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First Sunday of Advent
 1 December 2019 - Year A

ST MARY'S CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS

Looking for the ideal Christian gift this Christmas? Handmade Christmas and greeting cards, sacramental candles, rosary beads and bracelets are available for purchase after Sunday Mass at St Mary's, please see Ruby or Dianne. The funds raised through the sale of these items will help fund the restoration of St Mary's Church.

The Catholic Leader: Keeping faith with you

- Catholic Health Australia welcomes government's \$537 million boost to increase home care and to get young people out of residential care.
- Brisbane archdiocese steps up to help eradicate human exploitation with a Modern Slavery Statement submission to the Federal government.

Find your copy at the back of the Church for \$2.

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 Luke 2: 9-11

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Friday 13 December 2019 - 7pm
 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

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 - Christmas cakes
 - Mince pies
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 - Tinned ham
 - Long-life custard
 - Long-life milk
 - Spaghetti
 - Noodles
 - Rice
 - Stir-fry sauces
 - Cereal
 - Soft drink & cordial
 - Popper juices
 - Soups
 - Biscuits
 - Chips & lollies
 - Nuts
 - Tea & coffee
 - Spreads
 - Pasta & pasta sauces
 - Baked beans etc
 - Tinned fruit
 - Tinned veggies
 - Tinned meat & fish
 - Woolworths 'groceries only' gift cards
 - Coles gift cards
- **MAKE A DONATION**
 Your donation means we can purchase food items to include in the hampers. Donations can be placed in the Poor Boxes at each church within our parishes. If convenient please place in an envelope marked 'Christmas Hamper Appeal'.

Please ensure all food is within use by dates

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Gather on the lawn at St Stephen's Cathedral to celebrate the joy of Christmas with an extraordinary sound and light show. The Lights of Christmas is a free event open to the public that will delight families with music, food and children's activities every evening 11 - 24 December, 6.30 - 10.30pm.

11 - 24 December
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ST MARY'S CHURCH RESTORATION FUND

Thank you to all who have supported the restoration of St Mary's Church over past years. There are still more projects to do including internal re-painting, roofing works, refurbishment of Sacristy to name a few. Our major fundraising initiative for 2019 provides parishioners with an opportunity to **sponsor a Perpetual Pew**. This provides a way to not only remember your loved ones but also assists with the funding of our restoration projects.


To sponsor a pew; \$1,000 for small and \$1,200 for long.

Engraved in Perpetuity "In Memory of" or "In Honour of". Donations can be made by deposit to:

Acc. Name: St Mary's 'Restoration Fund'
 BSB no.: 064-786
 Acc. No.: 007230101

Please note donations are not tax deductible.

Please include your surname on the deposit and email the Parish Office with notification and your details so a plaque can be engraved and affixed to the pew.



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The statement that stands out in this Gospel of the First Sunday of Advent is "Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."


Advent means waiting and we wait eagerly for someone we love, we care and we are ready to invest our time on him. In the liturgical calendar, the season of Advent means a joyful waiting, a waiting for Jesus prayerfully, with affection and love. There is the eagerness within us to receive him and we look forward to this great event when God becomes man. However, it is a special kind of waiting for a God who has come already, who is coming regularly into our life and who will come again at the end of time. We know that Jesus came into the world already two thousand years ago and we remember this event with devotion. We know that he will come again at the end of time as a judge and unite the whole universe to himself. He comes daily in the sacraments and in the Eucharist in a very special way as our food and drink to strengthen us and fill us with his grace. We also prepare ourselves to celebrate the feast of Jesus Christ born among us as a human person in a stable of Bethlehem to be one with us and remind ourselves of the great work of salvation began for us. To make us prepare will to receive Christ at this season I encourage every one of you to attend our advent reflection happening every Tuesday at St. Francis Church Hall at 6pm.

The Lord Jesus calls us to be alert and watchful for his coming. He comes to us each and every day and he

knocks on the door of our heart and home. Do you listen for his voice and welcome him into your life? Let his word in the Scriptures and the work of the Holy Spirit who dwells in you draw you to a deeper faith, hope, and yearning for his kingdom of righteousness, peace, and joy. Those who wait upon the Lord today and listen to his word will not be disappointed. The Lord will come and bring you to his banquet table to feast with him.

