

## Sunday, December 13, 2020 | Third Sunday of Advent. Year B

### Readings for Third Sunday Advent. Year B

**FIRST READING:** Isa 61:1-2a, 10-11

**Ps:** Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 "My soul rejoices in my God."

**SECOND READING:** 1 Thess 5:16-24

**Gospel Acclamation:** Isa 61:1 (cited in Lk 4:18): Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring the Good news to the poor. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** John 1:6-8, 19-28

*"There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.  
He came as a witness to testify to the light"* (John 1:6-7)



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### THE PASTOR'S POST: Rescuing Christmas

Perhaps because it's getting to the end of a demanding year, or the promise of scorching summer days, but I'm having my annual whinge about the season of goodwill etc. Once again this year I have started on the never-ending quest to find a Christmas card that is the genuine article. All I seek is a card without snow-covered cottages, rotund Santa, stockings hanging over a blazing hearth fire, and sleigh-hauling reindeer. This year the Arctic penguin has also made an appearance, just in case we forgot that most of this world will be feeling a bit cold this December. I'm prepared to accept a bit of tinsel and the odd twinkling star, but why do the card makers have to work so hard at turning this sacred time into such a northern hemisphere assault on this happy and simple feast of the birth of the Son of God.

Of course, I did find what I was after at our own parish piety store, but wonder what happens to those millions of people who trawl through the supermarkets and department stores, hoping to snag a card that depicts something other than a red-nosed Bambi, (or is that Rudolph), and industrious elves.

I can accept that there are many people who see nativity as a myth or legend rather than historical fact, but even they seem happy to participate in this time as a religious festival that deserves respect and acknowledgment. The well-intentioned signoff from our television news readers that wish us all a “happy holiday” or “the best of the season” seems to water down what has been great tradition for 2000 years.. The season of what, and why a holiday, if not to recall the birth of the saviour of humanity. Would it be so offensive to wish people the joy and peace that came to us with the birth of Christ?

I think most of us can remember a time when even hotels and shops firmly closed their doors for this one day, supposedly as a sign of respect for what it meant to the majority of this Christian country. Of course these days, the hospitality industry regards Christmas as one of their prime occasions, when bulging feasting tables seem to hint that this is more about a last supper than the birth of a child in an animal shed. I certainly don't want to be a Grinch about this, and I, like most of the population, am happy to gather with family and friends and celebrate what is close in its intention to the American festival of Thanksgiving. I am very much a chook and stuffing guy, when it comes to Christmas lunch, and have been known to don the ill-fitting paper hat and tell a lame joke from a Christmas cracker, just to get into the spirit of it all. But if that is the sole intention of the nation stopping for 24hours, to cram ourselves full of excessive amounts of food and drink, just so we could flop on the couch for the afternoon and vow never to eat plum pudding for another 12 months, then why bother. We can do that any weekend of the year. These days I hear of people who like to clean up quickly and get an early night so that they can hit those Boxing Day sales early, complete in their gym outfits and running shoes, so as not to miss the bargains. I totally understand the need for stimulus spending, but couldn't we give the credit card just one day off. Couldn't we let the purpose of the sacred time settle in before we start up the consumer machine once again?

I am so pleased that I grew up with the tradition of Christmas Mass before anything else (hence the necessity for attending midnight Mass in a sleepy haze hoping that Santa, or his local representative, had time to distribute the loot at the end of the bed). I can't quite remember when the transition happened from the jolly North Pole benefactor to the Bethlehem stable, but I'm happy to report that there was no major trauma when the news sunk in, though I didn't let on too early, just in case it meant a decrease in the bounty under the tree. The reason for the season was also read to us before we tucked into the luscious lunch and someone was designated to say Grace before the feast. As kids we needed to have things put in perspective, with the reminder that what we were about to enjoy was not to be found on every one's table. Why were we so lucky, or blessed, as my grandmother would remind us?

Now that I've aired this particular grievance, I can only hope that some of you readers might put in a little word of acknowledgment at your Christmas gathering. If you don't take the initiative it might never happen and then the moment would be lost. If you can show that this spiritual time is important to you, then your example may just rub off on those who love you. Why not start or continue a tradition that will live on after you?

Perhaps a reminder to family members that we should try at least one day a year to show some gratitude for how we have survived, and in some cases, survived well, in the year of living differently. And one last request. Don't forget to tell them to book their seat for Church. There, I'm done now.

