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### MISSION STATEMENT

*"Saint Peter's Parish is a community who lives in faith of Jesus Christ and, moved by the Spirit, continues to grow in our love for God and all people."*

## First Sunday of Advent

### Year A

## 27th November 2016

### Pastor's Note:

**Season of Advent: The First Sunday. Matthew 24:37-44: Stay Awake .. For the Son Of Man Is Coming**

The first day of the season of Advent begins today. In four weeks' time we will be at the manger and will celebrate the coming of the Son of God among us a our prophet, our priest, and our king. But to know who Jesus is, we must recall the faith of the people who looked out for him, we must look to the writings of the Old Testament to see what they say about the promise of God to visit His people ... and during these four weeks we will read much from the prophet Isaiah; we must recall those who prepared the way for his coming - we recall the work of John the Baptist; we will reflect on how the Christ comes to birth in our world through our faith and discipleship; and we will remember Mary and Joseph whose faith and acceptance of the invitation of God inaugurated the whole Christian era. Let us stop and in silence note that this moment is an important turning point in our life and in the year.

The word *Advent* of course means *coming*. So in Advent we celebrate the various comings of Jesus, the Word Incarnate and God on Earth—Emmanuel God with us. We commemorate his coming at Bethlehem some 2000 years ago, his second coming at the end time, and his coming to us in time in our baptism and in the reception of his sacraments, especially the Eucharist. The Church urges us to open our hearts to receive him with faith, hope and love. According to Matthew, in today's Gospel, the coming of Jesus requires of us a decision for him and watchfulness. Any day, any moment could be the final coming of the Lord for you and for me. The Second coming of the Lord will be, unlike the first one, will be sudden and unexpected, like the flood in the time of Noah! Many people ignored the warnings, ridiculed Noah for building a big boat on dry land, far from the sea. How ridiculous! But the flood came and destroyed them, while Noah survived with his family and animals. The future coming of the Lord will slip quietly into the present, like a thief in the night. Everything said in the Gospel about the Second Coming also applies to us. Any day we can meet a sudden death on a highway - and that is the final coming of Jesus as far as we personally are concerned. **Be prepared and be ready for him. Be prepared, be watchful!**

*Fr Jacob Chacko, MCBS*

### Readings *First Sunday of Advent*

**First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5** The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God

**Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14** The time has come, our salvation is near.

**Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44** Stay awake, you must be ready.

### Readings for next Sunday: *Second Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 11:1-10

Romans 15:4-9

Matthew 3:1-12



## IN OUR PARISH THIS COMING WEEK:

<b>MON 28th November</b>	8.00am Mass
<b>TUE 29th November</b>	8.00am Mass with children 5.30pm St Vincent de Paul meeting 6.30pm Grade 6 Graduation Mass
<b>WED 30th November</b>	<b>St Andrew</b> 6.30am Mass
<b>THU 1st December</b>	
<b>FRI 2nd December</b>	9.00am Rosary <b>NOTE: NO 9.30am Mass</b> 11.00am Mass for the end of the School year
<b>SAT 3rd December</b>	<b>St Francis Xavier</b> 12.00pm Care & Concern Christmas Lunch 5.00pm Reconciliation 6:00pm Vigil Mass for Sunday
<b>SUN 4th December</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> 9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass

**St Peter's School End of Year Mass** will be held this Friday 2nd December commencing at 11.00am. All parishioners are welcome to attend. Please note there will be no 9.30am Mass that day. The next **Healing Mass** will be held next Friday 9th December.

Celebrate the work of **Care & Concern** in 2016 at our

**Alfresco Christmas Lunch** this Saturday 3rd December from 12 noon till 2.30 pm in the Parish Centre. Cost \$10.

Live entertainment by guitarist and singer John Summers. Christmas Cake Raffle. Supporting St Vinnies' Christmas Hamper Project



**Peter's Pence Collection:** This weekend we will hold the annual retiring collection to support the charitable works of the Holy Father, 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 13th & Wednesday 14th 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.

