



**GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH
Capuchin Franciscan Friars**

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Our Parish Vision

“A welcoming, vibrant, inclusive, loving and outreaching community who understand their Catholic beliefs and live their lives connected by the love of Jesus Christ”

Mission Statement

We strive to proclaim the joy of the Gospel and reach out to others so that they experience God's unconditional love.

Third Sunday of Advent- Good News Reflection 12 December 2021

Experiencing joy as ministry

The Third Sunday of Advent focuses our attention on the spirit of joyfulness, because this is an essential mark of true faith in Christ. All of the readings are full of joy and the thrill of happy expectation. In the Gospel reading, John the Baptizer preaches good news to the people, and they are filled with joyful anticipation for whatever God is about to do.

Do you know that joy is a ministry? It's an important way to share the faith. We all have a calling to do this ministry wherever there is misery and hopelessness. Let's look at how John fulfilled this ministry of joy. We might think he was anything but joyful in his robe of scratchy camels' hair and his fiery sermons about repenting from sin. But look closer. His ministry prepared people's hearts to receive Jesus.

Having faith means trusting God which means resting in hope which produces joy. When you or someone you know is lacking joy, it's because Jesus has not yet been invited fully into the situation that's been stealing the joy. It might be too early in the grieving process, which is healthy and normal, or it might be a lack of faith, which needs nurturing.

The ability to experience the joy of faith comes from turning to the love of God and receiving his comfort in the midst of hardships. It also arises from getting to know the joyful side of Jesus and the joyful purposes behind all of his teachings.

Jesus preached going the extra mile, loving our enemies, and doing good to those who cause us hardships, none of which is fun. What we need to discover and then share with others is that holy living, although not always fun, is what unites us to the joyful love of Jesus and the joyful purposes of everything he preached. Remember, even going to the cross produces joyful results.

The good news is: Jesus didn't just tell us how to be holy, he gave us the power to be holy: He gave us his Holy Spirit. And when others see the Holy Spirit's activity in us, if they know that Jesus is the reason for our joy, they are evangelized by our faith! © 2021 Terry Modica, Catholic Digital

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Catholics remain dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice.

Third Sunday of Advent - 12 December 2021

Today's Readings: Zeph 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Response to the psalm: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Next Week's Readings: Micah 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-44

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH (Kindly sign in using "Check in Qld" App)

Weekdays (Mon-Fri)

Morning Prayer: 6:40am. **Mass: 7:00am**

Friday

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: 7:30am to 11:45am

Mass: 12 Noon

Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: 7pm

Saturday

Morning Prayer: 7:40am. **Mass 8:00am.**

Confessions:

Saturdays 5:00pm to 5:45pm (*Advent Season*)

(or during the week by appointment)



WEEKEND MASSES Kindly sign in using "Check in QLD" App

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday 6pm; **Sunday** 7am, 9am, 6pm

St Joseph the Worker, Hemmant

Sunday 8:00am

Nazareth House Chapel

Strictly only for Residents at the moment.

Iona College Chapel

Contact the school if you wish to attend



For your information: The priests, friars and office staff at Guardian Angels Parish are all fully vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus.



Second Collection	28 November 2021	5 December 2021
Planned Giving Envelopes	\$ 450.00	\$ 652.00
Loose money on plate	\$ 520.00	\$ 376.90
Direct Debit	\$ 151.00	\$ 214.00
Total	\$ 1,121.00	\$ 1,242.90

Guardian Angel Church ROSTER Next Week (18 Dec– 19 Dec)

<u>6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass</u>	<u>9:00am Sunday Mass</u>
Readers : P McMahan	Readers : W Denton; M Allison
Minister: Bro Lawrie	Minister: P Holman
<u>7:00am Sunday Mass</u>	<u>6:00pm Sunday Mass</u>
Readers: J Van De Togt	Readers : M Brennan
Minister: M McGrory	Minister: P Jefferies

St Joseph the Worker—8am Sunday : Reader: K Jordan

Cleaning Roster (This week) : G Robertson; D Brennan

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Christmas Masses – Bookings Required: Due to larger numbers attending for Christmas, we will need to book places to attend Masses in our parish churches.

