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First Sunday of Advent Year B 3rd December 2017

Readings:

Isaiah 63:16-17: 64:1, 3-8

1 Corinthians1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

The newly established Coordinator of Lay Ministries

Only by having all parishioners participate actively in different ministries will a Catholic parish be healthy, fruitful and ongoing. Because of the importance of encouraging lay ministries, we have recently made a decision to establish a new position in our parish: Coordinator of Lay Ministries.

This position was originally planned to be called Volunteer Coordinator. However, playing a role in parish ministries is totally different from doing volunteer works for other organizations or governments. Lay ministries become sacred because of God whom we love and serve. We don't have the responsibility to do any volunteer works but we do have the responsibility to build our own spiritual home. It is the way to serve others as well as build ourselves. In this way, we practice our faith and enhance our relationship with God. We will experience inner satisfaction from serving our community. And our ability to love and forgive will be enhanced, too. Therefore, all those who participate in any parish lay ministry are not volunteers but lay ministers. That is why we have eventually decided to call this position Coordinator of Lay Ministries.

The duties of this position are as follows: Firstly, to assist the parish priest to increase the awareness among parishioners of the importance of lay ministries. Every parishioner should be a server, to be more exact, a minister. We come not to be served as clients or consumers, but to serve as our Lord has said and done. We encouraged more people to get involved, not just because we need to get things done, but also we want to foster people to be hungry for serving God by serving others. I hope one day it's not us who ask parishioners to do some job but parishioners who come to us requiring something to do. Secondly, to invite more parishioners to get involved in a particular ministry and make sure all our ministries keep going. Thirdly, to assist every ministry group establish its own leadership and recruit new members. So this position does not replace the existing leadership of any ministry group but strengthens it. Fourthly, to help organize irregular parish activities, such as parish dinner and ministries expo, and some fellowship activities for lay ministers as well. Mind you, it is not the coordinator who does any specific ministry because this position is to organize people to do things.

Here I would like to announce the appointment of Josephine Cullen as our Coordinator of Lay Ministries, effective from 1st December 2017. Actually Jo has informally been playing this role for a long time. And she has been very successful. By the way, she is our current chair of the Parish Pastoral Council. At the last PPC meeting, she was nominated as the chair and accepted the role happily. At that stage, she didn't know that she would be appointed to this position. These two roles happened to be one person. I think it is a good thing since the two roles are not mutually exclusive but complementary. Please join me in thanking Jo for accepting this appointment and pray to God for her for making further contributions to our parish in this role.

Fr Baiyi

Readings for next weekend: Second Sunday of Advent (Year B) Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8

IN OUR PA	RISH THIS COMING WEEK:
MON 4th Dec	8.00am Mass 7.30pm Liturgy meeting
TUE 5th Dec	8.00am Mass 6.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 7.00pm RCIA meeting
WED 6th Dec	6.30am Mass
THU 7th Dec	St Ambrose
FRI 8th Dec	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8.30am Rosary 9.00am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 9.00—9.20am Reconciliation available 9.30am Healing Mass
SAT 9th Dec	5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
SUN 10th Dec	2nd Sunday of Advent 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

Peter's Pence Collection: This weekend we will hold the annual retiring collection to support the charitable works of Pope Francis. The collection allows the Holy Father to respond to the most needy throughout the world, to offer timely, effective emergency assistance to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please give to the collectors at the doors as you leave today.

St Vinnies' Christmas Hamper Appeal Place your donations in the baskets near the Baptismal font. Thank you for all your generosity. Helpers will be needed to collate the hampers on Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th December both from 8.30am.

Advent Wreath: The candles on the Advent Wreath will be lit at each weekend Mass from now until Christmas. Volunteers will be needed to light the candles.

Adoration and Healing Mass: this Friday 8th December (postponed from last week). As always we will commence with Rosary at 8.30am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 9am. Reconciliation available from 9.05 to 9.20am then Healing Mass at 9.30am. Stay for a cuppa afterwards. Social Justice News: The World Council of Churches fears the cycle of confrontations on the Korean Peninsula might slide into nuclear war. Therefore all Christians around the globe and all people of goodwill are invited to join the campaign "A Light of Peace" in which candles will be lit in the first two weeks of Advent. We will light a candle in church but also invite you to do the same at home.

