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Mon & Tues 9.00 - 11.00am
Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

27 November 2022 - First Sunday of Advent

Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

Recently Deceased: Yvonne McNamara, Michael Murphy;

Anniversary: Beryl Easley, Ronald O'Neill, Rita Nolan, Ron Porter, Emily Press, Coral Ryan, Angela Perry, Liam Rosewar, Gordon Baker, Adriano T. Lave, John Wellard, Joyce Wellard, Raymond Barr, Ellenor Bonnet, Matthew Denny, James Barr, Ern Webster, Christopher Irwin, Kate Barr, Fr Slan Campbell, Michael Burraston, Noel Nelmes, Vera Forsyth, Judith Forsyth, Mary Conroy, Marjorie Fitzgibbon, Brian Conlan, Vera May Graham, Patricia McCarthy, Patricia Fitzsimmons, Norman Constable; Eugenia T. Lave; Pam Boulton; Elizabeth Murphy; Colleen Green; Mick McCarthy; Monsignor Clary Fisher; Molly Garrity; Gwen Taggart;

May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace. Amen.

And for those who are ill: Joan Guyer; Peter Bridge; Micharia, Lynn & Neil Sadler; Lorraine Guyer; Josie Norman; Kevin McNamara; Val & Graham Callaghan; Deb Foddy; Skye Evans; Leanne Young; Fran Wallace; Carole Scanton; Maureen Irvine; Chris George; Theo Gleeson; David Henry; Dawn & Colin Graham; Sue Mary Smith; Billy Godden; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lisa Brown; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Lucy Gigli; David Bonsey (Anne Estlin's Brother in law) all the members of the Parish who are ill.

Other Intentions:

Roster

3/12/22 R: B Press
4/12/22 R: P Perkins
C: T & H Perkins

Flower/Altar Roster for December - D Webster & H Hurley

Coming Event

Sun 27 First Sunday of Advent
Wed 30 No Mass at Werris Creek
Thurs 1 No Mass at Werris Creek
Tues 13 Mass at Eloura at 2.00pm, no mass at St Brigid's on this day
Dec 14 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 5.00pm at the Presbytery

The Parish of St Brigid Quirindi and the Catholic Diocese of Armidale are committed to the care and well-being and protection of children, young people, and people at risk in our community. Our message is that child protection and dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. Please parents/guardians, ensure that your children are accompanied when leaving the church during Mass to go to the toilet or for any reason.

Communion Antiphon The Lord sits as King for ever. The Lord will bless his people with peace

World Youth Day 2022, Feast of Christ the King
Preparations are now well underway for our Diocesan Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Lisbon next year. Pope Francis has released his message for this year, with the theme: 'Mary arose and went with haste' (Lk 1:39). Today is the 37th World Youth Day! This Feast of Christ the King we particularly encourage you to consider inviting any young people between 15-35 to join us for WYD in Lisbon next year on our 22 day pilgrimage: "Journeying to Jesus with Mary" Led by Bishop Michael Kennedy. Inclusions: Return Flights, all internal transport, accommodation & meals. Cost \$5,990.00 per person. Places are limited; register your expression of interest now: armidale.catholic.org.au/world-youth-day-2023. This will be a life-changing opportunity to join millions of young people as we gather with Pope Francis for a celebration of our Catholic faith!

Advent
New Liturgical Year begins today which is the 1st Sunday of Advent November 27th. The Sunday readings will be from Cycle A, while weekday readings will be from Cycle 1. Advent encompasses the four Sundays and weekdays leading up to the celebration of Christmas. The Advent season is a time of preparation for our hearts and minds for the anniversary of the Lord's birth on Christmas. We celebrate Advent by putting up an Advent Wreath and lighting candles each week. The use of the wreath and candles during Advent are a longstanding Catholic tradition that was originally adopted by Christians in the Middle Ages as part of their spiritual preparation for Christmas. The wreath and candles are full of symbolism tied to the Christmas season. The wreath itself, which is made of various evergreens, signifies continuous life. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life we find in Christ. The wreath is meant to remind us of both the immortality of our souls and God's promise of everlasting life to us through Christ. The candles also have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and one candle is lit each Sunday. Three of the candles are purple because the color violet is a liturgical color that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice.

Eloura Masses The next mass will be Tuesday 13th December at 2.00pm. There will be no mass at St Brigid's on this day. In 2023 it will be the 2nd Tuesday of every 2nd month. All invited to attend.

