

Living Waters Catholic Parish

Embracing the Communities of:

Beachmere, Little Flower Bribie Island, St Peter's Caboolture, St Michael's Kilcoy, St Mary's Woodford.

Third Sunday in Advent

10th / 11th December 2022

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This third Sunday we celebrate the joy of anticipation popularly called *Gaudete* Sunday which breaks away from the usual tone of advent celebration to talk about joy. Looking particularly on the Gospel Matthew 11: 2-11, one would wonder what's the joy all about given that the forerunner John the Baptist who was introduced in the whole scene just last Sunday is now under lock and key in prison and is also explicitly expressing some concern about the man of whom he spoke of last Sunday that will "baptise people with the Holy Spirit and fire, whose sandals he's unfit to untie".

Apparently, John's concern has thrown up a puzzle that needs solving and the reply of Jesus to his emissary isn't helping either. "go back and tell John, Jesus says, what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me". The question is, does it mean by any chance that John was losing faith in Jesus, the very man he foreruns?

The oracle of Isaiah 55: 8-9 declares, "for my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts". Those prophetic words from Isaiah can help in our attempt to solve that puzzle. Like John, there are times when we do not clearly understand what God says to us or in the various ways he calls us yet we feel and hear him calling, and he never stops in calling us into his mission. I dare to call it "the Baptist episode" and I do not mean that as a psychological event but literally as a group of events which occurs as a part of a sequence of events which should not be considered in isolation, of which may not follow any given order. So yes, there are times when we may even doubt about the elementary things we know and heard about God because they do not follow any particular order just like Mary in her annunciation narrative. She said to the Angel of Annunciation, 'but how can this come about...?'

But one thing stands out in both narrative. Even in their doubt, John the baptizer and Mary did not fail to ask question. John's was, "are you the Christ or should we expect another?" So, even in our doubts we must not fail to ask questions. Maybe, the joy of this Sunday's celebration that did interrupt the usual tone of advent flow could be one that asks questions.

Happy Gaudete Sunday and peace be with you!



**Congratulations to Ziggy Pusell and
Norah & Eli Vascotto**

who were be Baptised into our Parish family
this past Week.



Our country's Catholic bishops are encouraging us to respond to the call from the head of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia to provide financial support to people in the war-torn nation as winter arrives. Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR gave an update on the situation in Ukraine during the plenary meeting of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference earlier this month. He thanked the bishops for praying – and inviting their communities to pray – for Ukraine and asked them to renew those prayers. He also requested that bishops hold a special collection to “support the people in Ukraine during this winter, which will be the most challenging for our country for decades of independence”. The bishops gave strong support to that proposal, and are encouraging dioceses, eparchies, parishes, schools and other ministries to facilitate a special collection during Advent for Ukraine. “Mindful of the busyness of this pre-Christmas period, communities are invited to find a day, a weekend or some other moment or moments to focus on the people of Ukraine,” said Bishops Conference president Archbishop Timothy. It should also be a time to again place the Prayer for Peace in Ukraine that the Bishops Conference composed back in February into our hearts and minds. *(This prayer can be found on the back of the newsletter)*

Our Parish will be taking up a special collection across all masses next weekend (after the Gospel but before the Homily) we ask that, if possible, you come prepared. We know that the financial demands on you during this time are extreme and there are constant calls for help from a variety of organisations, some of whom we know you support faithfully, but if you can look towards sparing a single gold coin to put towards this urgent call for help, assistance (through the above agency) can & will be given to those who face Winter in war-torn Ukraine. May God bless you in your compassion for our Ukrainian brothers & sisters. Fr David

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Our Recently Deceased

Owen Humberdross, Geoff Seymour, Tadeusz Ocysek, Regina Radziszewska, Irene Kingsman, Ben Venturato, Patricia Walker, Terry Johnson & Kay Berge who have recently gone to their eternal reward.

Those Whose Anniversaries Occur at This Time

Robert Donovan, Kevin sharpe, Therese O'Connell, Terry Walsh, David Hatfield, Tom Fleming, Valrae Hogan, Una Withers, Hazel Schipp, Mona Taylor, Joe Vicsai, Maureen Aiton, Giovanni Pinna, Jamie Moran, France Pasnin, Vincenzo Belmonte, Shirley Johnstone, Doug Dale, Mary Bravo, Thorna Levinson, Mary Ledwidge, Ivan Bate, Emily Teske, Keith Smith, Margery Halpin, Gary Beckett & Robert Cudmore.

Our Parishioners, Family & friends who are Sick

Gemma Hockey, Von Wood, Ted Hawkins, Bernard Smith, Margaret Neale, Beris McHugh, Aileen Suhmann, Jane O'Byrne, Margaret Kelly, Urszula Parchimowicz, Moya Handsley, Doris McMackin, Ron Criss, Des Kelly, Joe Flynn, Gwen Bazzo, Nikki Williams, Kathryn Mobley, Laurie Barron, Bozidar Howard, Arthur Hangan, Margaret Ryan, Pat Stinson, Gerry van Dinter, Mike & Kaye Brown, Susan Genery, Terry Farrelly, Catherine Johnson, Judy Wade, Jessica Timson, Susanne Weir, Heidi Greentree, Kerry & Felicity McGill, Dawn & John Roberts, Les Stephenson, Anton Lenhart, Michael Cooper, Col McLaughlin, Helen Teys, Nicholas Edwards, Joana Van Laart, Bede Brittenden, Miriam Gittins, Tracey Morgan, Abel McHugh, Rita Hyde.