We have just received a parcel from Zambia with 30 letters from the girls in the City of Joy. We are delighted. The parcel was 5 months on the way. The letters are addressed to a number of parishioners.

Erika on behalf of the SJG

Church Cleaners, Mass Co-ordinators, Readers & Communion Minsters please collect your new rosters.

Planned Giving Commitment: Have you been away? If you have, you may have missed filling out a Planned Giving Commitment card. Please look for these cards near the main doors of the church and complete them so we can look to the future with financial confidence. Place your completed slips on the collection plate at either collection or hand them to Fr Baiyi or one of the PPC members. Thank you.

Remember that there are several ways you can contribute to our Planned Giving Program to keep our parish functioning fully:

**Direct Bank Transfer. If you would like to direct transfer your Planned Giving to our bank account. Our BSB is 064-786 and Account number is 007021101. Please use your surname and Planned Giving (or PG) as reference.

**Direct Debit—you can direct debit your nominated account either weekly, fortnightly or monthly. Ask for a Direct Debit form. This is organised through our bank. **Credit Card—processed once per month. Ask for a Credit Card form

**Envelopes—the traditional weekly cash method Bequests and Endowments. Contact the Parish Office for more information.

Break Open the Word 2018: now available on the back table. Cost \$18 each. Break Open the Word is an invaluable resource for anyone in the Reading Ministry but also for those in the Music Ministry and Liturgy Group. God's Word 2018 —is a Liturgical diary which has the readings for every day from the New Jerusalem Bible, inspiring reflections on the readings of the day. A great resource for yourself or it would make a fantastic Christmas gift—special deal ** still only \$10! Also on the tables near the main door to the church.

<u>Children's Liturgy</u> has finished for 2017. Thanks to all who have helped and participated this year. Children's Liturgy will recommence in early February 2018. <u>Calendar:</u> Reminder to all ministry group leaders: please send in your groups' dates for any events, meetings etc for 2018 so we can prepare a parish calendar of events. Our aim is to issue the calendar to parishioners before Christmas.

Volunteer Mass Co-ordinators, Readers, Communion Ministers & Altar Servers are needed for all Christmas Masses. If you know which Mass you will be attending please consider if you can volunteer to help out in any way. Write your name on the sheets on the back table.

<u>Advent Fair and Christmas Market at the Cathedral of St Stephen</u> Sunday 3rd December 8am to 2pm.

Christmas Date Claimers

Christmas Reflection: 7.30 pm Tuesday 12th Dec Community 2nd Rite of Reconciliation:

7.30 pm Tuesday 19th December

Choir & Musicians' Practice

7.30pm Wednesday 20th December

Practice for Children's Pageant for Christmas Eve:

10.00 am Saturday 23rd Dec.

Christmas Masses:

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th Dec 6.30 pm (Family) & 9.00 pm (Vigil)

Christmas Day Monday 25th Dec 9.00 am only

New Year's Day Monday 1st Jan 9.00am only



Beautiful Vinnies Christmas cards for sale after Mass. Pack of 8 for \$4.

Vinnies News: 1. Christmas is fast approaching and we are in the process of organizing

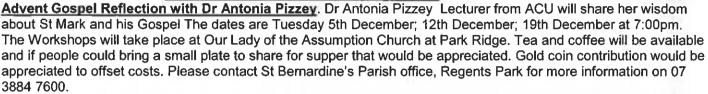


Christmas hampers. For this and the next 2 Sundays there will be baskets near the Baptismal Font for your donations of non perishable goods, toiletries, age appropriate gifts, toys and festive fare. Hampers are a way of bringing a little Christmas joy to those most needy in our community. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Please take a leaflet after Mass for some gift ideas.

2. Columban Calendars for 2018 also available (cost \$9).

<u>Holiday Home</u> needed for Jack the Maltese terrier, formerly owned by parishioner, Paul O'Brien. Jack's new owners need him minded from 11th December to 14th January. Can you help?

