



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

1st Sunday of Advent

Year B Cycle II

3 December 2023



Actively Awaiting

Jesus uses a number of vigorous verbs in this Gospel to describe the behaviour he wants to see as we await his coming: we are to 'be alert', to 'be awake'. These are all applied to our ordinary existence. Yes, the daily round that doesn't seem important in the eyes of the world is precious in the eyes of God as it is in daily life that the kingdom of God is unfolding for us. We do not drift into this kingdom or find ourselves within by default. God wants us to actively and effectively participate in making his kingdom a reality in our world. It takes great daily courage to take these words to heart but when we do our lives, our often very humble lives, attain a meaning and depth that cannot come from human sources. Judgement will be made, not upon what presentation we may be able to drum up at the last minute, but rather on what we do day-by-day when no-one is around. When we trust the plan that God has for our lives, the grace of the Spirit opens our eyes to infinite vistas in the confined spaces of our daily life.

God's Word Sr Kym Harris OSB

Parish Vocations Volunteers Wanted!

This weekend we welcome Fr Sam French, the Diocesan Vocations Director, who is here to speak on vocations.

The Broken Bay Vocations Team is seeking your help to nurture a culture of vocations in our local Church. As a Parish Vocations Volunteer, you could play a vital role in promoting vocations awareness, encouraging prayer, and supporting local events in your parish. If you feel called to this rewarding service, your involvement would be greatly valued. To express your interest, simply scan the QR code provided and follow the prompts.

In Christ
Fr Sam



Catholic Vocations Broken Bay



**Feast Days
this Week**

St Ambrose
7 December

**The Immaculate
Conception**
8 December



**Congratulations
Fr Bill**

on the occasion
of your

**55th Anniversary
of Ordination**

7 December 2023!

**Parish
Morning
Tea**



The Ambrosian
Family Group
is hosting our
final Morning Tea
for 2023 on
Sunday 10
December in the
Parish Centre after
9:30am Mass.
All Welcome!



**Nursing Home
Mass**

and Anointing of
the Sick will be
celebrated at
Killarney Court
Killarney Vale at
11am on
Tuesday.

Looking Forward

We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed. 1 CO 1:7

Based on life expectancy, we can surmise that this Advent is one of probably 70 or 80 which we will each experience. For children, Advent and Christmas are times of wonder. As adults though, it can become routine and repetitive. There may not be a lot to distinguish this Advent from past Advents.

Looking into the future, the view is different. Amid our Christmas preparations, the Church invites us to heed two more "advents" of God which are just around the corner - first when we die, and then again when Jesus returns. Neither of those will be routine or repetitive!

Advent gets us into the habit of looking forward. Our Lord wants us to foster this habit, constantly preparing to see God who draws ever closer. Death can be likened to Jesus approaching us from behind and tapping us on the shoulder. He wants us to turn around and greet him with joy and affection, not begging for more time.

So, for the next four weeks, we take the Bethlehem shepherds and Magi as our guides. We imagine ourselves travelling with them, preparing to meet Jesus. When Christmas arrives, the Lord should find us ready to receive him, and equally prepared for the other two Advents in our future.

At the end of my life on earth O Lord, grant me the resolve to run forth to meet you with the wonder and joy of a child on Christmas morning. Amen.

The Sign Fr John Corrigan

Twofold Coming

Today the Church begins the season of Advent which is divided into two parts: from the first Sunday to 16 December we prepare for the future coming of Jesus and from 17 to 24 December we recall his historical coming. The Church is a pilgrim Church. It journeys between this twofold coming of Jesus. During this journey the Church, like any other pilgrim, goes through a threefold experience of loneliness, hope and watchful waiting. In moments of crisis and struggles we feel that we have been abandoned by God. It is not that God has deserted us but we have forgotten or ignored his presence with us. Even in such situations we have to believe that another world is possible. It is only those who see the invisible who can do the impossible. We ought to hope for the intervention of the Lord and wait for it patiently, just as the Church waits vigilantly for the second coming of the Lord. As we begin the season of Advent and a new Liturgical Year today let us ask the Lord to grant us a deep sense of security and assurance during our journey of faith, a journey towards a new world of love, joy and peace.

