



PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CLOSED WEDNESDAYS

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First Sunday of Advent – 1 December 2019 Year A

The Lord of Peace Comes in Glory and Majesty

On this weekend we begin our yearly pilgrimage through the events of our history of salvation starting with the preparation for the birthday celebration of Jesus and ending with the reflection on his glorious "second coming" as judge at the end of the world.

We are entering the Advent season. Advent means coming. We are invited to meditate on Jesus' first coming in history as a baby in Bethlehem, his daily coming into our lives in mystery through the Sacraments, through the Bible and through the worshipping community and finally his Second Coming at the end of the world to reward the just and to punish the wicked. We see the traditional signs of Advent in our Church: violet vestments and the Advent wreath. These signs remind us that we must prepare for the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives, enabling him to radiate his love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness around us.

The consistent warning in today's Gospel text is that we should be prepared for the coming of the master. Our text indicates that the end will seem to be a peaceful. In this routine normal life, it might be easy to forget the "*coming of the Son of Man.*" Jesus reminds us that there is something more important than feasts or weddings: the Son of Man will come to us unexpectedly, either at our death or at the end of the world, and that could be at any moment. Since God will show up without an appointment, we must be prepared at all times.

So Advent is very important because, this is a season of great awakening, preparation, and of great expectation of the birth of Jesus. It is a season of great joy. It is, a season of prayer when all Christians must turn to God in prayer.

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Parish Priest.

First Reading: (Isaiah 2:1-5)

The vision of Isaiah, son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem: In the days to come, the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it. Peoples without number will come to it and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples. These will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation. There will be no more training for war. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Second Reading: (Romans 13:11-14)

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now; our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over. It will be daylight soon. Let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark. Let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime; no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel: (Matthew 24:37-44)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of night the burglar would come. He would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'



WEEKDAY MASSES

Brighton

Monday: 9:15am

Sandgate

Tuesday: 7am

Thursday: 5.30pm

Eucharistic Adoration begins 12 noon Thursday and continues after Mass until 10pm.

Friday: 7am

Regis Aged Care:

Christmas Mass – 17 Dec 10am

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday:

Eventide Chapel: 9.30am
Brighton Church: 5pm

Sunday:

Brighton: 7am
Sandgate: 9am & 5pm

Parish Council Meeting:

3rd Thursday of the month

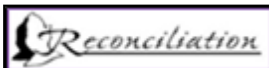
SCHOOL MASSES

St Kieran's School:

Principal: Ben Gray
Thurs 5 December 9am
Phone: 3269 5989

Sacred Heart School:

Principal: Julian Cotter
6 December 9am
Phone: 3269 3427



Saturdays

Sandgate: 11.30am – 12pm

Brighton: 4pm (2nd Rite)
1st Saturday of the month

Reconciliation is also available by appointment.



PARISHNEWSLETTER



THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION: Thankyou to all the parishioners who worked tirelessly to help celebrate our Annual Parish Thanksgiving last Sunday. It was a wonderful day where we also had the opportunity to recognise and thank countless volunteers for their selfless commitment to their chosen Ministry.

VOCATION VIEW: In our materialistic society, someone must stand up to stay awake and speak for our spiritual heritage. Could that be you?

CHOIR PRACTICE: Practice for our Christmas celebrations will continue in Sandgate each **Wednesday at 7:30pm** and continue until Wednesday 18 December. All parishioners are welcome to come along.

DAILY REFLECTIONS: 'GOD'S WORD 2020' is still available at the Church for \$10.00 each. These are a great spiritual companion in your life journey and an ideal Christmas gift to give to your loved ones to help them to grow in God's love; to be nourished by the Word of God daily.

