



The Brisbane Oratory in Formation
PARISH OF ANNERLEY EKIBIN

Second Sunday of Advent [OF]

7th/8th December 2019

Readings for next Sunday

14th/15th December 2019

1st: **Isaiah 35: 1-6**

2nd: **James 5: 7-10**

Gospel: **Matthew 11: 2-11**

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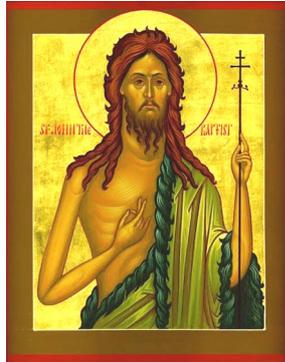
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Dear Parishioners,



We have coming up this week three major parish events: on Monday evening following the 7pm Mass, the end of year Frassati spit-roast BBQ; on Wednesday evening the Advent Lessons and Carols celebration at 7pm in Mary Immaculate Church; and on Saturday the annual Christmas dinner-dance. All wonderful events which I warmly encourage you to consider attending. Details below.

We also celebrate the patronal feast of Mary Immaculate church with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. From the very first instant of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved from all stain of sin in view of Christ's merits on the cross, so that she could be prepared to be a worthy dwelling place of the Word made flesh. That same fullness of grace is held out to us as well. What was achieved in

Holy Mary, Mother of God, by way of special privilege, can be brought about in us by the grace of the sacraments. Let us learn from the Maid of Nazareth how to say "yes" to God at all times, so that what He has begun in us by baptism, might be brought to fulfilment through the other sacraments, especially the Most Holy Eucharist.

In Christ, Fr Scot Anthony Armstrong

Frassati end of year celebration: Following 7:00pm mass next Monday, 9th December. Big spit roast barbeque provided. Please BYO drinks. All are welcome.

Advent Lessons and Carols: Wednesday, 11th December at 7:00pm. Advent is the season of preparation and expectation for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Our service of Lessons and Carols aids us in this spiritual preparation. Through Word and music the story of Christ's advent into the world unfolds and deepens our understanding of God's love and redemption.

The Giving Trees



Giving Trees remain in both Churches this weekend and are hung with tags listing items for purchase. If you can assist, we would appreciate it if you could please take a tag or two, purchase the items, and place them under the tree for collection by SVDP members. Conferences will need to have received all items by **Sunday, 15th December**, so hampers can be prepared for delivery before Christmas.

Thank you once again for your support. If you have any queries relating to Giving Trees, please contact Patricia Rickard on **3391 8124** (Annerley) or Di Shanahan on **0410 310 77** (Tarragindi).

Mary Immaculate Piety Stall Christmas Sale: Nativity Cribs, decorative items, Christmas Spirit Christmas Cards and 2020 Columban Calendars are now on sale at our Piety Stall at the back of Mary Immaculate Church.

IT IS FINALLY HERE!! The long anticipated, annual Christmas Dance. Tickets sold out last year! Data shows that people are more likely to find their perfect someone during holiday season! Lucky for you Christmas = Holiday Season and this is a CHRISTMAS Dance! Last year, we shared some interesting statistics surrounding how romances blossom! To see these, go to our

Christmas 2019 Facebook post at:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/801879223589246/>

PRICING:

\$95 - Adult (full price)

KIDS \$5 - under 12 years \$10 - aged 12-18 years.

DATE: 6.30pm, 14 December VENUE: St Joachim's Church Hall

Yuletide Street

HOLLAND PARK WEST

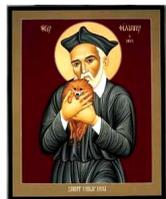


Parish Diary / Upcoming Events

Monday 9 December	Frassati end-of-year celebration , after 7:00pm Mass. Please see front page.
Wednesday 11th December	Advent Lessons and Carols at 7:00pm, Mary Immaculate church. Please see front page.
Thursday 12th December	Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass at 7:00pm, Mary Immaculate church. Please see notice below.
Saturday 14th December	Annual Christmas Dance . Please see front page.
Saturday 21st December	Baptism Preparation for Parents at 9:00am in the School Library (under MI church). Please contact the Parish Office to book.

Reflection

Frequent confession is the cause of great good to the soul, because it purifies it, heals it, and confirms it in the service of God: we ought not therefore to omit confession on our fixed days for any business whatsoever; but go to confession first, and to business afterwards, and the first will help the last. St Philip Neri



The main occupation of your soul should be to moderate its movements. It is good to desire your spiritual advancement, but this desire must be calm, humble and submissive to the will of God. Everything that comes from grace is gentle, humble and moderate. Your particular effort should therefore consist in moderating the movements of your soul, keeping it calm, humble before God.