### **VOLUNTEER 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.

**New Communion/Readers Roster** ready for collection this weekend.

**Parish Working Bee** to tidy up the Church in preparation for Christmas Saturday 17th Dec starting at 7.30am. The Gardening Group has already done an amazing job but if anyone wishes to work on the gardens on the 17th that would also be welcome. (Note this is the same day the St Vinnies' hampers are being delivered)

**Little Blue Books** (\$4) and **The Word Among Us** (\$5) for Advent available now.

**God's Word 2017**—is a Liturgical diary which has the readings for every day from the New Jerusalem Bible, inspiring reflections on the readings of the day and even space to note down important events and reflections of the day. A great resource for yourself or it would make a fantastic Christmas gift—only \$10! - from the back table

**Volunteers needed:** We still have vacancies on our **church cleaning teams** and now also we are in need of someone who could **wash and iron the Church linen** once a month. Any helpers would be greatly appreciated. **Bereavement group** is also seeking volunteers. Please contact Julie in the Parish office.

**Break Open the Word 2017:** 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.

**Social Justice News:** Thank you so much for signing our Christmas mail for Africa. Your heartfelt messages will delight the girls in the City of Joy and Dr. Hamlin. We have sent 2 kilos of mail to Natalie, a young volunteer who has worked in Zambia before and is travelling there for Christmas. She will hand deliver our mail. The mail included our letters, two videos and a large puzzle about Australia. We have also sent a parcel to Dr. Hamlin. *Erika*

**Care & Concern:** If you are aware of a sick parishioner who may appreciate a visit or a meal or requires transport to medical appointments, please contact Care and Concern via the phone number on the back of the newsletter.

### **Christmas Date Claimers**

#### **CHRISTMAS REFLECTION:**

7.30 pm Tuesday 13th December

#### **COMMUNITY 2ND RITE of RECONCILIATION:**

7.30 pm Monday 19th December

#### **CHOIR & MUSICIANS PRACTICE:**

7.30pm Wednesday 21st December

#### **CHILDREN'S PAGEANT PRACTICE for**

**CHRISTMAS EVE:** 10.30 am Saturday 24th Dec.

#### **CHRISTMAS MASSES:**

**Christmas Eve** Saturday 24th Dec

6.30 pm (Family)

& 9.00 pm (Vigil)

**Christmas Day** Sunday 25th Dec

9.00 am only

**New Year's Eve** Saturday 31st Dec 6.00pm

**New Year's Day** Sunday 1st Jan 9.00am only





**Vinnies News:** 1. Christmas is fast approaching and we are in the process of organizing Christmas hampers. For this and the next 3 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. SVDP would like to thank Woolworths Kuraby, and IGA Rochedale for their continued support for our Christmas hampers.

2. Christmas cards \$2.50 per pack and "Columban Calendars" for 2017 (cost \$9) are now available from the St

**Cathedral of St Stephen Advent Fair:** Sunday 27th November from 8am to 1 pm at the Cathedral of St Stephen, 249 Elizabeth St, Brisbane. There will be stalls of multicultural cuisine, freshly homemade Christmas Cakes, sweets, savouries and handmade crafts. The Parish Council is providing FREE Tea and Coffee throughout the event. Pancakes for breakfast and a good Aussie Sausage Sizzle will be available in the duration of the Fair. Come in the spirit of Advent and enjoy festive music.

**Foundations for Lay Pastoral Ministry (FLPM)** is a course offered by the Institute of Faith Education (IFE) in partnership with Evangelisation Brisbane. Workshops will be hosted starting from April 29, 2017 at the Francis Rush Centre. For more information see the IFE website [ife@bne.catholic.net.au](http://ife@bne.catholic.net.au) or call (07) 3336 9167 or email: [www.ife.qld.edu.au](http://www.ife.qld.edu.au)

**Verse for Vinnies – Final Concert for 2016—Featuring Rupert McCall** We are very fortunate to have Rupert as he does few general concerts in Brisbane. Don't miss this concert as it will be two years before you get another chance. St William's Church Complex, 67 Dawson Pde, Grovely at 1.30pm on Sunday 27, November  
Cost: \$15 (Includes afternoon tea) Proceeds go to St Vincent de Paul Society

**Centenary of the Daughters of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, Corinda 1917—2017.** Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Brian Finnigan 6pm Sat 28th January 2017 at St Joseph's Church, Corinda. Dinner will follow at the Sherwood Services Club, Clewley St, Corinda. Cost of dinner: \$30 per person. Please contact the Corinda Graceville Parish Office on 3379 1534 or at [corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:corindagraceville@bne.catholic.net.au) to make a booking.