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE: This year, we are continuing our Giving Tree initiative. Sandgate has a tree decorated with gift tags. Parishioners are encouraged to take a tag and return it with an unwrapped gift for that person (eg. Girl Age 10). These gifts will be included in hampers provided by St Vincent de Paul to those struggling at this time of year. Your selfless generosity in sharing the joy of the season is greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS DAY LUNCH: Parishioners are invited to join us celebrate together the birth of Jesus. Lunch will be served from 12 noon on Wednesday 25 December in the Parish Hall at Sandgate. If you would like to attend, donate your time, food or make a financial contribution towards the cost of the lunch, please leave your name at the Parish Office or contact Frankie Pepper on 0414 011 906 or Caren Rosenberg-O'Brien 0401 072 431.

VINNIES NEWS: The annual **VINNIES CHRISTMAS APPEAL** will be held next weekend, **7-8 December**. Anything you are able to give assists us to help those in need in our area.

As well as the Appeal, there are baskets at the back of each church to accept your donations of non-perishable goods. Thankyou for thinking of those who need your help.

The Brighton Vinnies Conference is also running a raffle of a beautiful hand sewn quilt which has been made and donated by a very generous parishioner. Tickets will be sold after Mass and drawn before Christmas. Don't forget, our Piety Stalls at both Brighton and Sandgate have the 2020 **Columban Calendars** on sale for \$9.70 and **Christmas cards** in stock.

30TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL OF ST STEPHEN: At the 10.00am Mass on **Wednesday 4th December**, Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate Mass to commemorate the 30th Anniversary

of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St Stephen, following the 1989 renovations. Parishioners are invited to attend and join us for morning tea following the Mass. For catering purposes, please **RSVP** by **Friday 29th November** to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au.



THE LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS: This event is back in 2019! With a BRAND NEW light show and nightly carols, this FREE event runs 11-24 December from 6:30pm. **SEE THE NOTICEBOARD FOR DETAILS.**

ST GERARD'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL: Nightly 29 November to 23 December. Includes New **Carols by Candlelight** Outdoors 21 December at 7pm with Renata and Paradise City Band. Massive Light Display, Gift Shop and Op Shop, Coffee Shop, BBQ. Free Musical Entertainment every night. See website for schedule (www.olaparishchermerside.org.au) 146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermerside West.

"SIMBANG GABI": is a devotional series of nine dawn Masses practiced by Filipino Catholics in the Philippines as preparation for the birth of Jesus Christ. On **Friday, 20 December** at **Sacred Heart Church** one such **Mass** will be celebrated in **English** at **7:30pm** preceded by **Carols** at **7pm**. Fellowship will follow in the Parish Hall. Please bring a plate to share. Proceeds of Simbang Gabi will be donated to the children and elderly who are victims of physical abuse and abandonment in Bacolod in the Philippines. There are also many people suffering from tuberculosis under the care of the congregation. Please pray for them.

RECONCILIATION: In preparation for Christmas, Reconciliation will be offered –

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| 1 st Rite | Sandgate | Saturday 7 December 11.30am; |
| 2 nd Rite | Brighton | Saturday 7 December 4pm; |
| 1 st Rite | Sandgate | Saturday 14 December 11.30am |
| 1 st Rite | Sandgate | Thursday, 19 December 6.30pm |
| | | Two Priests will be available on this night. |
| 1 st Rite | Sandgate | Saturday 21 December 11.30am |

WEEKLY PARISH ACTIVITIES

CENACLE: Tuesdays after 7am Mass at Sandgate.

BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays 6pm. Home groups at various locations. Please contact Vanessa (0403 492 879) or Salomon (0415 420 443) for locations.

LEGION OF MARY: Thursdays 9am-10.30am in the Parish Office. New members welcome!

BRIGHTON CHOIR PRACTICE: Every Thursday 3.30pm in Brighton Church. New members enthusiastically welcomed!

ADORATION: Thursdays 12noon – 10pm at Sacred Heart Church. Holy Hour begins at 9pm.