Jacques Philippe, *Searching For and Maintaining Peace* (Sceptre, New York, 2002)

Our Parish History: Mary Immaculate Church

Mary Immaculate Church was built during the Great Depression and became a source of hope at a time when one in five workers were unemployed. At the laying of the foundation stone in 1931 Archbishop Duhig and Mr King, Minister for Public Instruction and works stated, in a style that would be unlikely from public figures today(!):

Archbishop Duhig: *"Moreover I must congratulate the Ipswich Road people on the fact that they have not left posterity to pay for their Church. Notwithstanding the fewness of our numbers and the scantiness of our resources.... The Catholic Church seems ever able to alleviate distress by creating employment and its building operations particularly at the present time of stress should be very welcome to the Government of this State."*



Mr R. M.King, Minister for Public Instruction and Works: *"Economist, business men and the despised politicians were all trying to hit on some method and means of solving the problem of depression but he was very much afraid that at times they lost sight of the fact that human aid could not help itself without the agency of the supernatural. No public man should be ashamed to mount on a platform and acknowledge the need of divine aid when he was trying to do the right thing for the State. Now more than ever did those in authority need the prayers and assistance of the people."*



EVENING RETREAT

Villa Maria Adoration Chapel: **Tuesday 10th December, 7.30pm**

In honour of the Inaugural Universal Feast day of Our Lady of Loreto

Fr Armstrong will give a talk and lead us in the Litany of Loreto

(The Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Garage door will be open from 7pm

All welcome

The Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the unborn, will be marked this Thursday, 12th December, with an extra Mass at 7:00pm at Mary Immaculate. All are invited to supper after Mass in the Parish Office, sponsored by Pregnancy Crisis. The charity sincerely thanks all friends and benefactors for your support during 2019, which has allowed us to continue our work of supporting women and families facing crisis pregnancies, and to protect and save unborn children, giving them the chance of life.

Treasure and Tradition: This book is designed to introduce its readers to the many layers of mystery which lend the Traditional Latin Mass its solemn beauty, while breaking down the barriers to understanding that can often be intimidating to newcomers. Available from the Parish Office or after the 9:00am Mass for \$30. Please note only cash purchases can be accepted.

WE PRAY FOR:-

Those who are recently deceased: Albert FOOTE, Louis DEVINE (Ireland) and Laurence RIES.

Those who are sick: Ksenia BORODIN, Rex BOWEN, Verna BOWEN, Lynn BUNTER, Duncan CARSTENS, Ruth Mary DALY, Sylvia DE LUCA, Eugene DONNELLY (Ireland), Shannon EMSLIE, Mark FARRAH, Jane FARRELL, Maria FARRELL, Bryan FITZPATRICK, Joan FLEW, Anne FRANETTOVICH, Gwen GAIR, Bronte GREER, Marlene JOHNSTON, Tony LEVICK, Marie MITCHELL, Barbara MASON, Mila PICKARD, Ron ROFE, Joan ROONEY, Joan RYAN, Rosa Maria SANTOS, Norma TORPEY, **Kym VAN DER KAAG**, Josephine & Bill WRIGHT and Matthew ZEMEK.

All the faithful departed especially those whose anniversary falls at this time

Please call the Parish Office to have names placed on any of the lists above or to remove someone who is now well.

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 Dianne Shanahan

Sun (MI) 5.00pm Anna Herbert, Liam Herbert

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Sat (SJF) 5:30pm: John Lesina, Prem Nair

Sun (MI) 7:30am: Joan Coghlan, Paul Coghlan,
Charles Grugan, Kathleen Grugan

COUNTERS

Monday, 9th December, 2019

CHURCH CARE

Laundry (SJF): Pat Smith



Copies of the **Oratory's December newsletter** are now available in the churches.

ANNUAL VOLUNTEERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY



To show our great appreciation for the invaluable work of our many Parish Volunteers, parish volunteers are all warmly invited to come to the Parish Office on December 18 (5:30-8:00pm) – Drop in any time and stay for however long that you are able.

COLLECTIONS (last weekend): \$2,570.25
ELEC CONTRIBUTIONS (average for week): \$1,628.40

Thank you from a grateful Parish.