God's Word Fr Robert D'Souza

Voluntary Assisted Dying Act

Bishop Anthony Randazzo has produced a booklet, an *Interim Pastoral Guideline on Voluntary Assisted Dying*, which includes an explanation of the Voluntary Dying Act, and the Catholic Response. A limited number of copies are on the courtyard side table or it can be downloaded at <https://www.bbcatholic.org.au/news/latest-news/euthanasia-now-legal-in-nsw>

Vinnies Christmas Appeal

The St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal is being held in our parish next weekend 9/10 December. Support families struggling with the escalating cost-of-living crisis this Christmas. Help provide food, clothing, living expenses and crisis support for vulnerable people in Australia like Anna and her family. Envelopes will be available on the pews and may be added to the collections. Thank you for your kindness.



Bible Reflection

Please Note:

No session
6 December.
Final session
Wednesday
13 December
in the Reynolds
Room 9:30am.

Happy Birthday to Jesus!

KidsClub invites all children to a very special Christmas Party! Join us for fun, craft, games, food and birthday cake. Saturday 9 December in the Reynolds Room from 3-4:45pm. Then come along to the Vigil Mass at 5pm. Enquiries to the parish office on 4332 2216.

Stay Awake!

You never know when the Lord will come! In Sunday's Gospel, Mark 13:33-37, Jesus urges us to stay awake and be vigilant, for we do not know when the Lord will return. As followers of Jesus, we have a responsibility to help others stay awake and be vigilant in their spiritual journey. There is a great need for catechists (Scripture Teachers) in our community today. The world is constantly changing, and the challenges facing our youth are becoming more complex. It is crucial that we have dedicated and passionate individuals who are willing to share their faith and knowledge with children in our public schools. We are seeking catechists for the 2024 school year.

Being a catechist is not just about teaching the faith, it's about being a witness to the faith and helping children to encounter Christ. It's about being present to them and helping them grow in their relationship with God.

If you have a passion for sharing the faith and helping children on their spiritual journey, then consider becoming a catechist. You don't need to have a degree in religious studies. All you need is a love for God and a willingness to share that love. You will be required to have a current Working With Children Check number and attend training which is provided free of charge. The Diocese has its own curriculum, 'Walking With Jesus' and these resources are also provided to you.

I encourage you, if you feel called to this important ministry, to step forward and answer that call. Together, we can help build a stronger, more vibrant Church for generations to come.

Classes are held each Thursday in school terms at Killarney Vale, Brooke Avenue, Bateau Bay and The Entrance public schools.

For more information call Leanne on 4332 2216 or email leanne@ourladyoftherosary.org.au



International Day for People with Disabilities

A day to increase awareness, understanding and acceptance of persons with disabilities.

The Popes Prayer Intention



We pray that people living with disabilities may be at the centre of attention in society, and that institutions may offer inclusive programs which value their active participation.



Low Gluten Hosts

Please see one of the Priests before Mass if you are a coeliac.

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Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay)

Weekday Masses Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am

Reconciliations Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm

Liturgy of the Hours Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am

Cenacle Prayer Group Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

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Is 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

1 Cor 1:3-9

Mk 13:33-37

Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Responsorial 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!

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

Keep Us In Your Prayers

There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel

Recently Deceased: Dawn Collins, Charles Gatt, Fr John Alt, Fr Ken Sargent, Kathleen Desmond.

Funerals: The funeral of Dawn Collins was held during the week. The funeral of Charles Gatt will be held this Wednesday at 11:30am. Please pray for Dawn, Charles and their families.

Anniversaries: Leo Lowe, Jill O'Sullivan, Ralph Jayesuria, Josephine & Frank Ragonesi.

Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Joe Bond, Dallas McDonald, Simon Butcher, Lenore Nelson, John Giutronich and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Families: Lanalley & Moore.

Sick: Margaret Falzon, Martin Ghirxi, Susan Simmons, Barbara Greaney, Anne & Trish Knoke, Lyle Dunn, Paul Smith, Anne O'Rourke, Collette O'Grady, Emma Horton, Marc Sabat, Linda Read, Peter O'Grady, Tanya Doorn, Kelly Will, and all with serious illness.

Baptisms: Briar & Sol Hoeben, Elijah Taylor.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Christmas has Arrived at our Gift Centre

Beautiful Christmas gifts and Nativities - come and see!
We are open before and after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and before and after the 9:30am Sunday Mass in the Church foyer. EFTPOS is available. For any enquiries:

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