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Mass Times

Tues 03: 5.30pm Mass
Wed 04: 8:40am Rosary
9am Mass
Thurs 05: 9am Mass
Fri 06: 9am Stations of the Cross 9.15am Mass
5.30pm Adoration
Sat 07: 9am Rosary
5pm Reconciliation
6pm Vigil Mass
Sun 08: 9am Mass
5pm Mass
Sacristans
6pm: Craddy & Carmody
9am: Scicluna & Bemelman
5pm: D. & B. McCormack

ROSTERS 8/9 Dec

Church Cleaning
D & L May (9-13)
Welcomers
6pm K Conway
9am J McClelland
5pm D Ebejer
Readers
6pm J Mackay, H Blake
9am N Beatty, A Brown
5pm S Ebejer, C Nicoletti
Commentator
6pm M Weatherall
9am L Page
5pm K O'Sullivan
Extraordinary Ministers
6pm M Bridges, L Favetta, J Wain, A Rogers
9am M Trojkovic, K Corbin, C Connell, C Schor
5pm B McCormack, D Gorzalka
Computer Screen
6pm D Coffee
9am T Priest
Children's Liturgy
M Britt
Morning Tea
Cashman/Toyer family
Hospital Visits (8/12) Maureen Kinross

ADVENT: A Time of Waiting in Hope



We live in seasons: from spring to summer and from autumn to winter. Each season remains vital to life and living. In the church, we celebrate different seasons as well: from Advent to Christmas and from Lent to Easter, with some intermittent periods called the Ordinary Time. Each of these seasons add flavour to our faith and our faith journey.

Once again, a warm welcome to a new season and a new beginning. For us in this part of world, it's summer. For the Church, it's a New Year (Year A), ushered in by the season of Advent.

Advent is a season observed in many Christian churches as a time of expectation, waiting and preparation for the celebration of the nativity of Jesus at Christmas. In summary Christ is the reason for the season.

In the Catholic Church, the season consists of four weeks. The four weeks are divided into two parts: Part I commences with the first Sunday of Advent to 16th December and part II begins on the 17th and ends 24th December. This is designed to enable adequate spiritual preparation for Christmas.

At Christmas, we celebrate not only the birth anniversary of Jesus, but we also anticipate his second coming in glory, so we wait in hope.

As a season of preparation and waiting, St. Matthew invites us to be vigilant as we await in hope for the gratuitous hospitality of God towards humanity.

Fr Martins

PLENARY COUNCIL PHASE 2 DISCERNMENT SESSIONS

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Phase 2 Discernment Sessions whether through your presence or your prayer for us and our Church. It was a very fruitful time of prayer, listening and discernment. The Final Summaries of what will be sent to the National Plenary Council Writing Groups will be displayed by Second Weekend in Advent. Blessings - Kieran, Bernie & Phil

Combined Churches Christmas Carols @ Mackay Park

Sunday 15th December 2019 5pm till 9.45pm.

Volunteers are still urgently needed, if you think you might be able to help at the Carols, please fill in the Volunteers list in the foyer of the Church, leaving your address and phone number. Each volunteer will be contacted by the Co-Ordinator Fiona Coffey. If you have any queries regarding volunteering at the Carols please contact Liz Basevi 0400351225.



Weekly Events:

Singalong: Monday at 1pm in the Church.
Bible Study/Faith Formation Wed. at 9.30am
Rosary: Wednesday at 8:40am, Church
Stations of the Cross: Friday, 9am in church
Adoration/Vespers: Friday at 5:30pm
Craft: Thursday 10-12pm Meeting Room
Wrap With Love: 2nd Tue & last Wed of month in church
Men Alive: Every 1st & 3rd Wed in Church
Reconciliation: Saturday at 5pm in Church
Cenacle Prayer: Tues at 4.45pm in Church
Monthly Events
First Saturday: 9 am Mass—All Souls
Opal Mass: Every 1st Wed at 10:30am

Glen Mass: Every 3rd Thurs at 10:30am
Maranatha Mass: Every 4th Wed at 2pm
Baptism Preparation: Last Wed at 6.30pm
Mass of the Sick: Every 1st Tue at 5.30pm
Weddings and Funerals by arrangement
Upcoming Events: November
27th Advent Program 9 am & 7 pm Meeting Rm
28th PPC Meeting 5 pm Meeting room
30 Nov—1st Dec SVDS Christmas Appeal
Upcoming Events: December
4th/ 11th Advent Program 9am & 7pm Meeting Rm
8th Parish Christmas Morning Tea 10 am in Church
13th Graduation Mass 9.15 am in Church
18th Advent Reconciliation 6 pm in Church
25th Christmas Masses

ADVENT REFLECTION

WEEK 1



BE READY EACH DAY

Today begins a special time of year for us as we begin the season of Advent, that period of waiting before Christmas. To help each of us prepare our own hearts for the birth of Christ, let's try to take a few moments each day, perhaps before a meal to pray together and maybe set up an Advent Wreath in our homes.

