

Living Waters Catholic Parish

Embracing the Communities of:

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

Fourth Sunday in Advent

23rd / 24th December 2023

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Christmas Gratitude

For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9.

The powerful, energetic and encouraging words of the prophet Isaiah surround us in these days with an atmosphere of joy, as we come to celebrate the gift given to us of the One who is one-of-us, and the One who is one-with-us! We come together in awe-filled gratitude as we acclaim what God has done, is doing and will always do for-us! We realise again that the promise of the prophet's words, which reflect the living and life-giving Word of God uttered from the very beginning, is fulfilled in our midst as we gaze on the birth of a child, an ordinary everyday occurrence! Yet, an occurrence, at this and every Christmas time, which transforms all and every birth.

Amid the disturbances of the world in these, our days, we seek and are given the assurance of a peace that only God can bring to birth for us and in each of us. It seems so unlikely, yet in faith and with joy we hear again the words of life that Jesus will speak to his friends toward the end of his life: my words are offered to you that my joy may be in you, so that your joy may be complete (*John 15*).

This year our Fourth Sunday of Advent sort of squashes us up immediately against Christmas over the weekend. It can be a bit confusing where the former ends and the latter begins. However, maybe occasionally this is a good thing. Our time of preparation and expectation gives way almost instantly to the moment of Jesus' birth and the wonder-full joy this God-given gift is. And in this way, and maybe particularly this year, this immediacy of squashy contact seems to reflect how our year has played out! It all seems to have come and gone all too quickly! Or maybe that's just me pondering how seemingly quickly the end of one phase of life has squashed up against the next phase for me.

Nevertheless, it is amid this celebration of life given to all of us in Jesus that I give thanks and am so very grateful for the gift you have been and remain for me: you, the people, the parish of Living Waters are simply and profoundly that Life-for-me, the Body of Christ!

May the God of love and life fill you all-ways with God's peaceful blessings.

Happy Christmas and blessed New Year!

Fr David



Christmas Greetings from the Parish Office Admin Team

I'd just like to take this opportunity once again to say thank you; for your support, your encouragement, your help but most of all your friendship. I have truly appreciated it. So, from me to you I wish you all a happy, holy and safe Christmas and may your homes be filled with peace, your lives with hope, and your hearts with faith! Merry Christmas everyone! See you in the new year! In friendship **Sharron**



Wishing joy to your world and peace to your hearts this Christmas and may 2024 be a good one for you. **Kath**



God's love is for everyone. You are not alone, you are loved, and you can feel hopeful and joyful. That is the true meaning of Christmas. Every year, around the world, people celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. It's a day of love, joy and hope. It is about how he came to give us love, hope and joy. To redeem the world, the redeemer is born today, to give peace, the Prince of peace is born today, To love, the God of gods is born today. Christmas is the perfect time of year to celebrate joy, happiness and love with the family. Celebrate this Christmas with your family and not with none. Your family is the place where you can be your most complete self. Christmas is the family celebration, meet the parents or relatives, greet them, hug them, exchange love and talk to them about the precious life and about happiness and joy. The best gift, you can give them is your precious time in the time of celebration. It will bring joy, happiness, love, smile and unity. This is a reason of giving-so give gladly, and your heart will be filled in return. May the Christmas season fill your family with joy, your heart with love and your life with laughter. I wish you a merry Christmas and Happy New Year. **Fr Akesh.**

My dear faithful of the Living Waters Parish, as we celebrate the birth of Christ this Christmas, let joy be born in our hearts not just this Christmas day, but the whole year; not just the whole year, but our whole lives. Let us inspire this world, which can seem so lost in darkness, with the light of Christ in the light of our joy. Let us welcome family and friends. Let us welcome poor people in our midst who join with us to celebrate the Eucharist. Greet them with a welcoming smile and gracious hospitality those like Mary and Joseph, who are seeking room in the inn. Let us not send them away to be born in a manger like the baby Jesus.

Let the light of Christ into your lives and into your hearts that your hearts may grow "three sizes" this day and return to the joy of celebrating the Eucharist today. Jesus came to this world to give his light to all the people. Let us be his instructions to spread the light of Christ everywhere.