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK

Third Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6
Psalm Resp: *Lord, come and save us.*
Second Reading: James 5:7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Weekday Readings:

Mon: Numbers 24:2-7,15-17; Ps 24:4-9; Matt 21:23-27
Tues: *St Lucy* Zeph 3:1-2,9-13; Ps 33:2-3,6-7,16,18-19,23; Mt 21:28-32
Wed: *St John of the Cross* Isaiah 45:6-8,18,21-25; Ps 84:9-14; Lk 7:19-23
Thur: Is 54:1-10; Ps 29:2,4-6,11-13; Lk 7:24-30
Fri: Isaiah 56: 1-3,6-8; Ps 66:2-3,5,7-8; John 5:33-36
Sat: Gen 49:2,8-10; Ps 71:1-4,7-8; Mt 1:1-17

Fourth Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm Resp: *Let the Lord enter, he is the King of Glory*
Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

What's the difference between the Christmas alphabet & the ordinary alphabet? The Christmas alphabet has Noel.

Christmas Gatherings Across the Parish

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Masses

Little Flower - 6pm & 8pm

St Peter's -

7pm (Please BYO Chair Multipurpose centre in School)
& Midnight (Church)

St Mary's - 6.30pm

St Michael's - 5pm

Christmas Day Masses

Little Flower - 8.00am

St Peter's - 7am (Church)

& 10am (BYO Chair Multipurpose centre in school)

St Mary's - 9am

St Michael's - 9.30am

Please note there will be no mass on Boxing Day



Parish Collections

Parish Giving for 3rd / 4th December \$5090.35

*Thank you for your constant support of our Parish,
both financially and prayerfully.*

'Celebration of Unity'

One Mass – 10am Sunday 19th February, 2023

*We had our last meeting for the year last week and
from that have given out the names of people who
have volunteered to assist on the day.*

*A co-ordinator will be in touch with those people to
let them know how their gifts can/will be used on the
day. Once again, we thank them for offering their
services. If you would like to put your hand up and
help it's not too late, just give the Parish Office a call.*

It's wonderful to see the response to the new Living Waters Name Badges, if you would like to own one yourself, please give the Office a call and for \$5.00 you can secure your very own!

Heart of the Disciple Advent Discussion Groups

Little Flower Bribie

St Mary's Woodford

Fredrick Ozanam Centre

Church Hall

Enq: Colm 0499 729 081

Enq: Della 0478 601 987

Tuesday 13th Dec 1.30pm

Friday 16th Dec 9.00am

Tuesday 20th Dec 1.30pm

Friday 23rd Dec 9.00am

The Little Flower Church Hospitality Group will have their Christmas Get Together Lunch at THE BRIBIE ISLAND HOTEL, SYLVAN BEACH this TUESDAY, at 12noon. please RSVP to Marilyn on 0407486328

St Peter's Christmas Lunch

St Peter's Hospitality Group would like to invite all Parishioners to their Christmas Lunch. This Tuesday at 12noon in the Caboolture Sports Club, Station Rd Morayfield. RSVP Michele 5499 2125, Mary 0416 167 405, Audrey 0498 981 059 or Aileen 0412 096 311

Christmas Day Lunch

*No family coming home this year and not going anywhere?
Would you like to join with other Parishioners and enjoy
a home cooked Christmas lunch with all the trimmings?
12 noon Christmas Day at Little Flower Church
Thoroughly enjoyable company and at no cost to you.
Sheets for catering purposes are at the rear of the church or
call the Parish Office.*

Christmas Ministry Volunteer Sheets

Sheets are at the rear of the church for all ministries over Christmas. If you would like to offer your time and talents, please put your name and contact details on the sheets provided.



Thank you to all the Parishioners at Little Flower who supported our recent 'Bring & Buy' A huge success with over \$1,800 being raised of which the local Domestic Violence Centre will receive a donation along with covering the cost of the Christmas lunch. Congrats to Di Wallach who won the Money Tree. Well done to Di and her team of ladies!!

An able-bodied Volunteer is urgently required to help with the Vinnies Truck pick up collections on Bribie Island and surrounds every Wednesday morning. The role does sometimes include heavy lifting. If you have time to spare for our Catholic Welfare agency please get in touch with the shop at Woorim or call 3410 1285

Thank you in anticipation.



*I went to the cemetery yesterday to lay some flowers on a grave.
As I was standing there, I noticed 4 grave diggers walking about
with a coffin. Three hours later and they're still walking about
with it. I thought to myself, they've definitely lost the plot!*

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PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart
and break the power of violence,
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;
let them know not death but life,
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength
to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Australian Catholic
Bishops Conference

Living Waters Parish Mass schedule

Little Flower: Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 8.00am
Thursday 9.15am

St Peter's: Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 10.00am & 5.00pm
Wednesday 9.30am
Friday 7.45am

St Mary's: Sunday 8.00am
Monday 9.30am

St Michael's: Sunday 10.00am
Tuesday 12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Individual: 5.00pm Little Flower & St Peter's
every Saturday night. Outside of these times
please contact the Parish Office.

Quote of the Week: "Happiness is not something ready-made. It comes from your own actions." (Dalai Lama)
Have a great week; be kind to yourself & each other.

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