God bless you and have great weekend,
 Fr. Joshy Parappully OFM Cap
 Parish priest

New Anointing of the Sick Mass
 St Mary's Church
 1st Friday of each Month
 Starting 6 December




Monthly Parish Morning Teas

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Fairfield -
 Anointing of the Sick 7 am Mass - followed by morning tea

St Mary's South Brisbane - after 9 am and 5pm Masses

St Francis of Assisi - after 9 am Mass
 Please stay for a cuppa, chat and some Christmas cheer.
 A small plate of Christmas food to share would be welcome.



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church (20 Merivale St. South Brisbane)
 Mon-Fri: 7am; Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
 Sunday: 9am and 5pm
 (Anointing 1st Friday of each month)

St Francis' Church (47 Dornoch Tce., West End)
 Sunday: 9am

St Ita's Church (Pope St., Dutton Park)
 Saturday (Vigil): 5pm; Sunday: 8.00am

Church of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour (Victoria St., Fairfield)
 Sunday: 7am (Anointing: 1st Sunday)

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CONFESSON

St Mary's Church:
 Fri: 7.30am—8am Sat: 8.30-9.00am; Sun: 4-4.45pm

St Ita's Church: Sat: 4-4.50pm

ST ITA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
 247 Gladstone Rd, Dutton Park, Qld 4102
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Email: pduptonpark@bne.catholic.edu.au
Web: www.stiasduttonpark.qld.edu.au

Parish Activities in 2019

BAPTISMS

Saturday | 9.30am | monthly

1st Saturday St Francis'
2nd Saturday St Mary's
3rd Saturday St Ita's

Family preparation sessions on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9.30am. Bookings essential.

ADORATION

Sunday: 4-5pm St Mary's Church

DIVINE MERCY

Sunday: 4.15pm St Mary's Church

PRAYER AND QUIET REFLECTION

Monday to Friday: 12-2pm at St Mary's Church

AWAKEN: TOGETHER IN CHRIST

1st Saturday of the month at 6pm
 St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End
 website: awaken.org.au

ST FRANCIS TABLE—Ministry to the Elderly

Monday: 10am -1pm
 St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

ANOIDING OF THE SICK MASS

1st Friday of the month | St Mary's Church 7am
 1st Sunday of the month | OLPS Fairfield 7am

PARISH MORNING TEAS

Every Sunday St Mary's (and Feast Days)
 1st Sunday of the month
 OLPS Fairfield after 7am Mass
 St Francis Church after 9am mass

FAMILY MASS

4th Saturday of the month | St Ita's Church 5pm
 (school term only)

RISING YOUTH MINISTRY RYM

3rd Sunday of the month | St Francis Hall 1.30-3pm

NEW PARISHIONERS

We would like to help you feel at home in the Parish. Would you please make yourselves known to our Priests and to the parishioners who greet you as you arrive. Welcome leaflets with basic information about the parish are also available either at the door of the church or by contacting the parish office.

READINGS AT MASS

Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 24: 1-3

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
 In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
 Nor let my enemies exult over me;
 and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

First reading Isaiah 2:1-5

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 121(122):1-2,4-5,6-9 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. R/

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. R/

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!' R/ 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. R/

Second reading Romans 13:11-14

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over, it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.
 Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.'

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Communion Antiphon Ps 84: 13

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: Is 11: 1-10;
2nd reading: Rom 15: 4-9; **Gospel:** Mt 3: 1-12

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This Week's Liturgical Calendar (Psalm Responses)

Monday 2nd:
R/ Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
Tuesday 3rd: St Francis Xavier (Memorial)
R/ Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.
Wednesday 4th:
R/ I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.
Thursday 5th:
R/ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Friday 6th:
R/ The Lord is my light and my salvation.
Saturday 7th: St Ambrose (Memorial)
R/ Happy are all who long for the coming of the Lord.