**Fr Peter Dillon PP.**

**We congratulate the Schubert and Robertson families, whose children Eli William and Bodhi William will be baptised in our Parish this weekend.  
Please keep the Baptism families in your prayers as they begin their faith journey.**

# CHRISTMAS MASSES IN SURFERS PARADISE CATHOLIC PARISH

## CHRISTMAS MASS BOOKINGS

PLEASE NOTE:

**ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE BOOKED WILL BE ABLE TO ENTER THE CHURCH.**

**CHRISTMAS MASS SPACES ARE LIMITED.**

**Participation via Liturgy-podcast Continues to be encouraged.**

**Most Christmas services will not be at usual times.**

**The times are only available at the point of booking.**

Due to Covid-19 we have scheduled extra masses for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. **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.**

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**

## ST VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The Annual St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. Thank you for your generous donations over the years that have assisted us in giving our Companions a great Christmas with food, gifts and toys for the children. This year due to COVID there will be more Families and Single Companions requesting a Christmas Hamper, so please give generously. Envelopes are also placed around the church. If you require a receipt please complete the details on the Envelope. All donations are 100% tax deductible.

God Bless,

**Craig McMahon. (Surfers Paradise Conference President of SVdP).**

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

**“Rejoice always, pray constantly, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” – 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 18**

This scripture reading sums up Stewardship. “Rejoice always” means place your trust in God; He will provide all that you need. “Pray constantly” means prayer should be a running conversation with God throughout the whole day, every day. “Give thanks in all circumstances” means even in bad situations, thank God. Suffering a little bit helps build empathy for others in similar situations and shows our dependence on God.

**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

**A new book in our shops this week 'Our Prayers'**

A compilation of 135 prayers over 140 pages to guide you and your children through their faith journey, also contains 16 Saint Feast Days with Information & Prayers, Christian meditation, Gratitude Journal, Australian theme prayers including Anzac Day, Reconciliation, Drought and the Acknowledgement of Country.

**All this for only \$20**

**Phone orders and enquiries ring Pat 0404 805 819**

## THE GOSPEL THIS WEEKEND



Our Advent journey of waiting is nearing its end. Only one more Sunday after this, and then Christmas will be upon us!

There is a tone of increasing joy and expectation in the readings and prayers this weekend. The whole weekend is called "rejoice Sunday," as we are filled with joy at the nearness of the Lord and the salvation he brings to us and our loved ones and friends. This offer of salvation is for all people of every time and place.

There is something ironic here. John the Baptist himself illustrates in his own life, the disciple who is humble and self-forgetting, rejecting the temptation to pride, and being open to change his thinking, so as to match the ways of God. This extraordinary Prophet, who came to testify to the coming of Jesus, the Light of the World, himself practises the very word he preaches - because John the Baptist got a bit of a shock when Jesus arrived.

John had been preaching the old 'fire and brimstone' model of the Old Testament prophets. He taught that the judgement of God was close at hand. He warned people that God will come in power with his threshing sword and uproot the weeds and sort out the wheat from the chaff and throw the rubbish into the fire. He warned people that Christ would bring down God's judgement upon the earth - uprooting the stubborn plants... But then, astoundingly, along comes Jesus. Our Lord announces, (in line with our first reading), a time of grace and mercy. This is a season of jubilee, including the complete and wholesale cancellation of debt, as well as freedom of prisoners, forgiveness of sin and renewed life and favour from God.

John is understandably confused. It is as if he was preparing everyone to celebrate a funeral and then at the very last minute someone rushes up and says, "Actually it's a wedding feast, not a funeral." That was the dramatic revelation that probably took John the Baptist, (and many others), by surprise. We know John the

Baptist was fairly surprised and confused because we are told in Matthew's Gospel (11:13) that he sends disciples to ask Jesus: "are you the one who IS to come.. or OUGHT we to wait for another????"

Jesus replies "look around and tell John what you see. The lame walk, the deaf hear, and blessed is he who takes no offence in me" (Matt 11:4-6)... Jesus is gently inviting John (and everyone else, including us today), to see that his mission has something to do with 'end times,' 'judgement' and the 'Day of the Lord,'.... but his ministry is also very much about a time of invitation, joy, redistribution, justice, hope, grace, and mercy.

How many of us would be this gracious and humble, (like John the Baptist), such that, while we are in "full flight." And expounding our own favourite theme, we are unexpectedly asked to "stop right there" and (instead) announce a message that seems dramatically different from our own heretofore emphasis? If this were us and not John the Baptist, would we so readily "change tack," immediately, swallow our pride and take up the new priorities? Or would we "spit the dummy," and "take our bat and ball and storm-off home." Or, would we continue to push our own agenda even well after we have received an update, from 'head-office' to promote the amended and different focus.

