



The Catholic Parish
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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The Pastor's Pen....

We bid a farewell to St. Matthew today as we begin a new year for our Church community guided by St. Mark's Gospel with St. John's Gospel (particularly his Chapter 6) playing a supporting role. This is because St. Mark's Gospel, the first to be written around 66-70AD, is short at just sixteen chapters and we have some thirty-three weeks of Ordinary Time to cover, to say nothing of the other weeks and seasons of our year.

The tone of Advent is one of hopeful expectation, praying and waiting for the celebration of the incarnation of God with us as one of us at Christmas and the weeks of the Christmas Season that follow. This Season ends with the Baptism of the Lord on Monday 8th January as Ordinary time commences.

This year's Advent Season is short at just twenty-two days and four week-ends. The time for Ordinary Sundays before the Lenten Season is brief, too, only five full weeks before Ash Wednesday on the 14th February. This means an early Easter date with Easter Sunday in 2024 being celebrated on 31st March.

All of this is simply because of the fixed date of Christmas and the 'mysteries' of the secular and religious calendars, making it appear somewhat rushed. We are not to rush through any of this however, choosing rather to go day by day and step by step together doing as Jesus asks; staying alert and awake to God moving and working among us.

If I can suggest something to you for Advent it is to ask you to pay great attention to the Sunday First Readings which are drawn from the Prophet Isaiah and on the Fourth Advent Sunday from the Second Book of Samuel. The hopes and promises heard in these words point to the incarnate birth of Jesus and the beginning of God's Kingdom in our world.

With so much war, darkness and anxiety in our daily news feed, holy, God given visions of a better world and assurances of hope, renewal and salvation are very much needed. They will help to so balance our concerns with God's comfort, our worries with Divine witness and our fears with God's fidelity to us and to our world until the end of time.

We are companions of the journey, breaking bread and sharing life in Jesus Christ.

Fr. Mark Percival. MA, PP.

Anointing Mass:

10am Wednesday 6th December ~ St Joseph's

Mass for Forgiveness of Sins

7.00pm Wednesday 13th December ~ St Joseph's

Fourth Weekend of Advent

5.30pm Saturday 23rd December ~ St Joseph's

8.00am Sunday 24th December ~ St Joseph's

**9.30am Sunday 24th December ~ Christ the King
(no Sunday evening Mass at Graceville)**

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

4.00pm Christmas Eve Sunday 24/12/22 ~ St Joseph's

6.00 pm Christmas Eve Sunday 24/12/22 ~ St Joseph's

8.00am Christmas Day Monday 25/12/22 ~ St Joseph's

9.30am Christmas Day Monday 25/12/22 ~ Christ the King



SVDP Christmas Appeal: The Annual Christmas Appeal of your local St Vincent de Paul Conference is being held this weekend.

Our first request is that you pray for your local SVDP conference.

You are also invited to make a donation to enable our outreach to people in our community who are struggling to pay their rent and put food on the table. Without your ongoing and generous support, we would not be able to assist those in need.

If you can help us this year, please donate by:

- **Online transfer to BSB: 064 786 Account Number: 100026057 Account name:** SVDP Christ the King and St Joseph's Corinda Graceville Conference
- **Deposit in any branch of the Commonwealth Bank to Account identification No:** 4000 0032 5284 **Agent No:** 8064 **Name of account:** Archdiocesan Development Fund.
- **Envelope:** You may also use one of the SVDP envelopes available in the church, and place this (or a plain envelope marked SVDP) with the parish collection or drop off at the parish office.
- **Post:** Donations (not cash) can also be posted to SVDP Post Office Box 97, Corinda.
- Please email ctksj4075@svdpgld.org.au so that our treasurer has a return email address to forward your receipt.



SVDP Christmas Hamper Gifts: This year we expect to deliver about 45 hampers locally on Sunday 17th December from 9am. As in previous years, we welcome your assistance in bringing joy to our companions, so if you are interested please come to the parish office (entrance from the church side). There are cards in the churches detailing the age and gender of children whose families are receiving hampers. If you are able to assist, please take a card this weekend and purchase and wrap a suitable gift. Attach the card to the outside of the gift so we can allocate it to the appropriate hamper. To enable finalisation of hampers, please bring the gifts to the church next weekend on Sunday 10th December, or drop it in to the parish office by Wednesday 13th December. Thank you for your support.

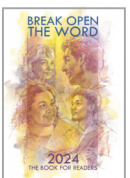


Advent Reflection Book - available at doors of the Churches or from the Parish Office. Advent is such a busy time of year and we so easily forget that - at its heart - it is meant to be a time of preparation, waiting and hope for the coming of Jesus into our world and lives.

To remind us of this, the parish has purchased "The Sign" a daily reflection book for Advent and the Christmas Season, which provides an opportunity for us to be still each day, listen to God, and come to know that Jesus is the whole reason for our being. Like Mary proclaimed in her Magnificat: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord." The Advent Program is a pocket-sized book that includes daily reflections from the beginning of Advent to the Baptism of the Lord. The book also includes beautiful artwork from the Masters with accompanying artwork reflections.

