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The Plenary Council 2020
 Your Voice Matters
 Your voice is important to shaping the future of the Catholic Church in Australia. It is also important that we are all part of the journey leading to the Plenary Council in 2020 which is why **Your Voice Matters!**
 Thank you to all who participated in the first stage of St Mary's Listening and Dialogue Encounters and responded to the question **What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?**
 It's not too late to respond to the question and a box will be available at St Mary's for you to submit your response or additional responses up to 31 December 2018.
 The responses will be collated and you are invited to take the opportunity to join other parishioners to review the responses and spend some time reflecting on a topic, thinking and talking about your experiences of faith, life and the Church. **The dialogue encounters will be held on Sunday, 3 February after the 9 am and 5 pm Masses in St Mary's Church and on Thursday, 7 February in St Mary's House commencing at 7.00 pm.**

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**1st Sunday of Advent (Year C)
 2nd December 2018**

Dear Parishioners,

LISTENING LEARNING PRAYING
 An Advent Pastoral Letter

At a time when the average age of Catholics in Australia is 59, it has been good to celebrate the Year of Youth which is now coming to an end. Perhaps it would've been better to have a decade of youth, but the year was a promising start.

One thing that happened in the Year of Youth was the world-wide Synod of Bishops in Rome, which showed that Pope Francis has his finger on the pulse. It was different from other Synods because this time young people took part and spoke with their own voice. The rest of the Church, especially the bishops, was invited to listen.

Not just in Rome but everywhere, the Year of Youth has been a time for the whole Church to listen to the voices of young people who often feel unheard in the Church. The young inhabit different cultural, social and religious worlds than do those of us who are older. But their deepest hopes and longings, even if expressed in different accents, are familiar to us all, because they are so deeply human.

Those hopes and longings find voice in a special way through the days of Advent when the whole Church cries out, "Come, Lord Jesus!" In the end, all of us, young and old, yearn for Jesus, often in ways we scarcely recognise. Who of us doesn't want peace and joy? We all do, because the human heart is made for them. But they can be found only in the encounter with the Risen Lord, apart from whom we find only cosmetic peace and cosmetic joy. But there's nothing cosmetic in him, which is why the restless heart finds rest in him.

The Year of Youth has been a time for whole Catholic community – lay people, religious, deacons, priests, bishops – to reach out to meet young people where they are, walk with them on the way and listen to them as we take the road together. At times we've done this well, at other times less well, perhaps slipping back into ways we hoped we'd left behind. But everything that's been done has been only the start of a long journey together.

As we enter the time of Advent and Christmas this year, I encourage you to engage afresh with family and friends, learning to listen to them in new ways, especially to those who are younger. We won't always get it right, but the more we open the ears of our heart, the more we discover the power of listening to one another, as we allow God to transform us through other people. That's the grace God offers through the season of Advent and Christmas.

Listening to each other means telling our stories to each other. We are often very private about our faith, but young people need to hear our story of faith, our journey of discipleship. You may think you have nothing much to share, but that's not what others think, especially the young.

Telling the story of our faith can make us vulnerable, but there's nothing to fear in that, because often to tell of our vulnerability is to tell the story of our true strength and the power of God's mercy in our life. To love others means to hear their story, and to let them hear ours.

Love means being vulnerable and allowing others to be vulnerable before us. Look for ways and moments, then, when you can speak of what God has done and is doing in your life. Bear witness in that way as you walk with young people on the journey of

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 Mon-Fri 7am; Sat 8am (Rosary after Mass)
 Sunday 9am and 5pm
St Francis' Church (47 Dornoch Tce., West End)
 Mon-Fri 10am (Rosary before Mass at 9.30am)
 (Anointing: 1st Friday); 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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St Mary's Church:
 Fri 7.30am—8am Sat 8.30-9.30am; Sun 4-4.45pm
St Ita's Church: Sat 4-4.50pm

faith. You'll be surprised by the effect it has, and you'll grow stronger by your truth-telling. As I've said elsewhere: "If the young are given the right experience, then the Catholic Church is still the greatest show on earth and Jesus as irresistibly attractive now as he ever was". You need to be part of that experience.

By the influence of the Holy Spirit, the Year of Youth in Australia has coincided with preparations for the Plenary Council in 2020. The Plenary Council is about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia – the whole Church, which is what the unusual word "plenary" means. Pope Francis often speaks of the need for us to become a "synodal" Church. That's another unusual word, but it means a Church where God speaks not just to some of the bishops some of the time but to all the baptised all the time. In that sense, the Plenary Council has already begun, because it's more a process than an event. The process has three phases – preparation, celebration and implementation; and the first phase of preparation is well and truly under way.

