



**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.



Second Sunday of Advent

4 December 2022

The peace that comes from the Holy Spirit

Peace is the theme of the Second Sunday of Advent. The first reading describes Christ the Messiah, who came from the line of Jesse, the father of King David. It also describes how to obtain peace -- a peace that sustains us even in the midst of troubles: "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him." Can you feel the Holy Spirit "resting" on you?



We experience true peace when we're in a restful relationship with God, i.e., when we're not struggling against him and his ways and his plans for us. Peace does not depend on bringing to an end the struggles we have with people or the problems we have with financial shortages or addictions or health, etc. We can work hard to accomplish peace in any trial, win the war, and still not be at peace.

Peace comes to us in the wisdom and understanding that we get from the Holy Spirit. Peace comes from following the Spirit's counsel and relying upon God's strength. Peace comes from gaining knowledge of the truth that God wants us to know, in total submission to his authority, obediently acting upon the truth.

In the Gospel reading, John the Baptist reminds us to "prepare the way of the Lord and make straight his paths." To receive the Spirit of God and his peace, we must prepare ourselves to meet Jesus in the Eucharist and in all the other ways that he comes to us. What kind of preparation produces peace? It's the work of honestly identifying our sins, happy that God is merciful, and straightening our crooked paths, because we realize that God's ways are really what's best for us.

Whatever separates us from God's peace, we must get rid of it. To do this, we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the Penitential Rite at the beginning of every Mass. Christ equips us for the journey into true peace!

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

Response to the psalm: Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

Gospel acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Next Week's Readings: Is 35:1-6,10; James 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

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	20 November 2022	27 November 2022
Planned Giving Envelopes	\$231.00	\$300.00
Loose money on plate	\$522.70	\$726.45
Direct Debit	\$329.00	\$345.00
Parish Giving App *	\$177.50	\$121.50
Total	\$1,256.70	\$1,492.95

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

Guardian Angels Church ROSTER (10 Dec - 11 Dec)

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

Readers: P Incer Nunez; P McMahon
Minister: Br Lawrie

9:00am Sunday Mass

Readers: M Allison; W Denton
Minister: G Moon

7:00am Sunday Mass

Readers: J Van der Togt
Minister: M McGrory

5:00pm Sunday Mass

Readers: X De Silva; M Brennan
Minister: G Hodgson

St Joseph the Worker—8am Sunday: T Owens

Cleaning Roster (This week): L Simpson; M Buckman; C Caparos

Thank you to the many Parishioners who came and enjoyed our Christmas Carols in the Courtyard last Sunday evening.

All the Choirs joined together to present an evening to be remembered.

Thanks also to the Knights of the Southern Cross for their contribution to the Sausage Sizzle and also for the ice creams which the children seemed to enjoy.

More events are being planned for next year including a Trivia night, movie night and other projects emanating from our Renewal Groups.

ST VINNIES Christmas Appeal – volunteers needed to pack the donations into hampers on **Thursday evening 15 December 2022** from 7pm, and then to deliver the hampers on **Saturday 17 December 2022** from 8.30 am – those with Utes or trailers particularly appreciated. Thank you all again for supporting St Vinnies with this appeal.

Christmas Mass Schedule

▲ **Guardian Angels School in “The Shed” Mt. Carmel Campus, Wynnum**

24 December ● 5PM Vigil Mass

▲ **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.**



Catholic Leader: The **December edition** of the Catholic Leader Newspaper is available for \$4 in the foyer of the GA Church. Proceeds from sales go to our local Vinnies Conference.

Children’s Liturgy at Guardian Angels Parish-11th December 5pm Sunday Mass

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.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: CANDLE OF PEACE

Priest: Today is the Second Sunday of Advent - the Sunday of Peace.



Our peace is found in God and in his Son, Jesus Christ. John the Baptist, and all the prophets remind us, that to receive peace we must be prepared for it. We light this candle today to remind us that Christ is the Prince of Peace, the one promised from the beginning of the world. We thank God for the hope he gives us and for the peace he bestows. (Light the First and Second Candles) LET US PRAY:

All: O God of Peace, Emmanuel, we pray you send your light into our hearts at this time. Help us to be ready for the day and the hour of Christ's appearing. Work in our hearts at this time and help us prepare ourselves for the peace that he brings – the inner peace that tells us that we are united with you and the outer peace which will come when he returns to judge the world. Bless our worship that it may be pleasing unto you, and bless us that we may prove to be your faithful servants. Amen.

WINNER KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS SILVER CIRCLE DRAW 7 OF 10

The winner of Draw 7 in the current Knights Silver Circle with ticket 94, is Lew Doyle. Congratulations Lew 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, 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.

- 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

THE “SPIRIT OF HOPE” CITY MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING will be held in St Stephen's Chapel, on Wednesday 7th December (10.45 - 12.15pm) following the regular 10am Mass. We would love you to join us for Praise & Worship & Personal Prayer Ministry. Our Guest speaker is David Kruse. Enq:- Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901

ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE (Collection—next week) - The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is supporting a special Advent appeal for the people of Ukraine, following a request from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia. Collections in dioceses, eparchies and parishes on the Second and/or Third Sunday of Advent will support *Mudra Sprava* (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. Find out more at: www.catholic.au