The Advent books are available at the doors of both churches and at the parish office. A donation of \$5.00 per book would be appreciated to cover the costs the parish has expended. This donation can be placed in the normal parish collection at Mass, or use the Tap and Pay terminals at the doors of the churches, or pop into the parish office.

Break Open the Word: Copies are available for the new liturgical year which commences this weekend on the First Sunday of Advent. Ministers of the Word please collect your copy located near the picture of Mary MacKillop in each church or from the Parish office during the week. This book is essential for the preparation of Ministers of the Word. Please purchase a copy, at the subsidised price of \$10.00 (Retail price is \$26). Previous editions of Break Open the Word can be donated to Prison Ministry via the parish office.



We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians, the Yuggera and Turrbal peoples, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal: will be held at all Masses this weekend, the First Sunday of Advent. Please see full details on page two. Thank you for your support.

Sausage Sizzle: the final sausage sizzle for 2023 will be held at Christ the King Church on Sunday night after the 6pm Mass. All are welcome to stay for some hospitality. Thank you to our dedicated sausage sizzlers Peter and Vivienne who make this happen every month of the year for the community to enjoy.

Anointing Mass: will be held at **10am on Wednesday 6th December at St Joseph's Church.** All are welcome to attend this special Mass of Anointing in the season of Advent.

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary: Mass for this special Solemnity will be celebrated at 9.30am on Friday 8th December at Christ the King Church.

Advent Mass for Forgiveness of Sins: will be celebrated at **7.00pm on Wednesday 13th December at St Joseph's Church.** Please note there will be no morning Mass on that day.

Children's Liturgy: has concluded for 2023. Thank you to all of the Children's Liturgy leaders and helpers who have helped us throughout year, prepared each Sunday and looked after the children. We are most grateful for your dedicated ministry. Thank you also to all of the families who have attended Children's Liturgy throughout the year.

Youth Group: has concluded for the year. Our thanks to Claire and her helpers who have led the youth group each Friday evening of the school term. Big thanks to the young people who have come along each week to attend youth group and to their parents who have supported their children each Friday night and cooked dinner for the group. We are so grateful for all of your dedication.

Christmas Cards: are available to purchase at the back of each church and at the parish office. Packs of eight cards can be purchased for \$3.00 a packet. Thanks to St Vincent de Paul who make these cards available to purchase.

Free Advent Resources for Kids: are you looking for creative, fun and faith-filled ways for your children and family to enter into the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas? Evangelisation Brisbane are excited to let you know that their team has just released our 2023 collection of free resources to help you engage with your young disciples. Please visit <https://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/advent-and-christmas-with-kids/> to access these free resources.

Cathedral of St Stephen Advent Concert Series: Music and Poetry to Celebrate the Advent Season: The 2023 Advent Concert Series will feature three concerts plus the annual Advent Carol Service over the four Sundays in Advent.

Concert 1, Sunday 3rd December 5pm: Featuring Cathedral of St Stephen Organist Dominic Perissinotto (pipe organ) playing Bach and Willcock

Concert 2, Sunday 10 December 5pm: Featuring The Cathedral of St Stephen Director of Music Christopher Trikilis (pipe organ)

Concert 3, Sunday 17 December 5pm: Featuring Susan Collins (violin) playing Biber and Bach (in the Chapel)

At Stephen's Cathedral, 249 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane Qld 4000. Tickets available through www.trybooking.com/CNGCC

Advent Vespers: First Solemn Vespers of Advent with readings and music: Sung by the Cathedral Schola at the Cathedral of St Stephen, Elizabeth Street, City on Sunday 2nd December at 5.00pm. Free Admission. All Welcome.

Christmas Carol Service at St Stephen's Cathedral: Saturday 23rd December at 3pm. Free Admission. All welcome.

We pray for the good health, strength and healing of: Joan Armstrong, Ron Atkins, Margaret Bailey, Joan Burgin, Jack Cain, Barbara Carmody, Bridie Carr, Cath Dennis, Maureen Doherty, Margaret Fernandez, Erica Finnimore, Neil Flynn, Nash Giles, Gregory Gould, Pam Harding, Margaret Hawser, Bob Healy, Myrna Healy, Una Hill, Ned Hiller, Mark Inmon, Maureen Inmon, Bevan Johnson, Fran Johnson, Charles Keating, Shelly Kelly, Annie Little, Fr Frank Lourigan, Monique Maltet, Neil McCormack, Phil Middleton, Damien Mollard, Julene Montgomery, Gabrielle Morgan, Adam Morrison, Monica Morrison, Donald Mortiss, Tri Nguyen, Richard Niland, Val O'Brien, Jan O'Donoghue, Jimmy O'Keefe, Rita O'Keefe, Emma Parer, Genevieve Parer, Jennifer Parer, Shelly Parer, Glenda Penna, Clive Punter, Dawn Punter, Sr Cyprian Thureson pbvm, Pauline Thureson, Thao Trinh, Sue Venderley, Jim Vievers, Rebecca Wallace, Ben Waters, Nick Willemsen.