A Plenary Council isn't just a talkfest or a political jamboree. It's the whole Church gathered by the Holy Spirit in order to make decisions about the future according to the mind of God. This means we're on a journey of discernment, seeking to listen to the voice of the Spirit to see what the Spirit is saying to us about the future.

As we prepare for the Plenary Council, we're offered an opportunity to enter more deeply into dialogue with one another. In the Gospels, Jesus knows what is in a person (cf John 2:24) and how to listen to what the heart of the other is saying. Jesus doesn't begin with a big pronouncement; he takes time to engage with people and usually starts with a question.

We too need to be a people who know how to engage with others as Jesus did, to listen before we speak, lest we talk at people rather than with them. As one theologian has said: "This pilgrim Church will be most faithful to its truest identity when all the baptised acknowledge the wisdom of listening before speaking, of learning before teaching, of praying before pronouncing" (Richard Gaillardetz, Jamison, 2013, p. 55).

So as the Year of Youth comes to an end, we remain faithful to the path traced by the Holy Spirit through these twelve months, listening before we speak, learning before we teach and praying before we pronounce. Following that path, we will come to recognise and adore the Child who is God-with-us, the newborn Saviour who is "joy for all the people" (Luke 2:10).

H. Branching
Archbishop of Brisbane
First Sunday of Advent 2018

This Week's Liturgical Calendar (Psalm Responses)

1st Week of Advent

Monday 3rd: St Francis Xavier Mass (Memorial)

R/ Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Tuesday 4th:

R/ Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace forever.

Wednesday 5th:

R/ I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Thursday 6th:

R/ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Friday 7th: St Ambrose Mass (Memorial)

R/ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Saturday 8th: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Solemnity)

R/ Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wonderful deeds.

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 Jeremiah 33:14-16

I will cause a good seed to spring forth from David.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 24:4-5,8-9,10,14

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Second reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2

When Christ comes may he strengthen your hearts in holiness.

Gospel Acclamation Psalm 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord, show us your mercy and love,

and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 21:25-28,34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

Communion Antiphon Psalm 84: 13

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

Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16;

2nd reading: Thess 3:12-4:2; **Gospel:** Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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Celebrate the season of peace, joy and goodwill

Join Dutton Park and South Brisbane parishioners in a pilgrimage walk to St Stephen's Cathedral to view the "Lights of Christmas", a visually exciting multi-media show projected onto the Cathedral's sandstone walls and St Stephen's Chapel. **Meet at St Mary's car park at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 18 December** to walk together to the Cathedral. "Lights of Christmas" will run each night from 7.30pm to midnight beginning on December 12 until Christmas Eve.

Children's Nativity Play at St Mary's

The Sisters at St Mary's wish to invite all Children to join the group performing the Children's Nativity Play on Christmas Eve. If your child or children are interested please contact the parish office or see the sisters before or after Mass. All children welcome!



Awaken Together In Christ
Tuesday 4th December - 7pm
Mass for married couples - see back page
for more details

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

PARISH ACTIVITIES

St Mary's Church

Adoration

Sunday | 4-5pm

Church open

12-2pm | Monday to Friday

Awaken: Together in Christ

Every Tuesday | 7pm

St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

website: awaken.org.au

St Francis Cake Stall

Third Sunday of the month

After the 9am mass | baking on the Saturday prior

St Francis Table

Every Monday | 10am -1pm

St Francis Hall, 47 Dornoch Terrace, West End

Anointing of the Sick and Morning Tea

First Friday of the Month | 10am | St Francis

First Sunday of the month | 7am | OLPS Fairfield

Morning Tea

First Sunday of the month | after 9am mass | St Francis

St Ita's Family Mass

Fourth Saturday of the month | 5pm | St Ita's Church

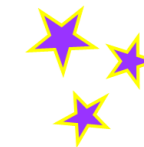
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An Evening on the Terrace

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We would like to thank all who contributed to raising this wonderful amount for the Roma Parish and the St Francis Hall kitchen.



St Ita's Christmas Eve Mass

If you love to sing or play Christmas carols, we would love you to join our Christmas Eve choir at St Ita's. Carols commence at 4:30pm before mass at 5pm. Children, parents, grandparents welcome. There will be one practice on Sunday 23 December at 4pm. Could musicians please contact Sarah Atchison (atchison.sarah@gmail.com) as soon as possible to arrange music. If you would like to let us know you are coming please contact Sr Loretta on ursulin@bigpond.net.au.

Advent Reflection

6.30-8pm | St Ita's Meeting Room

Thursday 6th December | Friday 14th December

Thursday 20th December

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Christmas Eve Monday 24th December

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

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



Christmas Day Tuesday 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

