



GUARDIAN ANGELS CATHOLIC PARISH WYNNUM



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.

Welcome to our Parish!


Parish Office Hours

Mon & Tues: 9am to 2pm

Wed, Thu & Fri: 9am to 4pm

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WEEKEND MASSES

Guardian Angels Church

Saturday 6pm

Sunday 7am, 9am, 5pm

Children’s Liturgy held every 2nd and 4th Sundays at the 5pm Mass

Iona College Chapel

Sunday 7:30am

St. Joseph the Worker, Hemmant

Sunday 8:00am

Nazareth House Chapel

Sunday 9:30am

Capuchin Friars in residence:

Parish Priest:

Father Thomas McFadden OFM Cap

Brother Lawrie Sweeper OFM Cap

Father John Cooper OFM Cap

First Sunday of Advent

3 December 2023

Good News Reflection

A gift for Jesus



Today we begin the Season of Advent. This year, as we prepare for Christmas, think about how you like to show your fondness for the special people in your life by choosing gifts that will be meaningful to them. And yet, assuming that you can actually find something (or make something) that will be appreciated, does it always make a difference in the long run?

How many gifts have you given in the past that became mere dust-collectors? Which ones turned out to be truly valuable with a long-lasting impact?

Since Christmas is the celebration of the birthday of Jesus, let’s remember to give him a gift, too. God deserves more gifts than anyone else, but what do you give to someone who already has everything? Or does he?

What gift can you give to Jesus that will have an eternal impact, a gift that no one else can give him, a gift he doesn’t already have? What have you been withholding from him? What talent or activity or ministry or commitment or change in lifestyle?

This Sunday’s first reading reminds us that God is our Father. The responsorial Psalm asks the Father to help us turn to him. The second reading gives thanks to God for all that he has done for us. So - what gift can you give to God to express your appreciation for what he has given to you?

In the Gospel reading, we’re reminded of the need to prepare - to actually do something that makes a difference - for the coming of Christ. This not only refers to his Second Coming. It’s also about the day when he comes for us as we breathe our last earthly breath. It’s about the way he wants to come to you during this year’s Season of Christmas. And it’s about the way he is coming to you right now, today.

There’s something new that he wants to give you. When he offers it, will he find you doing what’s right (as in the first reading)? Will he find you using your spiritual gifts (as in the second reading)? Will he find you alert and ready to do his bidding (as in the Gospel reading)?

Advent is an opportunity to take notice of the gifts he gives us and for becoming aware of the gifts we can give to him that he doesn’t already have. It should make an eternal difference - for him and for us. © 2023 Terry Modica, Catholic Digital Resources, www.catholicldr.com. Printed by permission.

Today’s Readings: Is 63:16-17;64:1,3-8; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Response to the Psalm: Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

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

Next Week’s Readings: Is 40:1-5,9-11; 2 Pet 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

New to the Parish?

Welcome to our Parish!

Feel free to take a Welcome Pack located at the back of the church.



We would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this country and their connection to the land, sea and waterways and the community. We also pay respect to their Elders, past and present and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Peoples today.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Guardian Angels Church ROSTER - 9 & 10 December 2023

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 5:15pm to 5:45pm
or during the week by appointment

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass
R: P Incer Nunez;
C Cloherty
M: Bro Lawrie; A Cloherty

9:00am Sunday Mass
R: W Denton; M Allison
M: P Switez-Glowacz; G Moon;
L Grantham; D Cormack

St Joseph the Worker
8am Sunday
Reader: T Owens

7:00am Sunday Mass
R : J Vander Togt;
A Trinder
M: A Rimes; M McGrory

5:00pm Sunday Mass
R: D Mohajer; Y DeSilva
M: M Buck; K Mohajer;
G Hodgson

Cleaning Roster
(This week):
G Robertson; K Pink;

Safeguarding Commitment

The Archdiocese has zero tolerance for all forms of abuse and is committed to safeguarding everyone involved in its activities, ministries, and services. The safety and wellbeing of children and adults-at-risk is paramount. **STOPLINE Ph: 1300 304 550 Email - AOB@stoline.com.au**

Second Collection	19 November 2023	26 November 2023
Planned Giving Envelopes	\$ 204.00	\$ 258.00
Loose money on plate	\$ 838.45	\$ 739.20
Direct Debit	\$ 309.00	\$ 460.00
Parish Giving App *	\$ 322.50	\$ 117.50
Total	\$ 1,673.95	\$ 1,574.70

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

Parish Announcements

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

Important Announcement

From 2024 the print edition of the Catholic Leader will move to a subscription-only model.

