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 This raffle is our major fundraising activity for 2018. Parishioners are encouraged to take books of raffle tickets to sell to their family and friends. Ticket books are available after Mass or contact the Parish Office.
 Tickets \$2 each - books of 20 tickets for \$40
 Raffle drawn Sunday 24th December 2018 at St Mary's Church after the 7pm (Christmas) Vigil Mass

| PRIZES: | | Valued at: |
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| 1st Prize | Travel Voucher | \$2,000 |
| 2nd Prize | 6 mths car park at St Mary's (Mon-Fri per week) | \$1,260 |
| 3rd Prize | Coles/Myer Voucher | \$400 |
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Awaken Christmas Break
 Break-up date on 11th Dec. 2018
 Awaken resumes on Tuesday 15th January 2019
 We wish you a blessed Christmas and a happy new year!

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 WEST END



EMBRACING THE COMMUNITIES OF:
 St Mary's - South Brisbane;
 St Ita's - Dutton Park;
 St Francis of Assisi - West End &
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**3rd Sunday of Advent (Year C)
 16th December 2018**

Dear Parishioners,
 "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!" (Phil 4:4). That is what St Paul commands us to do in his letter to the Philippians.
 What an astonishing command. In fact, that is what we are supposed to do on the Third Sunday of Advent: Rejoice! The Third Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday. The word "gaudete" is derived from the Latin words "gaudium," which means joy, and "gaudeo," which means to rejoice or be glad.
 On Gaudete Sunday (like Laudete Sunday), our celebrants are encouraged to wear rose-coloured chasuble and we light the third candle of the Advent wreath, which is also rose-coloured or pink.
 For the first two weeks of Advent, the theme of focus was focused on "The coming of the Lord!" But on Gaudete Sunday, the theme of focus is - "The Lord is near." Hence this shift is marked by a lighter mood and a heightened sense of joyous anticipation. Gaudete Sunday reminds us that God who loves us is still in charge and that we await His coming not with fear, but with tremendous joy.
 Christmas is not a season of sadness. Rather it is a season of great joy! And the first thing we have to get across is the joy of our faith. There is a joy in the air at Christmas, the joy of all the preparation and then of seeing the children opening their presents. But there is also a deeper joy, a joy that is not so fleeting, that deepens with time. It is the joy of knowing that the child born in the stable is the real presence of God in our midst, the joy of knowing the single most important thing for our

existence: that we are loved by God!
 Last Tuesday at Awaken, we had more than 100 people attended our Christmas celebration. We were all filled with that tremendous Christmas joy. We had a simple crib to remind us of that first Christmas; it was as if Bethlehem was alive again in our hearts. We finished the evening with a wonderful dinner and party. It was a joyous occasion, and a wonderful way to start Gaudete Sunday and Christmas in one week.
 Happy Gaudete Sunday!
 Pax et Bonum.
 Fr Lam Vu OFM Cap



See the back page for more pictures from Awaken Christmas Celebration last Tuesday.

MASS TIMES
St Mary's Church (20 Merivale St. South Brisbane)
 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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Confession
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

PARISH ACTIVITIES

BAPTISMS

Saturday | 9.30am | monthly

1st Saturday St Francis'

2nd Saturday St Mary's

3rd Saturday St Ita's

Family preparation sessions are held at St Ita's church on the first Thursday night of each month at 6.30pm

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 (school term only)

The annual Christmas Lights festival at St Gerard Majella, Cherm-side West is now on and will continue every night till 23rd December. Huge lights display, Gift Shop, Coffee Shop, Barbecue, Drinks, Ice-Creams and Op Shop all operating from 6pm till 10pm nightly. Free entertainment every night. The program for our free concerts can be found on our website: www.olaparishchermshire.org.au.



This Week's Liturgical Calendar (Psalm Responses) 3rd Week of Advent

Monday 17th: (Weekday Missal, page 60).

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

Tuesday 18th:

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

Wednesday 19th:

R/ Fill me with your praise and I will sing your glory!

Thursday 20th:

R/ Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory!

Friday 21st:

R/ Cry out with joy in the Lord, you holy ones; sing a new song to him.

Saturday 22nd:

R/ My heart rejoices in the Lord, my Saviour.

Entrance Antiphon

Phil 4: 4-5

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.

Lighting of Advent Candle Responses

Priest: Lord Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep.

R/: Come and lead us to the eternal life you promise.

Priest: Lord Jesus you are the Good Shepherd who knows his flock and calls each one by name.

R/: Come and lead us to the eternal life you promise.

Priest: Lord Jesus, you are the Good Shepherd ready to search out and look for the lost sheep. Israel to fulfilment of the promise.

R/: All: Come and lead us to the eternal life you promise.

First reading

Zephaniah 3:14-18

With gladness the Lord will rejoice over you.

Responsorial Psalm

Isa 12: 2-6

R/ Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Second reading

Philippians 4:4-7

The Lord is near.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 3:4,6

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;

he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 3:10-18

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Is 35: 4

Say to the faint of heart: Be strong and do not fear. Behold, our God will come, and he will save us.

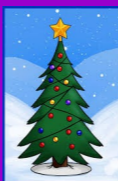
Next Sunday's readings: 1st reading: Zeph 3:14-18;

2nd reading: Phil 4:4-7; **Gospel:** Lk 3:10-18

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Parish Office Christmas Closure

The Parish Office will be closed from lunch-time Friday, 21 December 2018 and will re-open on Monday 7th January 2019



2 Minute Catechism

ADVENT WREATH SYMBOLS

(1) Evergreen Wreath - The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God (the Alpha and Omega). The evergreen is chosen as the base because God is the foundation of all good. Green is the color that represents hope and new life.

Four Candles - represent the four (4) weeks of Advent. Traditionally, each week represents one thousand years, to sum to the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Savior. The first two purple candles symbolizes (2) hope and (3) love respectively. The (4) third candle (which is pink/rose) symbolizes joy. The fourth and last purple candle represents (5) peace. The light of the candles signifies the light of Christ to mankind.

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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.

Thank you

St Francis Cake Stall has finished for the year and will start again in early 2019 - thanks so much to all bakers, buyers and sellers!

Positions Vacant within the Archdiocese

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Parish Secretary - Banyo Nundah Parish (Full-time)

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for more information.

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CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

| 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 |



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DAILY REFLECTIONS 2018

Advent Reflection

This year's reflection book, Saviour, provides an opportunity for us to be still each day, listen to God and hear him declare to us as the angel declared to the shepherds: "Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:11).

Please bring a plate of food to share dinner together

6.30-8pm | St Ita's Meeting Room

Thursday 20th December

St Francis Hall Kitchen Working Bee

Monday 17th December 2018

1.30pm

Volunteers will be emptying the contents of the current kitchen to enable the kitchen refurbishment to commence.



ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI SVDP CONFERENCE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL



Supporting families in the West End, Dutton Park, Fairfield & South Brisbane areas. You can help in 2 ways:

- 1. Donate Non-Perishable Food Items such as:** (collection boxes will be placed near the entrance of each of our parish churches) Christmas cake, mince pies, tinned turkey, long-life custard, long life milk, cereal, soft drink or cordial, chips, nuts, spreads etc.*

*there's a full list of suggested food items above each donation box

- 2. Make a donation:** your donation can purchase food items to include in the hampers. Donations can be placed in the poor boxes at each church within our parishes. Please mark your envelope 'Christmas Hamper Appeal'.