- Catholic Health Australia welcomes government's \$537 million boost to increase home care and to get young people out of residential care.
- Nerang parishioners celebrate silver anniversary of St Brigid's Church and school on the Gold Coast.
- Brisbane archdiocese steps up to help eradicate human exploitation with a Modern Slavery Statement submission to the Federal government.
- St Stephen's Primary School, Algester raises \$13,000 for the Socktober Catholic Mission Appeal to help children in Ghana.
- Brisbane's new religious community, Sisters of the Morning Star, offer a five-week iconography course during Advent.
- Dutch priest Fr Michael Remery launches his new book 'Online with the Saints' to break bread in a digital Jerusalem.
- St Stephen's Cathedral commemorates 30 years since it's renovation and dedication on December 4.
- 93-year-old Jindalee parishioner Dorothy Russell's parish 'housekeeping' is close to award winning.

PARISH ROSTER

We are always appreciative of the many ways parishioners contribute to the life of the Parish by way of their selfless volunteering.

MINISTERS OF THE WORD	30 November – 1 December	7 – 8 December
5pm Saturday Brighton	P Ryan C Hickey TBA	K Lynch H Rodrigues TBA
7am Sunday Brighton	D Smith M Thompson P McNamara	J Rosenberg D Madden R Mahon
9am Sunday Sandgate	L Rodrigues S Bria TBA	K Coffey M Lynch C McLaren
5pm Sunday Sandgate	M Judd TBA	TBA TBA
EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTERS	30 November – 1 December	7 – 8 December
5pm Saturday Brighton	C Rosenberg-O'Brien J Moore K Lynch	D Price L Isaak TBA
7am Sunday Brighton	P Pehrson P Cross M Cross	D Kelly C Rosenberg-O'Brien TBA
9am Sunday Sandgate	J Murdoch S Butler L Kelly	L North V O'Brien TBA
5pm Sunday Sandgate	P Janbroers TBA	B Fallis TBA
ALTAR SERVERS	30 November – 1 December	7 – 8 December
5pm Saturday Brighton	TBA	TBA
7am Sunday Brighton	TBA	M Kilroy
9am Sunday Sandgate	TBA	S Bastian A Bastian K Andes-Olsson
5pm Sunday Sandgate	TBA	TBA
CHURCH CLEANING	30 November – 1 December	7 – 8 December
Brighton	TBA	D Abberton
Sandgate	P Mair	TBA
HOSPITALITY	30 November – 1 December	7 – 8 December
7am Sunday Brighton	F Edwards D Price	L Isaak F Edwards
9am Sunday Sandgate	E Bria C Rosenberg-O'Brien	B Gunn D Hauff-Green
CHILDREN'S LITURGY	30 November – 1 December	7 – 8 December
9am Sunday Sandgate	A Hennessy M Carter	M Bernard
COUNTERS	2 December	9 December
Parish Office (8am Monday)	G Jesburg B Boyle	C Rosenberg-O'Brien P Ryan
BAPTISM PREPARATION	Next Baptism Preparation Session – 1 December. Kilroy Family	
DINNER IN THE PARK	7 December – F Edwards, B Fallis, K Donohue	

READINGS: YEAR A

	1st Sunday of Advent	2nd Sunday of Advent
1st Reading	Isaiah 2:1-5	Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm:	Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. cf. v. 1	Ps 71:1-2,7-8,12-13,17 R. cf. v. 7
2nd Reading	Romans 13:11-14	Romans 15:4-9
Gospel	Matthew 24:37-44	Matthew 3:1-12

1st Sunday of Advent: 'WALK IN GOD'S LIGHT.' We do not know when Christ will come again in glory. Nor do we know the day of our death. This should not worry us. What is important is to live this day well by being respectful and loving towards each other and seeking to walk in God's light. If we do this, we will be ready whenever God call us to eternal life.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Ivy BRUCE, Colleen BOCK, Meredith KELLY, Raul, CORIAS, Glen HIPWOOD, David CHINNERY, Ellenor POWER, Ruth DALY, Ted WHITE, Norma GEARY, Muriel URQUHART, Esther HARTE, Harvey DELACOUR, George BASTIAN, Clare LAUMAN, David HOGAN, Justin CARR, Jason MORPHETT, John RHULE, Trish MORRISON, Annette BOYER, Pat BURNS, Agnes CHARNLEY, Lee CONSTABLE, David DOWLING, Grace FERRINGTON, Marjorie GLEESON, Thomas HARTE, Helen HOGAN, Kellin HYDE, John JAMES, Pauline JOHNSON, Chloe MASON, Tarryn MCDERMOTT, Trevor PAYNE, Christina PETERS, Jesse PETERS, Colin ROBINSON, John SHEPHERD, Candice THOMPSON, Samantha TSALIKIS and Valerie WORKMAN.