**"The Journey" Catholic Radio Program** – This week The Journey Catholic Radio program will continue to bring you weekly Gospel reflections, great music and wonderful inputs from amazing people. Add to that some great music and you've got a show that is all about faith, hope love and life. Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:**

**Those who have died:** Edna Hawkins, Teresa Healan, Margot Harris, Kathleen Horne, Veronica Cullen, Mary Rose Gill, Anna Chacko

**Book of Life & Mass Requests:** Phyllis Power, John Macartney, Arthur Weston Snr, Peg Corbould, Jim Hobson, Marie Carpenter, Neville Cavanagh, Michael Mildren, Len Louis, Kathleen Walsh, Mario Gatbonton, Mona McKenna, Vince Fitzsimon, Evelyn Ellwood, Mabel MacDonald, Bernard Luton, Sophie Robinson, Bernard Montegrando, Marie Maguire, Ruth Ballment, Les Harris

**Please pray for those who are sick, especially** Hamish Stuhmeke, Joe Wegener, Roger Byrne, Ingeborg McIntosh, Don Bechly, Brian Button, Ramona Cruz, 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 3rd & 4th December 2016**

Communion		Readers		Altar Servers	Musicians
Sat 6:00pm	Carl de Mello Les O'Gorman Diane Land	C 1 2	Peta Grandin Geoff Hondroudakis Anthony Della	Volunteers please	Liz
Sun 9:00am	Ella Simpson Anne Scanlon Marilyn Mills	C 1 2	Walter Simpson Monica O'Leary Jo Cullen	Volunteers please	Rita
Sun 6:00pm	Cesarina Gigante Helen Graczyk	C 1 2	John Blake Bob Burns Raylee Burns	Volunteers please	Liz

**Church Cleaning:** 2 Lyndal Bray-Claridge, Kate Guy, Wiasa Beak, Cecilia Morandini

**Children's Liturgy:** Anne Flood    **This week: Linen:** Glenys Peters    **Counting:** Carl's team

**Cuppa:** Saturday 4th December after 6pm Mass: Kate Guy, Helen Graczyk



**Are you new to our Parish?** If you've recently joined the Parish, WELCOME!! Please make yourself known to us. We'd like to formally greet you, so please complete a 'New Parishioners Card' at the back of the Church and place it on the collection plate or hand it to Fr Jacob or to one of the Parish Councillors.

**Parish Ministry Group Co-ordinators**

*In our parish we have many ways you can be involved. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to speak to one of our Co-ordinators whose numbers is not listed.*

**Baptism Preparation:** Julie Hondroudakis  
**Bereavement Group:** Contact the Parish Office  
**Care & Concern:** Transport: 0412267337  
 Co-ordinator Jo Cullen 0419733878  
**Children's Liturgy:** Jodie Baigent  
**Family Groups:** Alan & Kristy Scanlon  
 Facebook: St Peters Rochedale Family Groups  
**Memorial Wall & Gardens:** Les O'Gorman 3341 3862  
**Mothers' Prayers:** Trish Bakker  
**Music Liturgy Group:** Liz Fort

**Parish Pastoral Council:**  
 Chairperson: Malcolm Carroll  
**Play Group:** Kristy Scanlon  
**RE Teachers in State Schools:** Rita Bishop  
**Rosary Group:** Fridays 9:00am  
 (1st Fridays 8.30am)  
**Social Justice Group:** Erika Meerwald  
 Facebook: St Peter's Rochedale Social Justice Group  
**St Vincent de Paul Rochedale Conference:**  
 John Blake

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