And so, John the Baptist is a great example to us. We can learn so much from his faithfulness, zeal, and humility. He is the model of a good disciple. We too are invited to point to Christ and to prepare the way for him; and to assist in what God is doing in our lives. We also are called to cooperate fully in whatever God is doing, (even if it means receiving fairly short-notice adjustments and 'course-correction orders." Shall we be so willing as John was to adjust our attitudes to best match God's vision. After all, we are servants of our Lord's agenda, not our own. As well as helping promote God's plan, it is equally important to stay out of God's road. We must do everything we can so as not to be an obstacle or a barrier. We also must be vigilant in ensuring that this is "not about me or my needs or my expectations," but rather submitting to God's ways, God's vision and God's expectations. To be ready to adjust our thinking and match our thinking as closely as possible with God's and at the shortest notice. We must adjust our ways to God and avoid attempting to match God's ways to ours !!!!

It would have been very difficult for John, but he was faithful and loyal and humble. He was open to the Lord's ways and not merely his own ways, so he was able to adjust his ways to God's vision. (It turns out John was quite right, the Messiah was indeed coming to bring God's judgement upon the world, but he came to learn that God's word of judgement was a message filled with God's love, mercy and compassion, and a call back to right-relationship with God. He was on the right track, but had to adjust to the quite-different tone and focus of Christ's message. But as John implied himself by his own words: "(Who am I to question the Christ), He is greater than me. I am not fit to untie the strap of his sandal."

It can often be very difficult for us too... We might enter into a situation quite certain that things should be this way and not that way, only to find that we have to adjust our focus and not become disgruntled. Let us instead be joyful followers, in the spirit of John. May we be ever-ready and willing to adjust course according to the sudden and unexpected commands of God. God sees the whole picture and knows best. Certainly better than our mortal perceptions.

We would not be a very useful instrument in God's hand unless we are open to adjusting our direction at the sudden instructions of the master-craftsman. To be truly open to those fine adjustments, we must not assume that our vision is the perfect touchstone of how everything should be. Rather, we remain open to God's word, and the wisdom of the faith community and the experiences and insights of our brothers and sisters around us.

We can so easily want to stretch God's ways and thoughts so that they suit our desires and expectations. We are constantly on guard against this so that we can, just like John the Baptist, "decrease," so that Christ will "increase"...

**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.**

## 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](mailto:man.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au).

**Or, please ring the parish office between 9am and 12 noon Mon-Fri. Ph: 5572 5433.**

**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**

## ARCHBISHOP REMINDS HIS PRIESTS, MINISTERS & PEOPLE

Archbishop Mark Coleridge has reminded his priests and ministers that during these times of Covid restrictions, (despite the lowering of restrictions, we are not out of the woods yet), communion is **not** to be given to the people by the **chalice**, and communion hosts are **not** to be administered on the **tongue**. These limits will remain for some time.

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

## LITURGY SPOT: Advent



Advent, described in the “Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and the Calendar,” by The Sacred Congregation of Divine Worship. (March 21, 1969, new translation 2011).

Para 39. Advent has a twofold character, for it is a time of preparation for the Solemnities of Christmas, in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ's Second Coming at the end of time. For these two reasons, Advent is a period of devout and expectant delight.

41. The Sundays of this time of year are named the First, Second, Third, and Fourth Sundays of Advent.

42. The weekdays from 17 December up to and including 24 December are ordered in a more direct way to preparing for the Nativity of the Lord.

### Fr Paul Kelly

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## 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](mailto: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.

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## 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>

## MASS TIMES (PRE-BOOKING ESSENTIAL)

### SURFERS PARADISE PARISH MASS TIMES AND LOCATIONS

**Sacred Heart**  
300 max capacity

**Saturday Night - 5 pm**

+ (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**  
200 max capacity

**Sunday - 8 am & 10 am**

+ (Hispanic Mass – 5.30 pm on 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays)

Extra parking is available only meters from St Vincent's Church, at King's Car Park, entry via Beach Road

**Stella Maris**  
150 max capacity

**Saturday Night - 5 pm**

**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.**

[CLICK HERE TO BOOK FOR MASS](#)

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 (5th Dec) at Sacred Heart.**

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 [www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au](http://www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au), to keep up to date with any changes relating to masses.