St Gregory's Latin Mass Community

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wilston 7:30am

RECENT MASS INTENTION

Monday, 2nd December, Private: For special intentions for Mui Vu, Hai and Julie Nguyen

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, 7th December, 8:15am Mass at MI:

For the Holy Souls in purgatory

5:30pm Vigil at SJF:

Mass for the people of the parish 'pro populo'

Sunday, 8th December, 7:30am Mass at St Columba's

Wilston: For the Pope and the Bishops

Monday, 9th December, Private:

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

7:00pm Mass at MI: For Frassati Groups and their members

Tuesday, 10th December, Private: For the seminarians of the Brisbane Oratory and for Oratorian Vocations

Wednesday, 11th December, 6:30am Mass at SJF:

In thanksgiving for 60 years of service in Australia by the Society of Christ (Polish) Priests, and for every one of their members, both living and dead (requested by the English-speaking parishioners of Our Lady of Victories, Bowen Hills).

9:00am Mass at MI: For a special intention

Thursday, 12th December, 7:00am Mass at MI:

For a special intention

Friday, 13th December, Private: For the Benefactors of the Brisbane Oratory in Formation, living and deceased

Parish Diary & Mass Times: 9th - 15th December

Monday 9th December

6:30am **Mass [OF+]** SE

7:00pm **Mass [EF]** MI

Tuesday 10th December

7:00am **Mass [EF]** MI

9:00am **Mass [OF]** MI+

Wednesday 11th December

6:30am **Mass [OF]** SJF

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

Thursday 12th December

7:00am **Mass [OF+]** MI

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

5:45pm **Exposition** SE *In Recess*

Friday 13th December

7:00am **Mass [OF]** SE

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

7:30pm **Holy Hour** MI

Saturday 14th December

8:15am **Mass [EF]** MI

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

5:30pm **Vigil [OF]** SJF

Sunday 15th December

7:30am **Mass [OF]** MI

8:30am **Mass [OF]** SJF

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

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

4:00pm **Vespers** 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)

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 takes place each Thursday at SE, beginning at 6:00pm and concluding at 6:45am on Fridays. **In recess from December 5th until January 30th, 2020.**

* 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

Saturday, 14th December, 8:15am Mass at MI: For a special intention
Townsville: For the Holy Souls in purgatory
5:30pm Vigil at SJF: Mass for the people of the parish 'pro populo'
Sunday, 15th December, 9:00am Mass at MI: For a special intention
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ADVENT WEEK 2: 2nd Candle Intro

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 11:1-10*

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse, a scion thrusts from his roots: on him the spirit of the Lord rests, a spirit of wisdom and insight, a spirit of counsel and power, a spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord. (The fear of the Lord is his breath.) He does not judge by appearances, he gives no verdict on hearsay, but judges the wretched with integrity, and with equity gives a verdict for the poor of the land. His word is a rod that strikes the ruthless; his sentences bring death to the wicked.

Integrity is the loincloth round his waist, faithfulness the belt about his hips.

The wolf lives with the lamb, the panther lies down with the kid, calf and lion cub feed together with a little boy to lead them. The cow and the bear make friends, their young lie down together. The lion eats straw like the ox. The infant plays over the cobra's hole; into the viper's lair the young child puts his hand. They do no hurt, no harm, on all my holy mountain, for the country is filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters swell the sea.

That day, the root of Jesse shall stand as the signal to the peoples. It will be sought out by the nations and its home will be glorious.

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm 71

(Said by all)

O God, give your judgment to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgment.

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails:
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds.

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor.

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name.

Second Reading: *Romans 15:4-9*

Everything that was written long ago in the scriptures was meant to teach us something about hope from the examples scripture gives of how people who did not give up were helped by God. And may he who helps us when we refuse to give up, help you all to be tolerant with each other, following the example of Christ Jesus, so that united

in mind and voice you may give glory to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

It can only be to God's glory, then, for you to treat each other in the same friendly way as Christ treated you. The reason Christ became the servant of circumcised Jews was not only so that God could faithfully carry out the promises made to the patriarchs, it was also to get the pagans to give glory to God for his mercy, as scripture says in one place: For this I shall praise you among the pagans and sing to your name.

The Word of the Lord

Response: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel: *Matthew 3:1-12*

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father", because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

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.

Notre Dame Priory 2020 Calendar Available: This calendar has the traditional Roman Calendar saints as well as particular saints of the Benedictine monastic calendar. Also includes the days of fast and abstinence which are currently observed in the universal church. \$20 each - a great way to support Australia's Traditional Benedictine Monastery, where three of the monks are from Brisbane! Calendars available after the 9:00am Mass this Sunday and next Sunday.

Catholic Enquiry Group

continues to meet each week

(Tues @ 7:30pm in the Parish Office)

Would you, or someone you know, like to know more about the Catholic faith, or are interested in becoming a Catholic?. For further information phone:- **Teresa Martin 0413 763 256.**