We remember and pray for all our parishioners living in aged care.

We pray for all who are suffering due to conflict, natural disaster and ill health.

May the recently deceased rest in peace: Melba Hinspeter, Gordon McCormack

We pray for those whose anniversaries occur about this time: Maria Hoang Thi Hanh, Vivienne Benjamin, Jenny Marshall, Dawn Thorpe, Colin Doherty, Keith Shand, Seung-Yun Joseph Lee, Joo-Woo Maria Lee, Audrey Steinitz, Leonard Kehoe, Ken Selinger, Hesper McCourt, Richard Crist, Darcy Howe, Margaret Murphy



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WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Wednesday 10.00 am St Joseph's - Anointing Mass

Thursday 9.00 am St Joseph's - Mass

Friday 9.30 am Christ the King - Mass

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday 5.30 pm St Joseph's

Sunday 8.00 am St Joseph's

9.30 am Christ the King

6.00 pm Christ the King

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Saturday 4.30 pm – 5.00 pm St Joseph's

Other times by appointment.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Sacrament of Baptism for Children is celebrated by appointment on the following Sundays of the month

2nd Sunday 11.00 am St Joseph's

4th Sunday 11.00 am Christ the King

All enquiries to the Parish Office

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

(Printed so that users may pray daily the Liturgical Prayer of the Church)

ADVENT

New liturgical year begins: Sunday cycle B, weekday cycle 2

FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

SUN, 3 DEC FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT

Is 63:16-17, 64:1, 3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

MON, 4 DEC

Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St Stephen, 1989 - *Feast*
St. John Damascene, priest, doctor of the church - *Optional Memorial*
Is 2:1-5; Mt 8:5-11

TUE, 5 DEC

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

WED, 6 DEC

St Nicholas, bishop, patron saint of Greece, children and travellers - *Optional Memorial*
Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37

THU, 7 DEC

St Ambrose, bishop, doctor of the church, patron saint of Milan, learning and beggars - *Memorial*
Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27
(Alt. Eph 3:8-12; Jn 10:11-16)

FRI, 8 DEC

The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION of the BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, patron saint of Brazil and United States of America - *Solemnity*
Gen 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

SAT, 9 DEC

St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin, hermit, Mexico's first indigenous saint - *Optional Memorial*
Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35 - 10:1, 6-8

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

SUN, 10 DEC

SECOND SUNDAY of ADVENT
Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

HYMNS AND RESPONSES FOR SUNDAY MASSES

GATHERING: "O EMMANUEL"

Refrain: O Emmanuel come into our hearts
O Emmanuel we're waiting for your light.
O Emmanuel God is with us now.
O Emmanuel, Emmanuel.

1. We your people are waiting for you, Lord,
waiting all throughout the earth.
We your people are waiting for you, Lord,
waiting to celebrate your birth.
2. We your people are longing for you, Lord,
longing with hope and with joy.
We your people are longing for you, Lord,
longing for the sign to rejoice.



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PENITENTIAL ACT: "THE CONFITEOR"

I confess to almighty God
and to you, my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

[And, striking their breast, they say:]

through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;

[Then they continue:]

therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints,
and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

"PSALM 80: LORD, MAKE US TURN TO YOU"



Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your



face and we shall be saved.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: "THERE IS A LONGING"

Refrain: There is a longing in our hearts, O Lord,
for you to reveal yourself to us.
There is a longing in our hearts for love
we only find in you, our God.

1. For justice, for freedom, for mercy: hear our prayer.
In sorrow, in grief: be near, hear our prayer, O God.
2. For wisdom, for courage, for comfort: hear our prayer.
In weakness, in fear: be near, hear our prayer, O God.
3. For healing, for wholeness, for new life: hear our prayer.
In sickness, in death: be near, hear our prayer, O God.
4. Lord save us, take pity, light in our darkness.
We call you, we wait: be near, hear our prayer, O God.

COMMUNION: "BREAD OF LIFE, HOPE OF THE WORLD"

Refrain: Bread of life, hope of the world, Jesus Christ, our brother:
feed us now, give us life, lead us to one another.

ALTERNATIVE SENDING FORTH: "DAYS OF ELIJAH"

1. These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the Word of the Lord;
And these are the days of your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored;
And though these are days of great trials,
Of famine and darkness and sword.
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying,
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

Refrain: Behold He comes, riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call;
Lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill, salvation comes.

2. And these are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh;
And these are the days of your servant David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise;
And these are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in the world.
And we are the labourers in your vineyard,
Declaring the word of the Lord! *(refrain twice)*