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MASS TIMES:

Weekend:
Saturday: 6pm Vigil
Sunday: 7am, 9am and 5.30pm
Italian Mass: 10.30am

Weekday: 6.30am & 9am
Monday to Friday
8am Saturday
& Public Holidays

Reconciliation:

Saturday: 8.30am - 9.00am
5.30pm - 6.00pm
or by appointment

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Spread the Word

Vol. 34 No. 44**1st Sunday of Advent****1 December 2019****Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter**

The first Sunday of Advent sees the commencement of the new liturgical year. This new liturgical cycle is referred to as Year A and features the Gospel of Matthew. (Year B features the Gospel of Mark and Year C, that we have just completed, features the Gospel of Luke.) Advent comes from the Latin word *Adventus* which literally means 'coming'; it is also reflected in the Greek word *Parousia*, which is used to describe the second coming of Jesus. So Advent is a time of preparation and anticipation of the coming of Christ into the world that is celebrated in the Nativity at Christmas. The Gospel passage chosen for today's reading richly expresses that anticipation and need for preparation.

It may seem a little confusing that we begin our year-long exploration of the Gospel of Matthew by taking a reading from chapter 24. However, the need for readiness and alertness that Jesus speaks about in relation to the coming of the Kingdom is equally suitable for a modern audience when preparing to celebrate once again the coming of Jesus into the world. Jesus is the best expression of the Kingdom that we have yet experienced and so, rather than seeing the choice of this passage as a confusion, we should recognise the alignment that exists between the anticipation of the Kingdom and the anticipation of the Nativity.

The two great feasts of Christianity – the Nativity and Easter – are each preceded by a period of preparation: Advent and Lent. The emphasis of these seasons is on the mental and spiritual preparation to fully enter into one of the great mysteries of faith. In the Nativity, we celebrate God become human; God present in the world in a physical way. Advent is a time to remember the many and varied ways that God continues to be present in the world.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

LOOKING AHEAD

Sunday 1 December

- 9.00am Baptisms in Mass – Church

Monday 2 December

- 7.00pm Italian Prayer Group – Church

Tuesday 3 December

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 6.00pm Year 6 Graduation Mass – Church

- 7.00pm Social Justice Group – Library

Wednesday 4 December

- 6.30pm Legion of Mary – Library

Thursday 5 December

- 9.00am Playgroup – Hospitality Area

- 7.00pm RCIA Session – Library

Friday 6 December

- 10.30am St Martin's End of Year

Whole School Mass – Church

Saturday 7 December

- 10.00am Children's Choir Practice – Church

- 7.15pm AA – Library

Let us remember in prayer all those who are sick
Lowleen Buckner, Betty Bendel, Pamela O'Reilly and those whose anniversaries occur around this time
William & Honora Bergin, Chas Steele, John Matson, Don (D.A.T) Reay, Mark Roff, Sharon Grau, Rebecca Herft, Victoria Cenita, and the recently deceased
Wayne Bruce, David Matthew Di Mascio, Maria Monteverde, Fr Martin Doyle, George Keryk, Patricia (Pat) Marshman, Grace Travers, Janet Fitzgerald.

Social Justice Group

This Tuesday, 3 December 2019, the Parish Social Justice Group will meet for the last time in 2019 in the Parish Library at 7.00pm to discuss a range of social justice issues and to finalise a program for 2020. New members are urgently required to support educating and informing the parish community on Catholic Social Teachings. Anyone who is interested and committed to social justice is invited to attend the meeting to see if this might be a ministry for them to participate in and serve in as a volunteer.

Adoration Cancelled – Friday 6 December



Due to St Martin's School celebrating their end of year School Mass at 10.30am on Friday 6 December, adoration that follows on from 9am Mass will be cancelled on this day. Thank you for understanding and sorry for any inconvenience caused.

Parish 500 Card Group

The 500 Card Group will not be meeting this Friday, 6 December. However, we will be playing cards on Friday 10 January 2020. It would be lovely to see some new faces from the parish join us at 7.30pm in the Aquinas Room.

Children's Choir – 5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass

Practices for the Children's Choir at the 5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass are being held every Saturday, 10-11am, between now and 21 December. Contact the parish office if your child/children are interested in participating.



St Vincent de Paul – Our Lady of Graces Christmas Appeal & Italian Brunch Thank You

This year we are again seeking your assistance to bring a little joy to the families / individuals who are struggling this Christmas. We would be grateful for any of the following donations –

- Christmas food treats
- Long life custard, milo, cordial, soft drink
- Stationery gifts
- Toiletry packs
- School item gifts – colour pencils, pencil cases, water bottles, lunch boxes
- Gift cards for local stores, food gift cards
- Financial donations

As we have already started preparing hampers for the families, your early assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you would like any further information please contact me on 0438 982 140.

Thank you also to the Italian community for organising the Christmas Brunch held last Tuesday at The Brisbane Abruzzo Club.

