

# Living Waters Catholic Parish

Embracing the Communities of:

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

## Third Sunday in Advent

16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> December 2023

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### Parish Office Hours

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### REJOICE IN THE LORD ALWAYS!

A man called his friend and said: I am in need of money; my mother is ill and I have no money for medicine. His friend thought something and said "Okay brother, don't worry." But when he called his friend in the evening, the phone was switched off. He tried calling again and again, but found the phone switched off. Feeling sad, he started thinking that when he needed it the most, his friend switched off his phone. When he returned home dejected, he saw a bag full of medicine on the table. He asked his wife "who had brought it?" The wife replied "your friend had come to take the prescription written by the doctor and he had also brought these medicines." At this, tears of happiness came to his eyes. He called his friend, but the phone was still switched off. Next day early in the morning he went to his friend's house and he said, "I have been calling you for so long, but the phone is continuously switched off." His friend said: "friend, I didn't have money, so I sold my phone and bought medicine for my mother. Your mother is my mother too." The purpose of Christmas is never fulfilled without helping the needy. The real joy of Christmas lies in giving, not in receiving.

The third Sunday of Advent is known as "Gaudete Sunday". The Latin word gaudete means to Rejoice. This is the call given by St. Paul in the reading "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say, rejoice". That's why the third candle in the Advent wreath symbolizes Joy reminding us of the joy that would be ours at the Lord's coming at Christmas. And this is what the Angels announced at the birth of Christ "Behold, I bring you good news of great Joy" *LK 2:10*

We need to understand that the JOY of Christmas is different from the Happiness of Christmas. The elevated mood that results from cookies and cakes, Carols and Crib, Stars and decorations, dance and party, Santa Claus and Gifts, new cloths and holidays is not JOY but the happiness of the celebration of Christmas. We must not mistake Joy with Happiness. Happiness is something that results from external things. Joy is something that is an inner experience.

When our friends or family members visit us, we are filled with joy. How much more should we feel joyful to know that God is coming to visit us? It is precisely this joy that we must aim at. True JOY is the joy of receiving Jesus into our lives. Joy of Christ being born in our hearts. Joy of experiencing Emmanuel: God with us. The joy of knowing the immense Love and Mercy of God who comes to save us. Joy of being transformed persons to welcome Christ.

We must know the source of joy. We will never experience joy if we don't know where it comes from. True joy comes from God alone. He is the fullness of joy as Psalm 16:11 tells us. Our joy comes from and is found in Jesus. He is the source of all joy. And if the fullness of joy is found in His presence, then the only place we should ever seek joy is in Him. Let's remember it is SIN which is the cause of sadness, and it is Jesus who is the cause of our joy. Let us then cast away sin and cling on to Jesus then our sadness will turn into joy.

*Blessings Fr Akesh*



## 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 all for a small donation towards the cost. Sheets are at the back of the church, or phone the Parish Office.



## Christmas Rite of Reconciliation

Our last Special Christmas Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated this week will be at St Mary's this Monday at 5.30pm



## Christmas Ministry Volunteer Sheets

Thank you to all who have indicated their availability to assist with the Masses over Christmas. Please check the sheets at the rear of the church to see where you have been placed.



Thank you to the members of our Parish RAP team who have (over the past two weeks) shared their visions of implementing a Reconciliation Action Plan for our Parish. This is a requirement set down by Archbishop Mark for all Parish and Entities across the Archdiocese and our team has been prayerfully considering just how that might work for our Parish. Thank you to those who have indicated they would like to be of our working group, if you could get in touch with the Parish Office as soon as you can.



*Hope and joy arise 'when we face life's messiness together'.*

### 4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT MASS TIMES

#### Saturday 23rd December (4th Sunday of Advent)

6pm Mass Little Flower (*Usual Rosters apply*)

6pm Mass St Peters (*Usual Rosters apply*)

#### Sunday 24th December (4th Sunday of Advent)

8am Mass Little Flower (*Usual Rosters apply*)

8am Mass St Mary's (*Usual Rosters apply*)

10am Mass St Peter's (*Usual Rosters apply*)

10.00am Mass St Michael's (*Usual Rosters apply*)

### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES (*Christmas Rosters Apply*)

#### Sunday 24th December (Christmas Eve)

Little Flower 6pm Mass (Carols at 5.30pm)

St Peter's Church 5pm Mass - Please note the 5pm is for our Syro Malabar St Joseph's Holy Spirit Community)

St Peter's 7pm Mass (Carols at 6.30pm)

*(Under covered area in the school, please bring your own chair)*

& Midnight Mass (*Church*) (Carols at 11.30pm)

### PLEASE NOTE THERE IS NO VIGIL MASS AT ST MARY'S

#### Monday 25th December (Christmas Day)

Little Flower 8.00am Mass

St Peter's 10am Mass

St Mary's 9am Mass

St Michael's 8.30am Mass



### Things to Keep in Mind

The Parish Office will be closed from 4pm Friday 22nd December re-opening on Monday 8th January 2024.

There will be NO WEEKDAY Masses from Tuesday 26th December up to & including Friday 29th December

#### January 1st Mary the Holy Mother of God

*Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am in both St Peter's & St Mary's only*

The security of all our Churches and Halls belongs to each of us. To help over a very busy time if you can assist in shutting windows, turning off lights, ensuring all doors (including toilets) are closed and locked, the security of all our Parish Buildings will be maintained. Thank you for this consideration.

An elderly man in Sydney calls his son in Perth and says, "I hate to ruin your day son, but I have to tell you that your mother and I are getting a divorce; after 45 years of marriage, I can only take so much of this misery!"

"Dad, what are you talking about?" the son yells.

"We can't stand the sight of each other any longer," the old bloke explains. "We're sick of each other, and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Adelaide and tell her!"