Printed copies will no longer be available at all churches.

To help ease the transition, we are offering a special deal where parishioners will get the remaining 2023 editions for free when they sign up for 2024. This offer ends **7 December**. On top of that, all new or renewing print subscribers will go in the draw for a chance to win from a stack of weekly prizes like movie tickets, restaurant, and book vouchers.

Once you have subscribed, the paper will be conveniently delivered to your door each month.

Subscribe now to take advantage of the special offer and also to go into a weekly prize draw! Subscription Envelopes are available at the back of the church or call us on (07) 3324 3555 or log onto

<https://catholicleader.com.au/subscribe/>

We are thankful for your support as we transition to a home delivery subscription-only model of The Catholic Leader.



We pray for their eternal rest...

We pray for eternal life for those whose remains rest in our Columbarium Walls: Denis Hickey; Angel Ynchausti; Franz Gruber; Robert Peet; Tereza Thomas, Merv Holman, Brian Eather, Ted Richardson and those remembered in our Memorial Walls: Kathleen & Herbert Sheehan; and the deceased members of the Owens and Carmichael families.



Christmas Mass Schedule

Guardian Angels School in "The Shed"

24 December • 5pm Christmas Vigil Mass

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

Guardian Angels Church, Wynnum

24 December • 8pm Christmas Vigil Mass

- **Midnight Mass (11:30pm Christmas Carols)**

25 December • 7am Christmas Mass

- **9am Christmas Mass**

***No afternoon/Evening Mass**

Iona College Chapel, Lindum

24 December • 7:30pm Christmas Vigil Mass

25 December • 7:30am Christmas Mass

St Joseph the Worker, Hemmant

- **Still to be advised.**



Nazareth House Chapel

- **Still to be advised.**

*****Note that the Masses on Sunday evening, 24th December are Christmas Vigil Masses, so you will need to attend Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent on either Saturday evening or Sunday morning.**

Children's Liturgy

For children aged between Prep & Grade 3. Held every **2nd and 4th Sunday at the 5pm Mass**. Young parents and families are welcome here at Guardian Angels Parish!
Next Session: 10th December



Parish Announcements

Parish Office Hours December to January

**Guardian Angels Parish Office Hours
December 2023 to January 2024**



**Monday to Friday
9am to 2pm**

*Office will be closed
14th December; and from
23rd December to 1st January
(inclusive)*



THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Thanks to all the parishioners who supported the 'Samaritan's Purse' Silver Circle to assist the G.A. Parish Care & Concern Ministry. All tickets have been sold and we are very appreciative of the support given to this initiative.
Parish Renewal Team.

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal is now underway. This year's Christmas Appeal shines a light on the escalating cost of living crisis and the ongoing impact on vulnerable people in our community. Alarmingly the number of people seeking our help in Queensland has risen by 15% with more than 24% of them reaching out to us for the first time.



The Joy of Living



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:

- An envelope is on your seat – fill it out and return to the parish office or place in either collection basket
- 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

St Pete's Pantry News

St Pete's Pantry was very excited to receive the Bonner Shining Star Community Group award for 2023 a couple of weeks ago. Marilynne from St Peter's Anglican Church would like to express her thanks on behalf of St Pete's Pantry for our support. "Guardian Angels Church was one of the first organisations to partner with the Pantry to assist those less fortunate in our community, so we feel this Community Award is yours too. Thank you for your ongoing support."



December List of Events

Date	Event
3rd Dec. Sunday 10:30am	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Open Invitation to all interested Parishioners to attend - Parish Hall
10th Dec. Sunday 1:30pm	Greccio Retreat (see notice below) Open Invitation - Parish Hall
10th Dec. Sunday 6:00pm	Parish Christmas Carols Celebration w/ BBQ - Parish Hall
17th Dec. Sunday 6:00pm	Ecumenical Carol Service including our Parish Choir held at St Peter's Anglican Church

Greccio Retreat Afternoon



GRECCIO RETREAT AFTERNOON

to prepare well for Christmas with the help of St Francis

10th December 2023

"Celebrating 800 Years of the Christmas Crib"

Led by Father Thomas McFadden OFM Cap

1:30 – 4:00pm at the Guardian Angels Parish Hall

Open to the whole Parish community.

