



**GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH
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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.



First Sunday of Advent

27 November 2022

The hope that comes from heaven

Hope is the theme of the First Sunday of Advent. In the readings for Mass, Isaiah describes a future in which all is well because (1) God is recognized as the highest authority and (2) obeying him is the people's highest priority.



This vision gave great hope to the oppressed Israelites. Today if we look at this as a description of heaven, it gives great hope to us, too. When we die, "terms" will be "imposed" upon us because we did not stay entirely on the paths of God (a good reason for purgatory), but we will be living in the light of the Lord after death and there will be no more wars to battle.

Knowing that this is our future, we can look at our present trials as preparations for heaven. The weapons that we use now to defeat and overcome the powers of darkness can be used as plowshares for enriching our soil (our earthly life), bringing us into new growth and producing a harvest in ministry. Sufferings that are turned into ministries to help others make hardships very valuable.

Although Isaiah was speaking of the coming of the world's Messiah through the Jews, these verses remind us that when we respect God's authority and make imitating Christ our highest priority, all is well for us. Our battles against evil aren't over yet, but Jesus has already won the victory for us. Our hope is not based on a wish for peace; our hope comes from the reality of what Jesus has already done and what he will do. So, "let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord!" (Psalm 122).

The Gospel reading tells us that our hope is realized only if we stay awake and alert to the activities of Christ. What are you despairing about? Despair and worry are merely distractions that make us forget that Christ has already won the battle. If we stay alert to the presence of Christ, recognizing his authority and following his ways, we live in hope -- not wishful thinking, but a hope that's based firmly on reality.

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Today's Readings: Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Response to the psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Next Week's Readings: Is 11;1-10; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday to Friday

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: 7:00pm

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

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday 6pm; Sunday 7am, 9am, 5pm

St Joseph the Worker, Hemmant

Sunday 8:00am

Nazareth House Chapel

Strictly only for Residents at the moment.

Iona College Chapel

Sunday 7:30am

Second Collection	13 November 2022	20 November 2022
Planned Giving Envelopes	\$270.00	\$231.00
Loose money on plate	\$659.35	\$522.70
Direct Debit	\$350.00	\$329.00
Parish Giving App *	\$120.00	\$174.00
Total	\$1,399.35	\$1,256.70

*Parish Giving App donations are divided 50/50 into 1st Collection & 2nd Collection

Guardian Angels Church ROSTER (1 Dec - 2 Dec)

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

Readers: C Nacinopa; P McMahan
Minister: Br Lawrie

9:00am Sunday Mass

Readers: T Dunn; T Owens
Minister: M Allison

7:00am Sunday Mass

Readers: J Van der Togt
Minister: P Owens

5:00pm Sunday Mass

Readers: M Gionta; M Brennan
Minister: D Jefferies

St Joseph the Worker—8am Sunday: K Hudson

Cleaning Roster (This week): G Foster

Carols in the Courtyard

Sunday November 27th at 6pm

Join us for Christmas Carols and a Sausage Sizzle!

As the parish prepares for Christmas, all parishioners are invited to come along and join in our celebration of the 5pm Mass which will include Children's liturgy. This will be followed by Christmas Carols in the Courtyard outside the Parish Hall with a Sausage Sizzle provided by the KSC. BYO drinks.



A small group from our Renewal groups is busily preparing to help make this night a truly memorable and family friendly occasion. Come along and get to know other parishioners who you might only see from time to time but not really have a chance to meet in a social setting. We are trying to build our parish into a friendly and welcoming community.

Sunday evening Mass Time - It has now been 6 months since we moved the Sunday evening Mass from 6pm to 5pm on a trial basis. Originally we were going to review this trial at the beginning of Advent (i.e. around now). The Parish Pastoral Council has recently decided to extend the trial period through the summer so that we will be able to review a full year of the trial. Therefore, in about May next year, we will conduct a consultation to see which Mass time works best for our parish community.

Children's Liturgy Dates at Guardian Angels Parish



27 November Sunday 5pm Mass (followed by Sausage Sizzle & Christmas Carols in the Courtyard)

11 December Sunday 5pm Mass

WINNER KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS SILVER CIRCLE DRAW 6 OF 10

The winner of Draw 6 in the current Knights Silver Circle with ticket 37, is Gabrielle Purcell. Congratulations Gabrielle and thanks to those supporting the charitable works of the Knights through this fundraising Silver Circle.

The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal is now underway. By giving to the Christmas Appeal, you will assist our members to give assistance directly to families and individuals. St Vincent de Paul told his followers there are no people so rich that they have nothing to receive, and none so poor that they have nothing to give. Support for this Appeal will benefit recipients, and address poverty and disadvantage in our local community.

ADVICE ON HOW TO DONATE:

- Envelopes are available at the back of the church – please fill out and place in the labelled box or return it to the parish office
- Alternatively, return your envelope and enclosed donation by post
- You can donate online at www.vinnies.org.au or by phone at 13 18 12
- Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible



In Western Christianity, the First Sunday of Advent is the start of the Christian year and begins a season of four Sundays, culminating in the celebration of Christmas. The word 'advent' means 'coming' and the main theme of the Season is preparing for the coming of Jesus the Christ: preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus and preparing for the coming of Christ in our lives. The First Sunday of Advent is marked in some churches by the lighting of the first of five candles, held together by a wreath of greenery. The final candle is lit on Christmas Day representing Christ as the light of the world.

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: CANDLE OF HOPE



First Sunday in Advent

Priest: Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday of Hope. Our hope is in God, and in his son Jesus Christ. He is the one appointed by God to be judge of all things. He is the one through whom God has promised to save and redeem his people. We light this candle today to remind us that he is our hope and the hope of the world. We thank God for the promises he has made to us and for the light he has brought into the world. (Light the First Candle) Let us pray:

All: O God of Hope, Emmanuel, God with us – we pray that you send your light into our hearts at this time. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ's final appearing. Live in us and help us to live in you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, transform us so that our worship, our celebration, our time of preparation, may be pleasing unto you - both now - and forevermore. Amen.

Christmas Mass Schedule

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

24 December • 5PM Vigil Mass

"The Shed" is the undercroft area along Pine St. This is an outdoor venue.

▲ Guardian Angels Church, Wynnum

24 December • 8PM Vigil Mass

• Midnight Mass (with 11:30pm Christmas Carols)

25 December • 7AM Christmas Mass

• 9AM Christmas Mass

*No afternoon/Evening Mass

▲ St Joseph the Worker, Hemmant

24 December • 6PM Vigil Mass

*No Midnight Mass

25 December • 8AM Christmas Mass

▲ Iona College Chapel, Lindum

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**.