Mass Booking: [bookey.com/catholicmassgoldcoast](http://bookey.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

## NOTICES AND OPPORTUNITIES

### THE SACRED HEART BRIDGE CLUB

#### In Recess until 18th and 20th of January

**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**

### 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](mailto:helene.mccowan@gmail.com)**

### YOGA AT THE PARISH HOSPITALITY CENTRE

#### In Recess until 12th JANUARY

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.

## 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](http://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**

## SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR CASUAL POSITION VACANT

A casual position exists for a School Crossing Supervisor at St Vincent's Primary School. The hours of work for the School Crossing Supervisor may be up to an hour and half an hour on any school day in all weather conditions.

Commencement of work for the successful applicant is dependent on:

- The favourable outcome of a health assessment carried out by a duly qualified Medical Practitioner according to the guidelines in the "Notes for Medical Practitioner" on the School Crossing Supervisor Scheme - Health Assessment Form;
- The applicant either holds a current Blue Card or has submitted an application for a Blue Card to the Commission for Blue Card Services. An applicant will not be employed by the Department of Transport and Main Roads unless they meet this criterion.

The Department of Transport of Main Roads will organise and fund both for the selected applicant. Application packs are available from the administration office. Completed applications should be returned to [southportroadsafety@tmr.qld.gov.au](mailto:southportroadsafety@tmr.qld.gov.au)

## 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)**

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](mailto:grace@dragonflyministries.net.au) or 0409 524 283 (also Grace)

## POSITION VACANT – (Brisbane - Cathedral of St Stephen - Administration Officer).

Applications are open for the above position at St Stephen's Cathedral Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a full-time position of Administration Officer for 38 hours per week, Monday to Friday. Applications close Friday 18 December 2020. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/> and to careers.

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

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.**



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## PLEASE PRAY

### IN OUR HEARTS AND PRAYERS AT THIS TIME.

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Veronica Elsmore, Lakyn Kearins, Carmen Reeves, Patricia Moor, Roy Ferraro, Caterina (Cathy) Randazzo, 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.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Joanne Burge, Mary Cale, Betty-Ann Hillesheim, Marianne Lila Kyle-Little, Clare Debozy, Rowena Santos-Ochavez, Leonardo Sorrenti, Anthony Netting, Ni Rui Yu, Garry Pearse, Alec Mackenzie (Scotland), Bridget (Breda) Dalton, June Marea Cogan, Douglas George Davey.

**ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH:** Disa Fleurette Hunt, John the Baptist Covan, James William Boland, Gail Patricia Little, William Raymond Willbrandt, Desmond Robert Castle, Kenneth Raymond Martin, John McCabe (Husband Of Maureen), Jack O'Brien (Husband Of Shirley), Ken Martin, Maureen Smith, Constante Pizzol, Jarmila Julie Muller, Warwick Gerard Jones, Wadad Doumani, Warwick Gerard Jones, Anthony Malouf, Josephine Elizabeth (Josie) Dowd, Grazyna Zyner, Henry Martin Prince, Jean Saalman, Murray James Hill.

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## Next Weekend's Readings

### Readings for Fourth Sunday Advent. Year B

**FIRST READING:** 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 (diff)

**Psalm:** Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27+29 "Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord."

**SECOND READING:** Rom 16:25-27

**Gospel Acclamation:** (Luke 1:38) Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord. May his will for me be done.

**GOSPEL:** Luke 1:26-38

*"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.*



## PROMOTING A CULTURE OF VOCATIONS

Vocation Brisbane exists to provide an abundance of inspiring future leaders, priests, deacons, religious and laity for the Catholic community of Brisbane.

Notice, one of the climbers featured below, is parishioner Paul Deguara. Best prayers and wishes to them all. Vocation Brisbane exists to provide an abundance of inspiring future leaders, priests, deacons, religious and laity for the Catholic community of Brisbane.

One of the great news stories of 2020 in the Archdiocese is, of course, the ordination of four transitional deacons, Ashwin Acharya, William Iuliano, Francis Fernandes, and Jack Ho. Vocation Brisbane congratulates them on their journey to priesthood. Please join with us by keeping them in your prayers also.

### VOCATION BRISBANE ADVENTURE DAY - STORY BRIDGE ADVENTURE CLIMB

Vocation Brisbane Adventure Day saw faith in action as young men who are discerning the priesthood took another step of faith, literally this time on the Story Bridge Climb. We have some brave young men with us. How would you

go walking the plank at the top of the Bridge? Pray for these men as they step out into God's call for them. Notice, one of the climbers is parishioner Paul Deguara. Best prayers and wishes to them all.