Invitations from around the Archdiocese:



<u>Weekly Webcast of the 10am Sunday Mass at the Cathedral:</u> The cameras and sound equipment have recently been upgraded so will have people feeling they are participating as best possible. Anyone who is infirmed or shut in can tune in one of two ways —

(i) accessing the Archdiocesan Website at https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/ or the shortlink URL archbne.org/bzw

(ii) accessing the Archdiocesan You tube channel at https://www.youtube.com/user/CatholicBrisbane
The option of watching the event "on demand" after it has concluded is also available at the You tube site within 30 minutes of the Mass finishing. The uncertain future of Mass for You at Home on Channel Ten makes this a valuable service.

St Paul de Chartres Residential Aged Care/Retirement Units at Boronia Heights currently have two 1 bedroom and two 2 bedroom pre-loved retirement units for sale. Beautifully landscaped gardens with a chapel and Mass celebrated daily, community centre, close to shops and transport and additional services available. Please contact Libby Calaby 3809-6323 for more information.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Those who have died: Eliza Calabia, Joan Hine, Pat Feeney (Les O'Gorman's sister)

<u>Book of Life & Mass Requests:</u> Bernard Luton, Sophie Robinson, Bernard Montegrande, Marie Maguire, Ruth Ballment, Les Harris, Silvia Milaudi, Eddie McDonnell, Alfie Healan, Bobby Smith, Bernie Minton, Bill Smith, Ottilie Brandt, Vincent Blundell, Charlie Fry, Anastasia Medcraf, Desmond van der Haar, Mary Becker, Clifford Sharp, Frederick Taylor, Hazel Taylor, Luise Warwas

Please pray for those who are sick, especially John Green, Michael Bahn, Edmund Ho, Tricia Dowing, Kathleen Anderson, Kevin Dingwall, Anthony Van Rooy, Sr Patricia Lynch MMM (Fr John's aunt in Dublin), Evelyn Scanlon, Alan Camp, Ramona Cruz, Ursula Williamson, Kieran McKenna, Sesinando de Leon Jnr, Rev. Dcn. Peter Olsen, Trevor Parker, Sandra Murphy, Fabio Viola, Michael Smith, Peter Harris, Sylvia Privitera, Andrew Briskey, Pat Mildren, Elmore Kotzur, Flex Dance, Monica Ah Koy, Kevin Kelly, Annette Sparks, Hamish Stuhmeke, Joe Wegener, Bonnie Dematillar, Terri Mills, Johnny Summers Prayer requests should be recorded on the form on the back table of the church nearest to the lectern. Please ensure you have the permission of the person who is sick to make their name public.

Roster 9th & 10th December 2017 Communion Co-ordinator Readers Altar Servers Musicians Sat C Michael Claridge Stef Danudibroto Layla 6:00pm Joyce Lyster 1 Shelagh Ballment Natalie Haddie Anne Sam 2 **David Crowley** Jo Cullen Sun C Romana Langdon Deacon Mike Jones 9:00am Kevin Healan 1 Bev de Paola Anne Scanlon Carmel Zac 2 Theresa Cruz Del Reynolds Sun Fiorenzo Matarazzo C Anne Fry Chevonne 6.00pm Anne Fry 1 **Bob Burns** Kevin Frv Liz Rena 2 Raylee Burns

Church Cleaning: 7 Nita Stratton-Funk, Kathy Winter, Trish Bakker, Judith Littlefield, Cathy Heenan

Children's Liturgy: none This week: Linen: Celine Phillips Counting: Bob's team

Cuppa: after the 9am Mass on Sun 10th December: Care & Concern

Other Parish Contacts

Care & Concern: Transport: 0412267337 Co-ordinator Lynn White 0403 051103

Family Group Facebook:

St Peters Rochedale Family Groups

Memorial Wall & Gardens: Les O'Gorman 3341 3862

Rosary Group: Fridays 9:00am (1st Fridays 8.30am) Safeguarding Children & Vulnerable Adults Representative: Malcolm Carroll 0438 949 099 or mcarroll580@gmail.com Social Justice Group Facebook:

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