Guardian Angels Church: Please register via Trybooking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BWATZ>

St Joseph the Worker, Hemmant: Please register by calling the Parish Office 3393 4980 (as there is limited seating capacity)

Please call the Parish Office if you need help with Trybooking. There is no need to book for the 5pm Family Mass in “the Shed” area at the Primary School since it’s an outdoor venue. There will be chairs but some may wish to bring their own camping chairs. You can enter via gates at both Bay Terrace and Pine Street. Everyone will still need to use the **Check-In QLD App** on arrival as per usual. Thank you for helping us stay COVID-safe.

Confessions: Advent is a time to prepare our hearts well for celebrating the Christmas Feasts. It is therefore an ideal time to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. **Each Saturday in Advent**, Confession will be available **5:00pm-5:45pm** in the Guardian Angels church. There will also be 2 priests available from **7pm on Wednesday, 22nd December** for as long as is necessary. Peace.

Parish Christmas Party, 10am Sunday, 19th December – To celebrate the end of a fruitful year of various initiatives through our Parish Renewal groups, all those involved in any way in our parish renewal movement in the last year and a half are invited to get together in the Parish Hall after the 9am Mass on Sunday, 19th December. The event is also open to any other parishioners who would like to join in the fun. There will be a quick sharing of what’s been happening in the groups, but the majority of the time will be for fun, food, and catching up with each other. Please bring a plate.



Volunteers needed: All **Singers** and **Musicians** wishing to help lead the carols at any of the Christmas Masses this year, are encouraged to join the **practices every Tuesday 7:00pm** in the Guardian Angels church. All enquiries to Ed (/Eddie) on 0417760527.

Parish Office will be CLOSED on December 13, 27, 28, 29, 30, and 31

The winner of draw 5 of the current **Knights Silver Circle** with ticket 28 is **Josie Doyle**. Congratulations Josie and thanks to those supporting the charitable works of the Wynnum Manly Branch of the Knights of the Southern Cross.

The St Vincent De Paul Christmas Appeal is now underway. Given the ongoing impact of COVID-19, it is preferable to give financially instead of food donations. If you want to give food donations there is a list of suggested items indicated on the Vinnies box provided in the foyer of the Church. Cash can also be placed in an envelope marked “**SVDP**” and placed in any of the collection buckets (donations over \$2 are tax deductible). Many thanks for your support.

YOUTH RENEWAL GROUP: Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to be part of this group. We are also **seeking any person skilled in carpentry and/or woodturning** to help produce resources for the very young.

Parish Welcoming Group is still **in need of greeters for our 6pm Masses on both Saturday and Sunday evenings**. They are **also looking for Coffee helpers for after the 9am Mass**. Please contact the parish office if you are interested in being a part of the Welcoming Group.

The 3rd Sunday of Advent: Joy

Priest: Last Sunday we lit the candle of peace. We light it and the candle of hope again as we remember that Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, will come again to judge the world and bring it everlasting peace. The third candle of Advent is the Candle of **JOY**. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with joy. She sang a song that began with the words: "My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my saviour. We light the candle of joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth. (*The candle of joy is lit.*)



ALL: Joy is like a light shining in a dark place. As we look at this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

Priest: Let us pray...

ALL: Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again, that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask this in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

Christmas Mass Schedule

▲ **Guardian Angels School in "The Shed" Mt. Carmel Campus, Wynnum** -

24 December • **5:00pm Vigil Mass** Younger Children are invited to come dressed as angels or shepherds. "The Shed" is the undercroft area along Pine St. This is an outdoor venue so pre-booking is not required.

▲ **Guardian Angels Church, Wynnum** You must book your seats in advance via <https://www.trybooking.com/BWATZ> or scan the QR code below. No standing inside the church will be allowed.

24 December • **7:30pm Vigil Mass** in the church
• **Midnight Mass** (with 11:30pm Christmas carols)

25 December • **7:00am Christmas Mass**
• **9:00am Christmas Mass**

****No afternoon/Evening Mass***

▲ **St Joseph the Worker, Hemmant** ***Limited capacity.*** Pre-booking required. Please ***call the Parish Office*** at 3393 4980 to register for attendance.

24 December • **6:00pm Vigil Mass**
****No Midnight Mass***

25 December • **8:00am Christmas Mass**

▲ **Iona College Chapel, Lindum** Contact the school if you wish to attend

24 December • **7:30pm Vigil Mass**

25 December • **7:30am Christmas Mass**

Nazareth House will have a Christmas Mass in the morning **for residents only.**