Barbara Dougherty, President SVdP

Advent - Christmas Timetable 2019

Reconciliation

2nd Rite of Reconciliation

Tuesday 10 December 7pm

1st Rite of Reconciliation

Every Saturday 8:30am and 5:30pm

Wednesday 18 December - Friday 20 December
following 9am Mass

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve

5.30pm (Children's Mass) and 8pm

Christmas Day

7am, 9am and

10.30am [Italian Mass]

No Evening Mass on Christmas Day

Weekday Masses

Thursday 26 December (Boxing Day)

to

Friday 3 January

8am Mass only

Parish Office Christmas Closure

Closed from 12.30pm Monday 23 December 2019
and reopen 8.30am Monday 6 January 2020

Sacramental Program 2020

Penance (Year 5 / 10 years old)

A handout with dates of sessions for Penance, to be held over February and March 2020, are available from Shelly at the parish office.

Confirmation (Year 3 / 8 years old)

Enrolment forms are available from Shelly at the parish office. Enrolments close Thurs. 13 Feb. 2020.

For inquiries, please contact Shelly on 3398 2977 or sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au

Planned Giving Envelopes

Planned Giving Envelopes for 2020 are available for collection from the front door of the church. Some givers will have a new number due to a reduction of envelope givers. If you cannot find your envelopes, please contact the parish office on 3398 2977 or carina@bne.catholic.net.au

Last Week's 2nd Collection

Loose	\$624.70
Planned Giving	\$3,180.97
Total	\$3,805.67

Parish Planned Giving

To join the Parish Planned Giving program please contact the Parish Office to arrange for your contribution method. The parish encourages electronic giving via Direct Debit or Credit Card. Electronic giving is safe and makes life easier for both yourself and the parish.

ROSTERS

Christmas Masses

The roster for the Christmas Masses is currently near the front door of the church. If you are involved in a liturgical ministry and will be attending one of the Christmas Masses, please write your name down on the list or contact the parish office.

We also invite children who would like to be part of a Tableau at the 5.30pm Christmas Eve Mass. If interested, write your name down on the roster for the Christmas Masses or contact Shelly on 3398 2977 or sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au.

Rosters for 2020

The rosters listed below are currently in the process of being prepared for 2020.

- Ministers of the Word (Readers)
- Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion
- Data Projector Operators
- Altar Servers
- Music Ministry
- Washing of Purifiers
- Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Cuppa and Chat

If you are involved in any of the above ministries and wish to change your commitment in any way, please contact the parish office (3398 2977 or carina@bne.catholic.net.au) by **12.30pm on Monday 16 December**. Otherwise, we will assume you are happy to continue in your ministry with the same commitment as 2019.

We also welcome anyone who would like to be part of any of the above ministries. Anyone interested would need to complete any necessary safeguarding requirements. If you are interested or for further information, please contact the parish office.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for employees and volunteers to maintain a safe and healthy environment. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children, young people and/or vulnerable adults.

Advent Adventures is coming!

Fun, games, craft and sausage sizzle.

Ages: 8-12 years

Cost: \$5 per child & \$10 for two or more siblings

Lunch: gluten free sausage sizzle.

Save the Dates:

Monday 16 December, 9am – 12noon

Wednesday 18 December, 9am – 12noon



Seeking parent helpers and volunteers:

- First Aid Officer – Blue Card required
- Registration Officer – Blue Card required
- Activities and coordination – Blue Card required

RSVP

So we know how many children will be attending, please RSVP to sc.carina@bne.catholic.net.au or call the parish office on 3398 2977.

COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS

St Gerard's Christmas Festival

Now until 23 December. Massive Light Display, Gift Shop and Op Shop, Coffee Shop, BBQ. Free Musical Entertainment every night. 146 Maundrell Terrace, Chermside West.

The TCS Choir presents HALLELUJAH

Gospel & Sacred Song, including the music of Penatonix and Leonard Cohen. With guest artists *The Brisbane Bells* who will kindle your Christmas spirit with the unique experience of hand bells! Sunday 1 December, 4:30pm. The Ron Hurley Theatre, Seven Hills Arts Hub (28 Tallowood Street, Seven Hills). Tickets at the door \$15/10 incl. supper.

Dedication Feast for Cathedral of St Stephen

Archbishop Mark Coleridge will celebrate 10am Mass at the Cathedral on Wednesday 4 December to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Cathedral of St Stephen, following the 1989 renovations.

Lights of Christmas 2019

Gather on the lawn at the Cathedral of St Stephen to celebrate the joy of Christmas with an extraordinary sound and light show. The Lights of Christmas is a free event open to the public that will delight families with music, food and children's activities every evening 11 – 24 December, 6.30pm – 10.30pm.

Saint Therese of Lisieux - Australian Visit in 2020

The relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux and her parents Sts Louis and Zélie Martin will be touring Australia in 2020. A draft itinerary (subject to change) shows the relics visiting the following locations.

- Our Lady of Mt Carmel Coorparoo (6-7 February)
- Cathedral of St Stephen (9-10 February)

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