2 Minute Catechism

Preparing for Jesus - An Advent Checklist

In our culture, the observance of Christmas begins in mid-October or even earlier, as stores put out their holiday displays. But the calendar Catholics live and celebrate by is different from the secular world's calendar. When we let our faith and the ancient wisdom and tradition of the Church centre us as we plan, schedule, and organize our time, we're celebrating Christmas as Catholics. Print this page and use it with your family to help keep Jesus as the focus of your Advent season!

Advent

As Catholics, we prepare for Christmas by celebrating the season of Advent in the four weeks preceding Christmas. We hear John the Baptist, echoing the words of the prophets of Israel, call us to prepare the way for the coming of the Lord in our own lives now, and to look for the fulfilment of his kingdom in the future.

Use an Advent Wreath

The circular wreath with four candles reminds us of God's eternal nature and the light Christ brings into our lives. You can say a prayer and light the candles before dinner each night or at some other consistent time.

Make a Jesse Tree

The Messiah was expected to come from the line of King David, son of Jesse. The Jesse Tree is a way of remembering Jesus' roots in Israel. Hang from the branches each day a symbol of an important point in Israel's history: an apple, Noah's ark, Jacob's ladder, David's harp, and so on. (How to make a Jesse Tree)

Count Down to Christmas with an Advent Calendar

Advent calendars begin on December 1, with a door to be opened each day. Behind each door is a Scripture verse or small picture of a biblical scene. A calendar is great for keeping our focus (especially children's) on the coming of Christ.

Celebrate God's Mercy

During Advent, we prepare our hearts for the Word who brought light into darkness. It is a particularly fitting time to welcome the light of God's forgiveness into the dark places of our sinful lives by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Discover the History of Santa on the Feast of Saint Nicholas

St. Nicholas of Myra's feast on December 6 is celebrated in many European countries as a day to share gifts — often candy, and often placed in shoes. As Europeans immigrated to the United States, various St. Nicholas traditions combined and emerged as Santa Claus. Sharing the story of St. Nicholas can help us emulate the generosity of his faith-filled life and reclaim this Christian saint.

Source: OSV Newsweekly

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ADVENT REFLECTION

Please join us in our Advent reflection;
every Tuesday, commenced this week
 6pm at St Francis Hall, West End

Please bring a plate to share
 For more information contact Sr Salvacion
pastoral.sthbristbane@bne.catholic.net.au



ST MARY'S NATIVITY PLAY

If you would like your children to be involved in St Mary's Nativity Play this year, please contact Sr Salvacion on 0403 815 856. Practise will run for 2 Sundays, after 9am Mass (15 & 22 December).

SEWING BEE FOR WILDLIFE BUSHFIRE VICTIMS

MONDAY 2 December at Yeronga Service Club
 From 10.00 am—3.30 pm

The Brisbane Sewing Bee for Animal Rescue Craft Guild is looking for local sewers, knitter and crocheters to get involved! Even those who can't sew are welcome.

More information can be found on: <https://www.facebook.com/events/588137985322921>

Ever wondering what the Church Collections for? At each weekend mass there are two collections.

- All parishes pay 18% of total collections to the Archdiocese – this covers the Parish Assessment, Priests Foundation and Clergy Sustentation.
- Balance of the 1st Collection goes to the Order caring for our parish to assist with the living costs of the Capuchin Friars ministering in our parish.
- Balance of the 2nd Collection goes toward covering the running costs of the parish (e.g. electricity, insurance, wages of administration staff and maintenance of all buildings within the parish).

Note:

From next Sunday 8th December onwards, St Mary's Church will have 1st collection after Homily and 2nd collections during offertory.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24th December

St Ita's 5pm Mass
 (4.30pm Carols)

St Mary's 7pm Mass
 (6pm Carols & children's nativity)



Christmas Day Wednesday 25th December

OLPS Fairfield 7am Mass

St Ita's 8am Mass

St Francis 9am Mass
 (8.30am Carols)

St Mary's 9am Mass

St Mary's 5pm Mass

