference will also have Christmas Appeal envelopes available during the coming weeks, plus a retiring collection after each weekend Mass at St John Fisher Church, if you prefer to contribute in either of these ways.

We thank you and look forward to your continued support, especially at this time of year. May the blessings of the Christ Child be yours this Christmas.

Mary Immaculate Conference SVDP - Christmas 2018

The theme of the Queensland Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVDP) 2018 Christmas Appeal is:

CHRISTMAS WITHOUT JOY IS NO CHRISTMAS AT ALL.



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

The Mary Immaculate Conference of the SVDP will launch the **2018 Christmas Appeal** this weekend **1- 2 December** through the distribution of appeal envelopes on the pews. .

In the weeks leading up to Christmas 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.

On behalf of the President and members of the Mary Immaculate Conference of the SVDP we thank you for enabling us to provide Christmas hampers to many families and individuals who would otherwise go without. We wish you and your families a Happy Christmas and a Merry New Year.

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS

Monday, 3rd December

Final Verso L'Alto Monday for the year and Frassati Christmas Party, 7:00pm Mass in MI church; party in Marymac Hall following.

Thursday 13th December

Secular Oratory for Men 7:30pm in MI church.

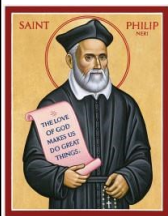
Saturday, 15th December

Baptism Preparation for Parents at 9:00am in MI School library (under church). Please phone the Parish Office to book.

Sunday 16th December

Advent Lessons & Carols, 7:00pm in MI church.

Reflection



Among the things we ought to ask of God, is perseverance in well-doing and in serving the Lord; because, if we only have patience, and persevere in the good life we have begun to lead, we shall acquire a most eminent degree of spirituality. St Philip Neri

Virtues and vices continued: anger and its opposite virtue, long-suffering. The vice of anger is not merely a feeling but the state of a person who aggressively defends him or herself without hope in God and to the detriment of one's neighbour. Whether seething in resentment, or manifesting through flashes of rage, the humiliation of one's neighbour, or calumny, a person consciously refuses to forgive. It can give rise to division, violence, murder and war. "When you inflict insults, then you are defeated by the slavish passion of anger. However, if you remain silent, then you will conquer it." (St John Chrysostom) The virtue of long-suffering, patient or quiet gentleness, is confidence in the protection of God, allowing us to resist human anger. "If we show patience, we shall be invincible; there is nobody either great or small who will have power to hurt us." (St John Chrysostom) (see *Christ Our Pascha: Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church*, published Canada 2016, 768-70)

The Giving Tree – Mary Immaculate Church

Once again, it is that time of year when we request the support of Parishioners to assist in providing Christmas 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 are happy to receive the items as soon as possible, but we need to have received all items by Sunday, 16th 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.

Mary Immaculate Church Piety Stall: On sale now at the Mary Immaculate Piety Stall: Christmas cards with the true Christmas message (5 for \$2.50) and Columban Calendars (discounted price: \$8.00). These calendars make a great Christmas gift. **See also the display of Christmas gifts for sale.**



The Oratory Book Club, Tolle et Lege, will welcome Fr Wise next month to discuss some Australian Catholic poetry of the early 20th century by Patrick Joseph Hartigan (pen name John O'Brien). The two books of poetry that have been selected are 'Around the Boree Log' and 'The Parish of St Mel's'. Tolle et Lege will meet next on December 7th at 7:30pm in the Parish Office. All welcome.

Tuesday Rosary: On all Tuesdays in December, the Holy Rosary Intention is "Happy are the pure in heart; they will see God! And for the Pope, the Bishops and the Priests through the intercession of Our Lady of Grace."

It begins 10 minutes after the 7am Mass in Mary Immaculate Church. All welcome. Enquiries: Legion of Mary on 0421 258 418 (Bill).

First Saturday Devotion on December 1st: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession ([7.15am to 8am](#)), Twenty Minutes Meditation, [8.15am](#) Mass, and Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and the Holy Rosary are recited 10 minutes after the Mass inside Mary Immaculate Church. (Confession available after the Mass.)

First Friday Devotion on December 7th: [9am](#) Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament [until 11.30am](#), and Act of Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Mary Immaculate Church.

Please come to the front for the Consecration and the Holy Rosary. Prayer sheets are provided.

Sacramental Program for Children

A Parent Information night will be held at St Elizabeth's Catholic Primary School, cnr Effingham St & Cracknell Rd, Ekibin, at 7pm Tuesday 5 March 2019 for parents of children who will be making their First Penance, First Holy Communion or Confirmation next year. Further details closer to the date. Teresa - Sacramental Co-ordinator: sacramental_annек@bne.catholic.net.au

WE PRAY FOR: Those who are recently deceased: Rita RYAN, Bernie O'HARA, Dulcie MORAN, Barry SMITH and Fr Ray KEARNEY
Those who are sick: Ksenia BORODIN, Rex BOWEN, Verna BOWEN, Joan BRAMMER, Ted BUTTERWORTH, Duncan CARSTENS, Ruth Mary DALY, Shannon EMSLIE, Mark FARRAH, Jane FARRELL, Bryan FITZPATRICK, Joan FLEW, Anne FRANETTOVICH, Gwen GAIR, Vilma GHOUSE, Bronte GREER, Marlene JOHNSTON, Tony LEVICK, Aroha McCORMACK, Marie MITCHELL, Valerie ORTON, Mila PICKARD, Ron ROFE, Joan ROONEY, Rosa Maria SANTOS, **Norma TORPEY**, 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: Joan Coghlan, Paul Coghlan,
Charles Grugan, Kathleen Grugan

COUNTERS

Monday, 3rd December, 2018

CHURCH CARE

Sacristy (SJF)

Laundry (SJF)

St Gregory's Latin Mass Community:

First Sunday of Advent
Wilston 7:30am

Working Bee

In order to have Mary Immaculate Church ready for Christmas, a cleaning working bee will be held immediately after the 8.15am Saturday morning Mass on December 15th. Many hands make light work so please give an hour of your time on that date.

Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE:

There are no changes to Mass times this week. Thursday Exposition at SE Chapel is in recess until the new year.

This month's Lighthouse CD is now available from the back of the church, titled:
"Advent: Rethinking the Season" by Dr Tim Gray.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 1st December, Private:

For the Holy Souls in purgatory

8:15am Mass at MI: For Sharene Bell and Family

5:30pm Vigil at MI: For the Bergin Family

5:30pm Vigil at SJF: Mass for the People 'pro populo'

Sunday, 2nd December, 7:30am Mass at MI:

For the Holy Souls in purgatory

8:30am Mass at MI: For the repose of the soul of Bishop Ignatius Doggett OFM, anniversary of death

9:00am Mass at MI: For the Pope and the Bishops

5:00pm Mass at MI: For the repose of the soul of Frances Banwell, anniversary of birth

Monday, 3rd December, 6:30am Mass at SE:

For the seminarians of the Brisbane Oratory in Formation, and for Oratorian vocations

7:00pm Mass at MI:

For Frassati groups and their members

Tuesday, 4th December, Private:

For Notre Dame Priory (Tasmania), for Angelorum College, and the other intentions of the donor

7:00am Mass at MI: For Paul and Betty Moore and Family and for the Holy Souls in purgatory (for 3/12/18)

Wednesday, 5th December, 6:30am Mass at SJF:

For Patsy Donohue, ill health

9:00am Mass at MI: For the repose of the soul of Luigi Minuzzo (deceased) 21/11/2018)

Parish Diary & Mass Times: 3rd-9th December

Monday 3rd December

6:30am Mass [OF+] SE

7:00pm Mass [EF] MI

Tuesday 4th December

7:00am Mass [EF] MI

9:00am Mass [OF+] MI

Wednesday 5th December

6:30am Mass [OF] SJF

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

Thursday 6th December

7:00am Mass [OF+] MI

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

Friday 7th December

7:00am Mass [OF] SE

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

7:30pm Holy Hour MI

Saturday 8th December

8:15am Mass [EF] MI

Second Sunday of Advent

5:30pm Vigil [OF] SJF

5:30pm Vigil [OF+] MI

Sunday 9th December

7:30am Mass [OF] MI

8:30am Mass [OF] SJF

9:00am Mass [EF] MI

11:00am Mass [OF] SJF *Sudanese Community*

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)

7:30pm - 8:30pm (MI) 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 weekday Masses, at SE & SJF.
- * All night Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at SE is currently in recess.
- * Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place on Saturdays from 7:15am - 8:00am at MI Church.
- * Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place from 9.40am to 11.30am on every First Friday at Mary Immaculate Church.
- * The Holy Rosary is prayed at Mary Immaculate after the 7am Mass on Tuesdays, at 7.30am on Saturdays and after the 8.15am Mass on every First Saturday.

Thursday, 6th December, 9:00am Mass at MI:

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

Friday, 7th December, 7:00am Mass at SE:

For Rita Ryan

9:00am Mass at MI: For Nevena Petrovski, ill health

Saturday, 8th December, Townsville:

For the intention of the donor

5:30pm Vigil at MI: For a special intention

5:30pm Vigil at SJF: Mass for the People 'pro populo'

Sunday, 9th December, Townsville:

For the Pope and the Bishops

7:30am Mass at MI: For the repose of the soul of Jacomina Maria Scott, deceased

9:00am Mass at MI: For the repose of the soul of Darren Cunningham, Anniversary of death (7/11/2018)

MASS READINGS

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Prayer of Blessing

Celebrant:

Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
He is the wisdom that teaches us and guides us,
He is the Saviour of all nations and peoples.

Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us and upon this advent
wreath as we light these candles each week to your
praise and glory.
May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise
to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay to save us.

Through Christ our Lord.

R: Amen

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks –
when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the
House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days
and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for
David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the
land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall
dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be
called: the Lord-our-integrity.'

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 79
(Said by all)

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour.

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor.

His ways are faithfulness and love
for those who keep his covenant and will.
The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;
to them he reveals his covenant.

Second Reading: 1Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and
make you love one another and the whole human race
as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your
hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight
of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ
comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you
and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and
more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to
live:

the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as
you are already living it.

You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the
authority of the Lord Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

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

Gospel: Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun
and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered
by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of
fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers
of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of
Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When
these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your
heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with
debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and
that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it
will come down on every living man on the face of the
earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to
survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with
confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Memorial Acclamation: Number Three

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



COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND: \$2,327.70
ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS AVERAGE FOR WEEK:
\$1,632.70 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.....

Address.....

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

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