Frantic, the son calls his sister, who shouts. "Absolute rubbish! They're not getting divorced. I'll take care of this." She calls her elderly father immediately, and screams at him, "You are not getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be in Sydney by the end of the week. Until then, don't do a thing, you hear me?" she yells and hangs up abruptly.

The old man puts the phone down, smiles, and turns to his wife. "Okay," he says. "It's all settled. They're both coming for Christmas and paying their own airfare." 😂





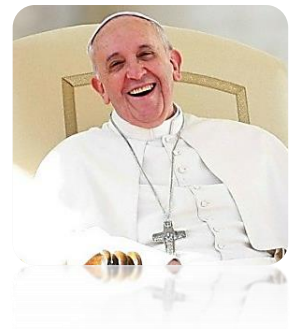
Congratulations to

**Noah Donnelly, Remy Connolly,  
Olivia Kaufmann, William Park &  
Summah Morris.**

Baptised into our Parish family this Weekend.

**Happy Birthday to Pope Francis!!**

celebrating his 87<sup>th</sup> birthday this weekend (17<sup>th</sup> December) May he continue to show us the joy of being disciples of Jesus, servants of the poor and protectors of the environment and may God bless him as he looks to lead us into a new year.



**Please Remember in Your Prayers**

**Our Recently Deceased**

Laurie Holdsworth, Kevin Cranston, Beryl Mulligan, Dudley Chilcott, Kevin Cransten, Barry McKenna, John Lloyd Dampil, Jim McGahey, Cristita Lebios, John Riordan & Annette Budge,

**Those Whose Anniversaries Occur at This Time**

Shannon Macrae, Margery Halpin, Gary Beckett, Robert Cudmore, Mary Callahan, Robert Simmonds, William Bergess-Dean, Eileen Oakman, Anna Toner, Angela Myer, Modesta Phillips, Monica Nash, Nick McTeare-Reyes, Antanas Urbutis, Heather Boyd, Kerry Smith, John Ledger, Thomas Scanlan, Jim Toomey, Edith Grainger, Ann Mullan, Lila Chadwick, Mary McCracken, Patricia Gowran, Agnes Letchford, Merv Yarrow, Frank Fisher, Doris Kiddell, Ivor Chambers, Felicity Brown & John O'Flaherty.

**Our Parishioners, Family & Friends who are Sick.**

Kristy Silk, Joan Fitzpatrick, Recy & Loycito Dampil, Joan L'Huillier, Anne Kelly, Marlyn Hooper, Neil Clunes, Czes Parchimowicz, Della Lopez, Teresa Mills, Barbara O'Neill, Arthur & Eileen Hangan, Pat Hegarty, Brian Wyvill, John Hempseed, Gregory Kelly, June Bell, Ken McKewin, Laurie Barron, Susanne Weir, Jessica Timson, Michael Cooper, Patricia Twinchek, Ted Hawkins, Ray Davis, Helen & Gerry Van Dinter, Gerard Brown

**Funeral Notices across the Parish**

RIP Kevin Cranton  
2pm 19<sup>th</sup> December  
Little Flower Church.

RIP Laurie Holdsworth  
10.30am 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Little Flower Church.

RIP John Loyd Dampil  
11am 21<sup>st</sup> December  
St Peter's Church



*The families kindly invite you to join them as they celebrate the lives of their loved ones. And as a community we pray that God lovingly welcomes them home and he bring comfort & consolation to those left behind.*

**SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

**3rd Sunday of Advent**

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11  
Psalm Resp *My soul rejoices in my God.*  
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
Gospel: John 1:6-8,19-28

**Weekday Readings**

**Mon** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 71:1-2,12-13,18-19; Matt 1:18-24  
**Tues** Judges 13:2-7,2-25; Ps 70;3-6,16-17; Lk 1:5-25  
**Wed** Isaiah 7:10-14; Ps 23:1-6; Luke 1:26-38  
**Thurs** Song 2:8-14; Ps 32:2-3,11-12,20-21; Lk 1:39-45  
**Fri** 1 Sam 1:24-28; Ps 1 Sam 2:1,4-8; Lk 1:46-56  
**Sat** Mal 3:1-4,23-24; Ps 24:4-5,8-9,10,14; Lk 1:57-66

**4th Sunday of Advent**

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,12,14-16  
Psalm Resp *Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*  
Second Reading: Romans 16:25-27  
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

**As the year concludes, let us look back at the highs and lows with a heart open to learning. Trust that whatever happened is part of a bigger plan, guided by a force beyond our control. Let go of worries, find strength in surrender and step into the future with hope. Life's journey is a mix of joy and challenges, shaping us into who we are meant to be. Embrace the simplicity of letting go, placing ourselves in God's hands to guide us on our path, in all situations.**

*"Dear God, guide us on this journey of life. Illuminate our path with Your wisdom, fill our hearts with love and grant us strength in challenges. May we find purpose in each step and may Your grace lead us to joy and fulfillment. Amen."*

**Parish Collections: Parish 9<sup>th</sup> / 10<sup>th</sup> December \$4767.80**



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

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Mass times across our Parish

**Little Flower, Bribe Island**  
 41-47 First Avenue, Bongaree  
 Saturday 6pm  
 Sunday 8am  
 Tuesday 5pm  
 Thursday 9.15am

**St Peter's, Caboolture**  
 30 Beerburum Rd,  
 Saturday 6pm  
 Sunday 10am & 5pm  
 Wednesday 9.30am  
 Friday (St Columban's College 7.45am)

**St Michael's Kilcoy**  
 26 Kennedy Street  
 Sunday 10am  
 Thursday 5.30pm

**St Mary's, Woodford**  
 16 Peterson Road  
 Sunday 8am  
 Monday 9.30am

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