UNBOUND 2023 Join with Neal & Janet Lozano who will be leading two UNBOUND Conferences for their first and only visit to Australia. What is UNBOUND? UNBOUND is a highly acclaimed deliverance ministry that focuses on people, not evil spirits. It is a loving and reproducible model that helps people to respond to the good news of the gospel and apply the truth to their lives through prayer ministry, repentance and renunciation. **Leadership Training Conference Friday 28th and Saturday 29th April \$120.00 per person.** The Leadership Conference is for those who wish to learn how to use the Unbound model to minister to others. **Freedom in Christ Conference Friday 5th and Saturday 6th May \$120.00 per person.** The Freedom in Christ Conference will equip you to cooperate with God as He sets you free from things that bind you. This conference involves times of prayer, worship, teaching and a person ministry from trained ministry team. **Venue is at the Servants of Jesus Community, 15 Park Road, Seven Hills NSW 2147. More information on the sheet at the back of the Church.**

Planned Giving \$738.80 + Loose \$55.00 = \$793.80

Synod on Synodality - Continental Stage Consultation
Groups around Australia are now invited to participate in the latest discernment process for the Synod on Synodality, reflecting on the recently published Working Document for the Continental Stage. The document, which was drawn from local and national consultation processes undertaken around the world was published in late October. Groups that participate in this round of discernment are invited to read and reflect prayerfully on the document and provide succinct responses across 3 areas. Groups have until 9th December to make their submission. **More information on this from Bishop Michael Kennedy at the back of the church.**

Advent Discussion & Reflection A date for your diary! The Josephite Companions will again this year host the one off reflection hour on Advent 2022 - **Friday 9th December** beginning with Mass 9.30, followed by morning tea in the St Joseph's Centre before starting the reflection at 10.45. If you have never participated before please come and join in the preparation prayer and sit in and listen to any discussion about the Gospel reading for the 3rd Sunday of Advent. Daily reflection Advent books are available for all and are \$5.00 per book. Contact: Bern if you would like one.

Thanks giving Novena to the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary from 29th November to 7 December. One Our Father and One Hail Mary each day. "When you can ... say more".

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Act of Spiritual Communion My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already here and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

St. Vinnies Welfare Assistance Welfare Assistance will be every Thursday 11.00am to 2.00pm. Phone 0490 886 337 between 9.00am & 5.00pm Monday to Friday for an appointment.

First Collection \$278.15

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lleluia, allelulia!
 ord, show us your mercy and love,
 nd grant us your salvation.
 llelulia!

OSPEL

Mt 24:37-44

reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

stay awake, you must be ready.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left.

'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

WALK IN THE LIGHT

There are some phrases from the scriptures which have the power to stir the imagination thousands of years after they were written. The image of hammering swords into ploughshares, spears into sickles, and soldiers becoming farmers speaks so powerfully to our deep longing for peace. Isaiah's vision was that a time would come when all people would be united in worship of the living God; when war would be replaced by understanding and all people would walk in the light of the Lord.

Paul understood Isaiah's vision was soon to become reality on the Lord's return. His concern was to make sure that the Christians of Rome were prepared for that moment. Some of them had fallen into a misplaced sense of complacency. Paul disagrees. Now was the time to get one's house in order, to put aside the ways that blur and obscure our vision, so as to come into the light of Jesus.

In a similar way, fifty years after the resurrection of the Lord it was all too easy for Matthew's community to lose hope that the Lord would return soon and bring Isaiah's and Paul's vision to reality. As this Advent season begins, the challenge is placed squarely before us – if the Son of Man were to return now would we be ready and waiting? What are we doing to bring Isaiah's vision of peace to reality? What areas of our life still need to be brought into the light of Christ?

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / A

FIRST READING

Isa 2:1-5

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord will gather all nations in eternal peace in the kingdom of God.

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say:

'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways; so that we may walk in his paths; since the Lav will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles.

Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 121:1-2, 4-5, 6-9. R. cf. v. 1

R. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.

I. I rejoiced when I heard them say: / Let us go to God's house. / And now our feet are

THE SAVING WORD

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2. It is there that the tribes go up, / the tribes of the Lord. / For Israel's law it is, / there to praise the Lord's name. / There were set the thrones of judgement / of the house of David. R.

3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray: / Peace be to your homes! / May peace reign in your walls, / in your palaces, peace! R.

4. For love of my brethren and friends / I say: 'Peace upon you!' / For love of the house of the Lord / I will ask for your good. R.

SECOND READING

Rom 13:11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The time has come, our salvation is near.

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over; it will be daylight soon – let us give up all the things we prefer to do under cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ.