

**Sunday, November 21,
2020**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe. Year A**

Readings for Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. Year A

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17

Ps: Psalm 23:1-2a, 2b-3, 5, 6 "The Lord is my shepherd, there is nothing I shall want"

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28

Gospel Acclamation: (Mark 11:9b+10a) Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on Him who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessings on the coming Kingdom of our father David.

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.” (Matthew 25:40)



Shutterstock stock photo ID:Image ID: ID: 54870421. herd of sheep and goats. By JuliaLerma

THE PASTOR'S POST:

The Truth Will Out

Several years ago at a conference on 'Leadership' the former Queensland Police Commissioner, Bob Atkinson, told us of some sound advice he had received as a young police officer. When he became responsible for training new recruits he made sure they clearly heard the following advice. Whenever we find ourselves having made a mistake, no matter how small or great, the following is the best course of action:

"If you mess up, fess up, then fix up". (He was not referring to dog-walkers. If that was the case, then the

last words would be 'pick up'). Of course it is a lot easier to remember these words than follow them, but they make such sense, particularly in a world that seems so slow to take the blame. Mr Atkinson went on to say that this course of action was particularly important following the Fitzgerald Inquiry, when there was a culture within the police force of sweeping things under the carpet and staying quiet when corruption was unearthed. There is often a mad scramble to see who else might be able to take the fall, or just staying quiet and hoping that nobody notices.

A similar culture started to emerge within the Catholic Church about the time of the revelations about the abuse of children by members of the clergy and others in positions of trust, denial followed by incredulous explanations amounting to blatant justification, drawn out over a long period of time. All this resulted in a massive loss of trust in the institution and its leaders, while any explanation of this abhorrent behaviour was seen as an excuse. A case of too little, too late. 'Fessing up' at the first sign of a problem would have allowed some of the healing to have begun sooner.

In the household of my childhood there was an understanding that if you told the truth about something that had gone wrong or if a minor accident had happened, then there would be no punishment. I never really believed that would be the case, suspicious child that I was, so there were many times when I embellished the actual facts or completely ignored them to avoid what I was sure was going to be some corporal punishment (I lived in another century) at worst or a strong talking to, as best. Over time I learnt that it was actually easiest to take your medicine and get the scolding over and done with. This was helped by having a mother who had the ability to forget a misdemeanour within minutes. What a blessing. (For me, not for her). If only I had learned the wisdom of "the truth will out" (from Shakespeare's "The Merchant of Venice") much earlier in life, then I could have avoided much shame and embarrassment.

Fortunately I eventually learned that owning the outcomes of my actions and correcting the resulting issues, cuts down on time and anguish, and as we see nearly every day in the media, the truth will come out eventually. Frankly, I'm rather surprised at how easily lying comes to so many people, usually followed up by justification when the lie is revealed. While we might expect that approach from drug dealers and murderers, we should be deeply concerned when our politicians, lawmakers and clergy refuse to take the responsibility for the dereliction of duty, and sometimes show brazen disregard for the truthful and moral responsibilities they have accepted.

While there should be some consequences for all wrongdoing, serious or not, adding to the severity by clouding over the issue with weak explanations or just plain denial, completely tarnishes a reputation when the truth is discovered. Mr Atkinson's point is that having made the mess, the sooner we are prepared to own it, then we can get about cleaning it up, hopefully with some reputation in tact. More than any public embarrassment or media shaming, the real cost is the loss of trust, which may take a long time to recover, if ever. Of course the wise person would suggest that we don't do anything illegal or immoral in the first place, but the more basic approach is "don't do anything you don't want to read on the front page of the Courier Mail."

(Not a paid endorsement)

Fr Peter Dillon PP.

We congratulate the Waugh, Watt, Clarke, Keenan and Massey families, whose children John, Airlie, Spencer, Jackson, Harrison and Olivia will be baptised in our Parish this weekend. Please keep the Baptism families in your prayers as John, Airlie, Spencer, Jackson, Harrison and Olivia begin their faith journey.

CHRISTMAS MASSES IN SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC PARISH

CHRISTMAS MASS BOOKINGS

Due to Covid-19 we have scheduled extra masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please note that they will be at ***different times from previous years*** due to COVID. **Because of Covid restrictions the numbers will be limited and it is absolutely vital that people book in advance. As the masses need to be by booking only, times will not be advertised widely, as we cannot accommodate any people who simply turn up without a confirmed booking.**

Any bookings made for the mass that was on the booking site for 25th December (which was just a standard entry for a weekday mass sequence), will be cancelled so that the new Christmas schedule can be set up. The dispensation from attending Mass continues to apply in these times of Covid restrictions and if people are unable to book into a mass we will have the Mass for you at home audio liturgy and also other streaming options. **Thank you for your cooperation at this time.**

(Please do not assume the usual schedule for Christmas masses, and in any case pre-booking is vital).

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK FOR MASS](#)

Mass Booking: <https://bookeo.com/catholicmassgoldcoast> or, if you are unable to book online, please ring the parish office between 9am and 12 noon Mon-Fri. Ph: 5572 5433

Yours faithfully, The Parish Team

FISH FEAST (Numbers limited)

Let us get-together for a 'FISH FEAST' on Friday 04 December, 12noon

At The Fish Emporium at Capri On Via Roma, Isle of Capri

Your choice of:

*Classic fish n chips box or *Classic calamari and chips box or *Fish burger and chips or *Chicken schnitzel burger and chips. Rate \$15.00 per person (drinks and desert additional).

The spacious deck at "THE FISH EMPORIUM" - an ideal place, offers north-east views of the city skyline over the water (Covid social distancing will be in place). Let us begin meeting new friends & reacquainting ourselves with old friends from our Church's congregations. This is a special offer for our Parish extended to us by the owners of the restaurant.

Bookings are required (Numbers Are Limited).

You may contact **Marguerite McMahon** on margueritemcmahonts@gmail.com (or phone 0408 765 954)

(Marguerite is a parishioner @ Stella Maris on Sunday and mid-week at Sacred Heart)

RSVP by Wednesday 2nd December).

Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Our Annual request for Gifts starts with the distribution of Scrolls commencing after Mass on Saturday 21st & Sunday 22nd of November 2020. We would kindly appreciate your assistance by taking scrolls and bringing the nominated gifts to church and placing them under the Christmas Tree starting the weekend 28/29 November, the first Sunday of Advent.

Due to COVID the church is not open except during mass times, so Fr. Peter has kindly made the Parish Office available for you to drop in your Gifts. Your generous assistance in donating gifts for the Christmas Hampers is greatly appreciated. The Christmas Hamper Delivery will be done on Sunday the 20th of December.

The Annual Christmas Appeal will be conducted on the weekend 5th and 6th of December, at all churches with a leaving collection. Your generosity over the last few years has assisted us in giving our Companions a great Christmas with food, gifts and toys for the children. More on this next weekend.

Regards, Craig McMahon (Surfers Paradise Conference President of SVdP).

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

“...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me.” – Matthew 25:40

Most of us are generous when it is convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But, generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient; when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's schedule.

The vision of Stewardship speaks in every aspect of life, inviting everyone to be thankful, generous and accountable for what each has been given.

SACRED HEART AND ST VINCENT'S RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOPS

The shops have a varied range of inexpensive Christmas gifts. Please call in and view our range of plaques, statues, medals, rosaries, key rings, children's books and bibles, now available at our Religious Goods Shops at Sacred Heart and St Vincent's. Phone orders and enquiries ring Pat 0404 805 819

2021 Daily Mass Books for the new Liturgical year have arrived at the Religious Goods Shops Price \$25

CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

INSTRUCTORS and ASSISTANTS NEEDED

at our local State Primary Schools for 1-2 hours per week.

Tell children about JESUS.

New volunteers are placed with experienced Instructors.

Training is free, with support.

An easy curriculum ensures Bible stories are covered to give an understanding of God's love.

The door is open for us to 'go' (Matthew 28:19)

Will you go?

For more information, please call Helene McCowan on 0419 747631 or email helene.mccowan@gmail.com

November Remembrance Mass for the Irish Community

You are invited to come and join with other members of our Irish and Irish-Australian Community in praying for the peaceful repose of your deceased relatives and friends at a November Remembrance Mass, which will take place on Sunday 29 November at 11.00am in Guardian Angels Church, Scarborough Street, Southport.

The Celebrant will be Fr John Maher.

Tea/coffee will be served afterwards – an opportunity to renew old acquaintances and meet new friends.

Because of COVID restrictions on numbers attending, attendees are asked to indicate their intention to be present - so please contact Joe Thompson on 0407 410 041 and advise him if you are coming.

thompson-j@bigpond.com

CARITAS SOUTH-EAST ASIA - TYPHOON APPEAL



Caritas Australia has had a significant number of enquiries from people wishing to know what we are doing in relation to providing emergency aid to the Philippines and other East Asian nations affected by the recent Typhoons. Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia who have been devastated by unprecedented flooding after Typhoon Vamco hit the region - only weeks

after being hit by Super Typhoon Goni, the strongest storm this year. Severe flooding has submerged towns up to 12 metres deep across the Cagayan region of the Philippines, leaving tens of thousands of families trapped without electricity, clean water or road access. Across the region, homes have been destroyed and livelihoods lost with hundreds of thousands of people fleeing to evacuation centres, where the risks of spreading COVID-19 are high.

With your help, and with our church and NGO partners on the ground, we can provide vital support to those affected by this and other disasters as part of our Asia Emergency Appeal.

Donate today at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413 toll free.



Typhoon destruction in Philippines. Photo NASSA/Caritas Philippines

A NEW WAVE!



Have you seen the beautiful new timber stands in the church? They are called 'payWave' (or 'tap-and-go' machines).

These are a handy new way of donating to the parish.

Following several requests from parishioners, we have decided to provide payWave facilities in each of our Parish Churches, to assist people who may wish to donate to the work of the parish, but find that they don't have ready access to cash when they arrive at Church.

The donation points are set at \$5, so that each time you wave your credit card you would be making a donation to the parish of \$5 (or \$10 if you wave twice and so on). EFTPOS is also available for larger amounts. We hope this will be a more convenient way for some parishioners to donate to the parish, and that people will not feel uncomfortable if they do not contribute when the plate comes past

at the collection times. All in all it is a safer, easier and more sensible way to donate as the carrying of cash is fast becoming a thing of the past. Please ask for assistance from the priests or Mass coordinators if you experience any difficulties or have questions or concerns.

To payWave, just tap a credit card or bank card on the sensor and it will donate \$5 and once it has processed this first tap, (which may take 30 seconds), you can tap it again, to give another \$5, and so on. A safe and handy way to give money. **God bless you for your support.** Yours faithfully, **Sonya Slater, Parish Manager**

THE GOSPEL THIS WEEKEND



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I have always found that this weekend's gospel goes to the heart of Jesus' message and mission. "Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40). How different the world would be if all people took this gospel of face value. Quite literally. "just as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it to me".

There is a story told (not sure if this actually happened but it is still great), of Queen Victoria, who went on a vacation to Scotland, and one day, took a walk on one of her estates. On the country walk, the Queen was dressed very in ordinary walking clothes.

A storm blew up and Queen Victoria retreated to a neighbour's house and asked if they would kindly lend her an umbrella. The neighbour, not recognizing this person on the steps in the pouring rain, begrudgingly lent the umbrella, but when the Queen walked off and opened up the umbrella, it was full of holes and quite useless. The next day, the Queen sent one of her attendants back to return the umbrella, with a polite note of thanks. When the neighbour saw the regal attendant and realised the truth of who the visitor was, they were mortified and said in explanation: "I am so sorry, if I had known it was Her Majesty, I wouldn't have given her that umbrella." What did it matter WHO it was? Why would you give ANYBODY an umbrella with holes in it; which was utterly useless for its purpose? Irrespective of who they were or not!

"Anyone who turns up on our doorsteps is not only possibly royalty in disguise; today's gospel calls upon us to treat everyone with the reverence and graciousness we would give to Christ himself. Why do we humans get so tempted to make distinctions in the ordinary matter of respecting human dignity, which is actually something due to all people. Whether they be prince or pauper, the Lord says, "what you do to these ... you do it to me."

If the world took this message very seriously and literally, the world would change profoundly. All humans would have the dignity and respect befitting God, who lovingly created us all. I believe is the precise intention of Our Lord's parable.

The reading from Ezekiel is also very fitting. The Lord will be our shepherd, and lead us, and guide us, and heal us. The Lord lovingly seeks the lost and feeds the hungry. (The fat sheep come in for some very negative comments here in this gospel, because in this narrative they have pushed around the others and not let them eat and have pasture together with them - they have hogged the resources meant for all, and kept them for themselves only. The Well-off sheep have scattered the poor, needy sheep and the master is very unhappy with this.)

God recognises that among the people (and among every group of people) there are some who are struggling and experiencing weakness, (as all of us do in different ways and at different times). Some people are feeling lost, disconnected and injured, and others are feeling well and strong, and satisfied. The co-responsibility of people to support and encourage each-other is an expectation of God's Kingdom. Our Lord instructs us that every time we look into the face of one who is hungry, the face of a person who thirsts, the face of a stranger, the face of someone in need, or someone who is ill, whenever we see a prisoner; and anytime we look at those who might be regarded as 'the least' (by some sectors of the world), there, you are looking at and seeing the very face of the God.

How we respond to these people is how we are taken to be responding to the Lord himself. Jesus tells us this parable because he wants us to take this message quite literally and act upon it. In the parable, everyone gets a surprise about this news - the 'sheep' and the 'goats' alike. Neither of the two groups realised that when they were helping or not helping the hungry, the naked, the sick, prisoner, the stranger - that they were helping Christ himself. The wicked certainly didn't know this - but in this parable... even the righteous.... (they helped these people)...but even THEY didn't realise that by acting in this way, they were serving Christ himself, to these needy people.

The Gospel from Saint Matthew reminds us that we will be judged on how well we loved.

It is the way that we love one another that reveals whether we love God or not.

It is this love for one another that will confirm whether we are truly close to God or far from God.

We are all brothers and sisters in Christ, all one family in God. We ask for God's guidance and grace as we look out for others, especially the most vulnerable.

We move forward, joyfully remembering always that the Lord is Good. that, God's mercy and faithfulness endures from age to age!!"

**To listen to the whole Sunday Mass each week (including homily) from Surfers Paradise Catholic Parish, please visit this link: Liturgy for you at Home (by SPCP) - <https://soundcloud.com/user-633212303/tracks>
Fr. Paul Kelly**

[References: New Jerome Bible Handbook. Geoffrey Chapman Publishers. 1992; "2008 – a Book of Grace-filled Days," by Lavonne Neff; "Monastery of Christ in the Desert," Abbott's Homily, <http://christdesert.org>; "Vision – Praying Scripture in a Contemporary Way. Year A"]

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT Now, more than ever, your support is needed to help our Parish to continue valuable pastoral activities and to provide ongoing sustainability. To assist you to support the Parish, you can give via <http://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au>



If you are able to continue to support us, we would be most grateful. For all those who have been making payments via credit card and those who have donated directly into the parish account, we thank you. The spirit of generosity is alive in our Parish. If you would like confirmation of your donation or a receipt emailed to you please contact me at man.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au. **Or, please ring the parish office between 9am and 12 noon Mon-Fri. Ph: 5572 5433.**

Fr Warren livestream Mass on ShalomWorld.org website

Fr Warren will celebrate Mass live on “ShalomWorld TV” each Friday afternoon for the next few months at 1pm* (Brisbane time). (*adjusted for daylight saving).

If you want to join in you do this through a browser on your mobile device or computer (or by downloading the ShalomWorld app on a Smart TV or to your device). The link is: www.shalomworld.org/watchlive

You then need to get to choose “SW PRAYER” from the menu. It seems that all the browsers work a bit differently so we cannot give more precise details. Chrome, Edge or Safari are recommended. Firefox seems to have some difficulties.

Warren Kinne

LITURGY SPOT

The word of God in the sacred liturgy.

HAPPY MOMENTS, **Praise God.**

DIFFICULT MOMENTS, **Seek God.**

QUIET MOMENTS, **Worship God.**

PAINFUL MOMENTS, **Trust God.**

EVERY MOMENT, **Thank God.**

In considering the Church as “the home of the word”, attention must first be given to the sacred liturgy, for the liturgy is the privileged setting in which God speaks to us in the midst of our lives; he speaks today to his people, who hear and respond. Every liturgical action is by its very nature steeped in sacred Scripture. In the words of the Constitution Sacrosanctum Concilium, “sacred Scripture is of the greatest importance in the celebration of the liturgy. From it are taken the readings, which are explained in the homily and the psalms that are sung. From Scripture the petitions, prayers and liturgical hymns receive their inspiration and substance. From Scripture the liturgical actions and signs draw their meaning”. Even more, it must be said that

Christ himself “is present in his word, since it is he who speaks when Scripture is read in Church”. Indeed, “the liturgical celebration becomes the continuing, complete and effective presentation of God’s word. The word of God, constantly proclaimed in the liturgy, is always a living and effective word through the power of the Holy Spirit. It expresses the Father’s love that never fails in its effectiveness towards us”. The Church has always realized that in the liturgical action the word of God is accompanied by the interior working of the Holy Spirit who makes it effective in the hearts of the faithful. Thanks to the Paraclete, “the word of God becomes the foundation of the liturgical celebration, and the rule and support of all our life. The working of the same Holy Spirit ... brings home to each person individually every-thing that in the proclamation of the word of God is spoken for the good of the whole gathering. In strengthening the unity of all, the Holy Spirit at the same time fosters a diversity of gifts and furthers their multiform operation”.

To understand the word of God, then, we need to appreciate and experience the essential meaning and value of the liturgical action. A faith-filled understanding of sacred Scripture must always refer back to the liturgy, in which the word of God is celebrated as a timely and living word: “In the liturgy the Church faithfully adheres to the way Christ himself read and explained the sacred Scriptures, beginning with his coming forth in the synagogue and urging all to search the Scriptures”. Here one sees the sage teaching of the Church, which proclaims and listens to sacred Scripture following the rhythm of the liturgical year. This expansion of God’s word in time takes place above all in the Eucharistic celebration and in the Liturgy of the Hours. At the centre of everything the paschal mystery shines forth, and around it radiate all the mysteries of Christ and the history of salvation which become sacramentally present: “By recalling in this way the mysteries of redemption, the Church opens up to the faithful the riches of the saving actions and the merits of her Lord, and makes them present to all times, allowing the faithful to enter into contact with them and to be filled with the grace of salvation”.

For this reason I encourage the Church’s Pastors and all engaged in pastoral work to see that all the faithful learn to savour the deep meaning of the word of God which unfolds each year in the liturgy, revealing the fundamental mysteries of our faith. This is in turn the basis for a correct approach to sacred Scripture. {From “VERBUM DOMINI,” paragraph 52, by Pope BENEDICT XVI. (2010).

Fr Paul Kelly

MASS TIMES (PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL)

SURFERS PARADISE PARISH MASS TIMES AND LOCATIONS

Sacred Heart: **Saturday Night - 5 pm** *NB new Mass time*
170 max capacity + (Maronite Mass 6:30pm, Saturday Night)
*Note First Saturday of the month morning Mass 9am (Next: 5th Dec)
Sunday - 9 am & 6 pm
+ (Polish Mass 12 noon Sunday)
+ (Italian Mass 4pm Sunday)

St Vincent's: **Sunday - 8 am & 10 am**
115 max capacity + (Hispanic Mass – 5.30 pm on 1st and 3rd Sundays)

Stella Maris: **Saturday Night - 5 pm**
84 max capacity **Sunday - 7 am**

Please note:

Numbers allowed in each Church are based on social distancing restrictions.

The Archbishop has continued to exempt everyone from the obligation to attend Sunday mass during restrictions.

Additional to the above times, **we will continue to celebrate weekday Mass at Sacred Heart at 9am.**

The 9am Saturday Mass will be on the First Saturday of the month (7th Nov) at Sacred Heart.

You will be informed via the parish website or E-Newsletter when this situation changes.

Please remember that as per restrictions we are still expected to book and check in for mass, maintain a social-distance of 1.5metres, receive Holy Communion in the hand only, refrain from physical contact when offering the Sign of Peace, and to sanitise when entering and exiting the premises. We ask that people consult the parish website <https://www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au>, to keep up to date with any changes relating to masses. Mass Booking: <https://bookeo.com/catholicmassgoldcoast> or

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK FOR MASS](#)

Or, if you are unable to book online, please ring the parish office between 9am and 12 noon Mon-Fri. Ph: 5572 5433

STAYING CONNECTED



Have you ensured that your contact details are up to date with the Parish:

Please fill out this form if you are unsure. Census Form Information Update

[SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC PARISH - CENSUS UPDATE](#)

Are you on our mailing list for the weekly e-newsletter, weekly homily/Mass audio blog and occasional breaking news alerts? If not, please email us at paulwkelly68@gmail.com. Note: sometimes we have added a person to our email-list but the email is going to their 'spam' or 'junk-mail' folder. It is a good idea to check these folders to see if it is there. If that is happening to you, you can mark these emails as 'approved' or 'not-spam/junk', so your email server lets them get through to you.

LINKS & RESOURCES

You can visit the [Stay Connected](#) page on our website to find an extensive list of information and resources.

Liturgy for you at Home (produced by SPP): <https://soundcloud.com/user-633212303/tracks>

Weekly Homily (produced by SPP): <https://homilycatholic.blogspot.com>

Surfers Paradise Parish Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/surferscatholic/>

Breaking Parish News (SPP Blog): <https://news-parish.blogspot.com/>

Access the digital Catholic Leader: <https://catholicleader.com.au/digital-newspaper-covid19>

CHRISTMAS PRESENCE: Advent Retreat (St Mary's - Coomera)

What are your spiritual gifts? (1 Corinthians 1:3-9)

2-5pm Saturday 28th November 2020

St Mary's Coomera Church: 185 Billinghamurst Cres, Upper Coomera 4209
Booking Contact: Catherine Smith: 0401070821 or csmith3183@gmail.com
Lynne Head-Weir: 0409 198 545 or G.C.I.Arts.C@gmail.com Suggested donation: \$10

THE SACRED HEART BRIDGE CLUB

Meets at the Sacred Heart - Parish Hospitality Centre, Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters.

Playing Bridge keeps your brain active and increases your social network! So why not give us a try?

Learn to play Bridge at "Our Friendly Club" - Free Lesson. "Introduction to Bridge"

Easy to learn format, no previous card playing experience necessary. All are welcome.

For more information and to enrol, Please phone: Cheryl 5538 8821 or Mob 0417 772 701

YOGA AT THE PARISH HOSPITALITY CENTRE

Come join us for our friendly, COVID-19 safe, class in the comfortable Hospitality Centre at the Sacred Heart Church, available every Tuesday 10:45am. Learn to relax, yet gain greater flexibility, inner strength, body awareness and concentration, all while increasing your breath support and general wellbeing. Ruth is an IYTA accredited instructor with wide experience and runs a caring, carefully monitored one hour session costing \$10 (new attendees need to arrive by 10.30am to prepare adequately for class). For more information call Ruth on 0421338110.

HELD IN GOD'S LOVING HANDS: A Quiet Weekend Retreat For Women

What do God's hands look like? How can we reimagine our lives held in lovingly cupped hands and held close? Comfort, compassion, mercy, nurture, deep love...

A weekend opportunity for women to leave behind the chaos and clutter that can be a part of life and enter into quiet in community. Come and experience a time of prayerful reflection.

Facilitated by Grace Harwood (Dragonfly Ministries)

2 opportunities to choose from:

Friday 11 December 6pm to Sunday 13 December 3pm **OR** Friday 15 January 6pm to Sunday 17 January 3pm

Location: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Wellington Street, Ormiston

Cost: \$370 (\$340 for pensioners, f/t students and unemployed) includes all accommodation, meals, resources and facilitation. Santa Teresa requires an additional \$30 fee for those with special diets.

To register or enquire contact: grace@dragonflyministries.net.au or 0409 524 283 (also Grace)

REACHING BEYOND 2020



Palms Australia

People of all trades and professions are being requested by communities abroad seeking to build the capacity of their organisations and the skills of their people. Restrictions this year have made communities' needs acute, but your assistance will help to develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty. Palms Australia will provide you with thorough preparation to ensure your readiness as travel resumes, and support on assignment

See www.palms.org.au and talk to Roger on 0431 995 058, or email palms@palms.org.au

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN) -LEBANON UPDATE:

Immediately following the Beirut explosion, ACN provided an initial emergency grant of \$400,00 AUD for food. ACN has just announced a further commitment of \$8 million for the repair and reconstruction of churches and convents. ACN thanks everyone who has already donated to their national appeal and welcomes any further support. Visit www.aidtochurch.org/Lebanon or call 1800 101 201.

FANS IN THE CHURCH DURING HOT WEATHER ARE TO BE LEFT ON



***Please Don't Ask The Coordinator To Turn Them Off.
They Are Following Church Health and Safety Regulations.***
It may be necessary to relocate to another seat that may better suit your needs or bring something warm to put on.
Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

PLEASE PRAY

IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS AT THIS TIME.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Patricia Moor, Roy Ferraro, Caterina (Cathy) Randazzo, Yvonne Warren, Anthony Netting, Ellanie Gonzalez, Draga Vlastic, Andrew Young, Sam Maxwell, Margaret Paterson, Rodney McGrath, Doug Reiser, Helen Bohringer, John Zappa, George & Margaret Cook, Peter O'Brien, Angela Duvnjak, Judy Dempsey, Monica Bailey, Rachel Raines, Savannah Ayoub, Lisa Mangan, Colin Virtue, Ann Harris, Ann-Marie Loder, Angel Salvador, Brian Woodgate, Kate Smith, Tricia Baumann, Gus Reeves, Baby Maeve Lombard, Kathy Kiely, Ron Perry, Kim Parkes, Rosslyn Wallis, Jabour Haddad, Maureen Murphy, Peter Walsh, Arthur Haddad, Jean Di Benedetto, Damian Callinan, Rosemary Wales, Peter Allsopp, Yvonne Campesi, Louis Couch, Michael Tracey, Joanne Mooney, Joanne Parkes, Michelle MacDonald, John & Molly Robinson, Mary Kerr, Eileen McCarthy. And all those suffering from the effects of Covid-19.

ALL THE HOLY SOULS - ESPECIALLY THOSE LISTED IN THE BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE AT THE CHURCHES

RECENTLY DECEASED: Garry Pearse, Alec Mackenzie (Scotland), Bridget (Breda) Dalton, June Marea Cogan, Douglas George Davey, Baby Charbel Raphael, Robert Aouad, Sigita Rusa, Beryl Margaret Davidson, Dulcie May Ricks, Noel Jones, Monique Roberts, Carmelita Jocson, Marie Elizabeth Giles, Ederlina Callada, Danielle Begaud.

ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH: Eve Barry, Sim Be Hiang, Klaus Diga, Eve Barry, Giacomo (Jack) Ulliana, Elizabeth Anne Topalov, Paul Louis France Melanie, Irene Bridget McPhie, Latina Adele Calista, Maria Nguyen, Mervyn Kenneth Nelson, Fr Owen Oxenham, Joan Valmae Stewart.

Next Weekend's Readings

Readings for 1st Sunday of Advent - B

FIRST READING: Isa 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7

Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19. "Lord make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved"

SECOND READING: 1 Cor 1:3-9

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Ps 85:8). Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Mark 13:33-37

"The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and protected from any harm."

As a Parish Community, we pray for a change of heart, that we respond to our grief by reaching out to one another in truth and love.