My thanks to all of you who have been faithful parishioners, for all you do even through the tough times. It is with humble joy that we give thanks for the honour of serving you in the Living Waters Parish. Thank you for all your support and prayers. "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the City of David a Savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: You will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Lk 2:10-14)

May God bless you this Christmas, may all darkness in your lives be removed by the light of Christ. May your hearts be filled with the Joy of Christ's birth and may you be missionaries of that joy, Amen.

Christ's Joyful Peace & Love, **Fr. Krupa MSsCc.**



The Parish Office will be closed from Friday 22nd December through until Monday January 8th, 2024. We wish Fr David our very best wishes as he moves into his new role after Christmas, we'll certainly miss him here behind the 'Green Door' as I'm sure all of you will. His gentle leadership, humour and friendship has been something that we had come to depend upon. During the month of January Fr Krupa will step in as Administrator until Fr John arrives in February so, please show him the same wonderful support & friendship that you did with Fr David.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

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)

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

Holy Family & Epiphany Mass Times

Little Flower Vigil 6pm & 8.00am

St Peter's Vigil 6pm, 10am & 5pm

St Mary's 8am

St Michael's 10.30am

*Please note there are NO WEEKDAY MASSES
During the week after Christmas*

Weekday Mass Time January 1st - January 7th 2024

Mary MOTHER OF GOD - Monday January 1st

9.30am St Peter's & St Mary's

Tuesday Jan 2nd 5pm Little Flower

Wed Jan 3rd 9.30am St Peter's

Thur Jan 4th 9.15am Little Flower & 5.30pm St Michael's

Fri Jan 5th 7.45am St Peter's

We'd like to take this opportunity to welcome any visitors to our Parish over the Christmas break. We hope your stay is enjoyable and safe.

Christmas is a time of joy and inspiration, celebrating the birth of Jesus, a symbol of love and hope. As we exchange gifts and enjoy festivities, let's remember the true spirit, Christ's message of kindness, compassion and selflessness.

During our celebrations, why not extend a helping hand to those in need, for that generosity transforms those moments into opportunities for shared warmth and solidarity, fostering a sense of unity that transcends the joy of the season.

Let this Christmas strengthen our faith and values and guide us towards a purposeful life. May the coming year inspire us to see the beauty in every moment, find joy in the smallest gestures and embrace all situations with optimism.

Once again January 1st marks Pope Francis' **World Day of Prayer for Peace**. The theme for 2024 is "Artificial Intelligence and Peace". How you can observe World Day of Prayer for Peace -

1. **Pray for peace.** When nothing else can be done, one can always pray for peace. One can always pray for those who are distressed, are in agony, or are away from home. A simple prayer for the welfare of those people can make a difference.

2. **Learn about peace.** Without knowing the unrest in the world, the social and political issues in the world, a person would be oblivious to the fact of how much the world needs peace. Learn about these issues from different sources, and think about how the world can be made better.

3. **Act for peace.** After all your prayers and learning, act. Play your part in the effort to achieve peace. Teach others about the issues and help the distressed people in your area. Save someone from the misery caused by social and political issues. Spread awareness in your circle.

Please Remember in Your Prayers

Our Recently Deceased

Kristy Silk, Laurie Holdsworth, Kevin Cranston, Beryl Mulligan, Dudley Chilcott, Barry McKenna & John Lloyd Dampil.

We keep in our prayers all our family & friends whose anniversaries occur over then next month.

Patrick McGowan, Agnes Letchfield, Merv Yarrow, Frank Fisher, Doris Kiddell, Ivor Chambers, Felicity Brown, John O'Flaherty, Cliff Iverson, John O'Neill, Wayne Breen, Mercy Visentin, Anna Mikeleit, Charles Krause, Patrick Fulham, Stephen Dolan, Fulvia De Clara, Beryl Voffs, Mercia Berke, Betty Murray, Noel Byrne, Ruth Biasi, Jack Baker, Carmel Donaldson, Peggy Burroughs, Bernie Williams, Anna Putzolu, Eileen Kelly, Daniel O'Driscoll, Gladys McArdle, David Gray, Sylvia Haydock, Elemani Koses, Lorna Newitt, Colin Black, Christine Hampton, Terry Bishop, Maria Haidukewicz, Lillian Edwards, Steven Casey, Pasty Sternberg, Kevin Page, Joe Alderuccio, Leslie Nehmer, Francis Falzon, Almerina Bonomi, Bill Connors, Luke George, Monica McHenry, Gary McLean & Briona McKone,

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.



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FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN,
UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN
ISAIAH 9:6

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