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are our letters
from home*



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Office Hours: Monday & Friday 10am – 4.30pm

30th Nov. & 1st Dec. 2019

1st Sunday of Advent, Yr A

CELEBRATIONS: 2nd – 8th December 2019



Monday	9.00am	Mass of Monday of 1 st week of Advent
Tuesday	4.30pm	Lectio Divina on last Sunday's Gospel
	5.00pm	Mass of Memorial of St Francis Xavier .
Wednesday	9.00am	Mass of Wednesday of 1 st week of Advent
Thursday	No Mass	
Friday	4.30pm	Scripture Rosary 
	5.00pm	Mass of Friday of 1 st week of Advent with Anointing
Saturday	9.15am	Reconciliation
<u>Saturday</u>	6.00pm	Mass of 2 nd Sunday of Advent Yr A
<u>Sunday</u>	8.00am	Mass of 2 nd Sunday of Advent Yr A
	10.00am	Mass of 2 nd Sunday of Advent Yr A



(N.B. The feast of the Immaculate Conception is moved to Monday 9th December this year.)

● **Advent – Prayer Tree:** You are invited to decorate the tree with your prayers written on the cards provided, each time you come to Mass – a sign that Advent is a **time of prayer and preparation**. Use the blank side of the cards provided to write your prayers of thanks, petition, lament, hope, sorrow etc. By Christmas, may the tree be 'dripping' with our prayers. You could prepare a card with your prayer **at home** (with your family) and bring it along to decorate our tree in the church when you next come to the church. Also, you may wish to add some cards with prayers as decorations **for your tree** in your home.

OLD CHRISTMAS CARDS: Advent begins this weekend and we still need cards to go on the Advent prayer tree (must be blank behind front picture). All cards will be gratefully received.

● **Readers' Books:** Books to help with proclaiming the Word are in the sacristy. Readers would take a book the weekend before they are to read, to help with their preparation, and return them when they read, so the next reader can use them. *✍ Fr Joe*

Lectors: 30th Nov/ 1st Dec 2019

6.00pm P. Magri 8.00am N. Bosquet 10.00am I. Ellwood

7th Dec/ 8th Dec 2019

6.00pm P. Donnelly 8.00am J. Amore 10.00am M. Beyer

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

30th Nov/ 1st Dec 2019

6.00pm ... H. Booth 8.00am M. Coyle 10.00am D. Thirard

7th Dec/ 8th Dec 2019

6.00pm ... J. Fay 8.00am A. Wells 10.00am A. Black

God's Housekeepers this Week:

28th Nov Group C 5th Dec Group D

Counting Teams:

December: Anthony Black, Barry Bramwell & Michelle Smith

Last week's Offerings:

First (Support of the Priests) **750.00** Second (Support of the church/Hall) **\$1045.00**



➤ **PENITENTIAL RITE:** (The Wreath is blessed and as the 1st candle is lit)

⌘ Lord, you have armed us in the armour of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Come, Lord Jesus. All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

⌘ Christ, you have brought us out of darkness into light.

Come, Lord Jesus. All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

⌘ Lord, you have given us the strength to grow in love.

Come, Lord Jesus. All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**



➤ **FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5**

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.



➤ **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

℟ Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

℟

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.

There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David.



℟

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!'

℟

For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!'

For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good.

℟

➤ **SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14**

The time has come, our salvation is near.

➤ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!



➤ **GOSPEL: Matthew 24:37-44**

Stay awake, you must be ready.

Please pray for those who are sick especially:

Denise Vidoni, Maurice Sikorski, Denise Marmion, Mark Burns, Jenny Brewer, Hank Morris, Peter Hilton, and all those who need our prayers. May they receive the Lord's comfort and strength.

(Because we respect your privacy – For people to be named on the list of the prayers for the sick: their names must first be submitted on an AUTHORIZATION FORM available in the church foyer or from the Parish Office.).

Thanks for your prayers for Jack Black who has recovered from his illnesses.

Please pray for those who died recently, for those whose anniversaries occur about this time, and for all who have died. May they rest in peace.

PARISH PRAYER

Father, pour out your Spirit upon the people of this Parish so that, inspired by your Word, nourished at your table and graced by your empowering love, our lives may be devoted to the service of our brothers and sisters and the building of your Kingdom. May our Parish Community truly be, for this place and time, the Body of Christ your Son, through whom we make this prayer. **AMEN.**

Responses during the Mass

Fr Joe: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

All: **And with your spirit.**

❖ Penitential Rite: see p2

❖ Homily then **Creed:**

All: **I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

❖ At the end of the preparation of the gifts:

Fr Joe: Pray my brothers and sisters that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

(ALL STAND) now:

All: **May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his holy Church.**

Fr Joe: The mystery of faith.

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

Comm. Antiphon: (Used **only** when there is **NO** Communion Hymn)
The Lord will shower his gifts, and our land will yield its fruit.

❖ Dismissal

Fr Joe: Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord

ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Readings for next Sunday: 2nd Sunday of Advent Year A

1st Reading: **Isaiah 11: 1-10**

Resp. Psalm: **Ps 71: 1-2. 7-8. 12-13. 17**

2nd Reading: **Romans 15: 4-9**

Gospel: **Matthew 3: 1-12**

WORD of God – are we Listening better ?

→ **Use these notes** to pray through Lectio Divina on the text of this Sunday's Gospel:

Lectio: We begin our readings from Matthew's Gospel. Matthew is writing to the Christian communities in which the majority were Jews. So, he frequently quotes or refers to the Old Testament; which the Jews knew well. Matthew presents Jesus as the Teacher. In Advent the texts are chosen to highlight the themes of Advent especially: 'to be prepared'. Our text has Jesus in Jerusalem giving one of his final teachings before his life will end on the Cross.

Read **Matthew 24: 37 - 44**

Meditatio: As Jesus prepares for his end, am I prepared for when my life will end? Noah was the only one remaining faithful to God, how am I resisting the world's tendency to ignore or deny God's existence? In my busy life am I making time for prayer, time for God? What does Jesus' call 'to stay awake' mean for me? Will my Christmas be a celebration of Christ's birth, or, of my pleasures: gifts and feasting?

Oratio: Pray that Advent will be a prayerful time. Pray that Christmas will be the celebration of the gift of Christ's birth. Pray that people will not try to outdo others in the giving of gifts and the provision of lavish meals. Pray that we will be faithful to the end. Pray that Christmas may not be the end of expressing love and thanks to others and to God. Pray: "*Come Lord Jesus*" i.e. "*Maranatha*".

Contemplatio – Dwell in stillness, simply aware of the boundless expanse of mercy that surrounds you.

After your prayer – Write a prayer and decorate the Prayer Tree with it. ✍ Fr Joe

► **Thanksgiving Envelopes:** Please pick up your set of envelopes if you have not yet done so. Thank you.

Coming Events in 2019 – 2020

● 2nd Dec.- Home Prayer Group - 10.30am @ 2 Rose Street McCrae. ☎ Brenda Green 0422 095 431.

● 10th Dec. – Finance Committee meets after 5pm Mass

● Christmas Masses: 6pm Tue 24th, Midnight Mass and 10am Mass Christmas Day.

2020 – Plenary Council Year

● Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings Rosebud – Saturday 18th January 2020. A **new roster** is in the church foyer if you can help with this Parish Fundraiser.



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