(If you know of someone no longer required to be included in this list, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REPOSE OF THE SOULS: For Ken HOPKINS, Betty BAMBRICK, Fr Martin DOYLE, Ricky BENNETT, Angelo MORETTI and Jean SARGENT who died recently and for Anne BALL, Rhonda KLINCKE, Annie MCKEOWN, Barry HILL, Bill FLANNERY, Joseph Gerard RYAN, Alfred DOWNES, Agnes DOWNES, Vincent DOWNES, Valda HARMS, Anthony GUNN, Noel James MCKEERING, Shirley SHEPHERD, Henry (Tyson) CARR, Ned William PRICE, Nora SMITH, Darryl GLEESON, Anastacia RABBITT, Carmel JEFFREYS, Calogero CARUSO, and Jean KELLY whose anniversaries occur around this time.

RESPONSE: (Ps 121: 1- 5. R. cf. v.2) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: (Ps 84:8) **Alleluia! Alleluia!** Lord, show us your mercy and love and grant us your salvation. **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

MYSTERY OF FAITH: When we eat his Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: (Ps 84:13) The Lord will bestow his bounty and our earth shall yield its increase.

ENTRANCE: OPEN THE HEAVENS

REFRAIN: Open the heavens, Lord, Come to your people,
hide not your face, O God.
Open the heavens, Lord, Come to your people,
open the heavens, and come.

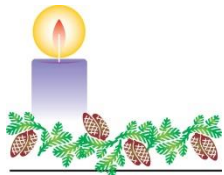
Look on the sheep of your pasture, Lord.
Water your vineyard again
Scattered and broken, return to our aid,
Open the heavens and come. ®

BRIDGE: Wake, awake, O Israel
see your light has come.
Rise and clothe yourself in strength
know your Lord is near.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, today.
Listen to hear when he comes
know that salvation will break like the dawn,
Open the heavens and come. ®

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LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH:



Now we'll light the candles;
Candles in a ring
So that they will light the way for our
coming king.
Ev'ry year they help us count by their
bright array

And remember why Christ came on that Christmas Day.

Thinking of God's promise as we light the first,
Darkness he will overthrow for our God is just.
Jesus is our only light and through him we pray
And remember why Christ came on that Christmas Day

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS: RENEWAL SONG

REFRAIN: Father I thank you for your goodness!
You show yourself to children!
And in my life I see you leading me
into my childhood once again.

Under the shadow of your guiding hand
I walk the journey of my life.
Across the years I see you leading me
and I am young again. ®

I feel the waters of your life in me;
They come from deep within my heart.

Into your peacefulness you're calling me;
and I am born again. ®

Beside your waters I am growing still!
Your Spirit rises in my heart!
Renewing every fibre of my life;
and I am strong again. ®

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REFLECTION: I'LL BE ALWAYS LOVING YOU

I am here with you by your side,
Sheltering your heart from the night.

REFRAIN: Wherever you go, whatever you do,
I'll be always loving you.

Let me love the world through your heart.
Let me heal your wounds with my touch. ®

BRIDGE: I will be your God, your comforter.
I will hold you close in my heart.

Let me see the world through your eyes.
Let forgiveness shine through your smile. ®

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RECESSIONAL: SING TO THE MOUNTAINS

REFRAIN: Sing to the mountains, sing to the sea.
Raise your voices, lift your hearts.
This is the day the Lord has made.
Let all the earth rejoice.

I will give thanks to You, my Lord,
You have answered my plea.
You have saved my soul from death.
You are my strength and my song. ®

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. ®

This is the day that the Lord has made.
Let us be glad and rejoice.
He has turned all death to life.
Sing of the glory of God. ®

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