Contact Joan Hanley ofs by phone or SMS on 0407 670 603

Christmas Mass Rosters

The Parish is looking for available volunteers for our **Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses**. If you are able to volunteer as a **Reader or Extraordinary Minister** for any of our Christmas Masses, our Roster Sign-up sheet is now available at the Sacristy. Alternatively do feel free to ring us at the Parish Office. *Thank you.*



Free Advent and Christmas Resources for Kids

Evangelisation Brisbane's Children and Families team has created a collection of free resources to help engage children and parents in our parishes during the upcoming liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas. Resources can be accessed at tinyurl.com/adventchristmasresources2023 including a printable Advent Calendar, craft activities, a weekly Advent video series and animated Nativity story video.



FIRST SUNDAY of ADVENT - CANDLE of HOPE

Priest: Today is the first Sunday of Advent, the Sunday in which we recall the hope we have in Christ.

ALL: The prophets of Israel all spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of David. They spoke of how he would rule the world wisely and bless all nations.

Priest: On Christmas day the Christ of our hope was born. On Good Friday the Christ of our hope died. On Easter day the Christ of our hope rose from the dead. He then ascended into heaven. On the last day, the Christ of our hope will come again to establish his kingdom over all things on earth.

ALL: As the follower of Christ, we await his return. We light this candle to remember that as he came to us humbly in the manger at Bethlehem and gave light to the world, so he is coming again in power to deliver his people.

Priest: We light this candle to remind us to be alert and to watch for his return. (Light the First Candle)

Priest: LET US PRAY - Loving God, we thank you for the hope you give us. Help us prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming. Bless our worship. Help us live holy and righteous lives. We ask it in the name of the one born in Bethlehem.

ALL: Amen.



"SPIRIT OF HOPE" CITY MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING

THE "SPIRIT OF HOPE" CITY MONTHLY PRAYER MEETING will be held in **St Stephen's Chapel** on **Wednesday 6th December 2023** (10.45 - 12.15pm) following the regular 10am Mass. Please join us for a **Christmas Presentation, Journeying through Scripture and Song**, to herald in the **Birth of Jesus!!** This is our final Prayer Meeting for the year. Let us Praise God for all our Blessings throughout the year. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Enq:- Maureen 0403002199 or Helena 0405321901



Capuchin Mission Christmas Cards

Capuchin Mission Christmas Cards \$10 (pack of 5 cards) **now available on sale at the Parish Office** (Mon to Fri 9am to 2pm).

Capuchin Mission Christmas Cards – pack of 5 Cards for \$10.00

Christmas Spiritual Bouquet

I have asked the Divine Infant of Bethlehem to give you a special place in the Spiritual Bouquet of a Novena of Masses to be offered during the Christmas Season. To this Spiritual Bouquet I also add my own prayers and best wishes.



May Christ come to you this Christmas with the gift of Love, the blessing of Hope, and the promise of Peace:

- May the Holy Family bless you in a deep binding way with the special joy and gladness of the first bright Christmas
- May the Peace and Happiness of Christmas be yours today and every day throughout the New Year
- May the Holy Family's Love be with you this happy Christmas Day And their blessings rest upon you Every day throughout the year!

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Room for Rent

We have a male parishioner who is urgently seeking rental accommodation. If you have a granny flat/room that he could potentially rent, could you please contact Father Thomas to find out more. Thank you for your consideration.



Advent Concert Series Invitations ...



St Peter's Church invites you to join us in an

Ecumenical Carol Service

Sunday 17th December
6.00 pm

Includes
Guardian Angels Choir

St. Peter's Church, 77 Charlotte St, Wynnum



Cathedral of St Stephen Advent Concert Series

Dominic Perissinotto (organ) | Sunday 3rd December | 5:00pm
Christopher Trikilis (organ) | Sunday 10th December | 5:00pm
Susan Collins (violin) | Sunday 17th December | 5:00pm

MUSIC AND POETRY
TO CELEBRATE THE ADVENT SEASON

Tickets through www.trybooking.com/12023