Loving God, during this first week of Advent, help us remember that we are your people and that you are our God by loving you and loving our neighbour through being KIND.

Holy Spirit, guide the choices we make so that we choose to do what shows our love of others, especially those in need.

Lord Jesus, we wait in joyful hope for you. Come into our hearts so that when the time comes we will be ready.

Amen

ADVENT PROGRAM: Dates: Wednesday 4th December 9am & 7pm
Wednesday 11th December 9 am & 7 pm
Wednesday 18th December 6pm Recon-

ciliation

WHERE? In the Parish Meeting Room

The format will be Lectio Divina—A reverent reading of the next Sunday's gospel followed by reflection, discussion and prayer. The sessions will go for around an hour.

For more information please call Joe Quigley on 0404 357 744

The child safeguard training session to be held at the Parish on Friday 6th December is coming up. This is beneficial for anyone in the Parish and we encourage everyone to come along. The sessions are designed to discuss safe people and safe places with a focus on working with vulnerable people. Please let us know if you wish to attend as soon as possible.

Church Screens: The new church screens have been installed this week. This has been a huge undertaking and one that will take our church forward into the future with more modern facilities.

Thank you to everyone who donated and has been a part of this process. Without your support we would not have been able to achieve this wonderful result.. THANK YOU!!!

FROM GANMAIN TO ROME AND BACK: Archbishop Frank Carroll. The Piety Shop has the book available for \$20. Also Christmas cards and calendars are for sale.

ANNUAL PARISH CHRISTMAS MORNING TEA: To say thank you to our wonderful parishioners, there will be a breakfast/morning tea next Sunday 8th December after the 9am Mass. Bacon and egg rolls, sausage sandwiches, cakes, tea and coffee. Come and help say "Thank you". **All are welcome.** Volunteers are needed to help cook and serve the BBQ. See Bernie or ring 0428 227 384

GIVING HOPE AND LOVE AT CHRISTMAS: St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal begins this weekend. Please help us to make Christmas special for local families. You can do this by donating after Mass this weekend, taking a tag and buying an age appropriate gift for a child, or bringing in Christmas food items for our hampers. Place items of food and gifts in boxes supplied in the foyer of the church. **Thankyou for your ongoing support.**

BECET Annual General Meeting will be held at the Presbyterian Church, Melaleuca Crescent, Batehaven at 6pm on Monday 9th December. All are welcome to attend.

FRIAR ALESSANDRO AT ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL: On Monday 9th December at 6 pm, you are invited to an evening of Christmas music & readings with internationally acclaimed Franciscan tenor, Friar Alessandro. Friar is on his first ever tour to Australia and will be accompanied by Vivian Choi on piano and the Artes Christi Choir & Orchestra. Entry is FREE or By Donation with all donations supporting the Vinnies Christmas Appeal

ALL ARE WELCOME to a Scripture Union Christmas Art presentation with family friendly activities and afternoon tea, on Wednesday 11th December between 4—6pm at the Batemans Bay Baptist Church, Surfbeach. An offering will be taken towards the work of Scripture Union.

A PROFOUNDLY REWARDING MISSION: Working in education, health or trades? Assist to reduce poverty in overseas communities by sharing your skills. Mutual development assured. There are five places left on Palms Australia's January 4th—12th Orientation Course. You must apply now for a position in 2020. Call or text 0422 4PALMS or go to palms.org.au

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1st Collection
Acc. Name:
Central
Presbytery
Fund
Bank Acc:
29248 BSB: 062
-786 Ref: SUB-
URB/TOWN &
SURNAME.
Eg: Batebay

jones

Banking details

2nd Collection
Acc. Name:
St Bernard's
Operating
Account
Bank Acc:0012939
BSB: 062-786
Ref: FAMILY
NAME. Eg: Jones

Remembering the Sick: Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, James Lee, George Fitzgerald, Declan Holmes, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Patricia McLennan, Bill Giust, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Judy Betts, Ken Evendon, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Glenda Gallagher, Joan, John Dylan, Basil King and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital.

Rest In Peace: Des Beckhaus, Bea Field, Jim Daley, Merle Hague, Guiseppe Ferrante, Anthony Clift, Marie Stewart, Vivien Doyle, Frances Doyle, Colin Doyle, June Bowditch, Nick Shannon, Peter McKeon, Joe Borg, Katima Skuzma, Desmond Lyons, Val Back, Norma Phillips, Ted Gillis, Vincenzo Biondo, Brian Jose, Edith Bruce, John Hay, Donald Walker, Colin McGrath

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intention

December
Universal—The Very Young

That every country resolutely commits to taking the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority

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PARISH COFFEE CLUB

All are welcome to join the coffee Club on Thursdays after the 9am mass.

VENUE: Scoop Ice Creamery @ Batehaven
COFFEE, CONNECT & CHAT

