

WELCOME TO

# ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC PARISH



St Brendan's Parish is a Child Safe community. We promote the safety, wellbeing and inclusion of all and a zero tolerance to child abuse.

**First Sunday of Advent, Year A**

**27 November 2022**

## First Reading Is 2:1-5

*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; since the Law 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.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9. R. see v.1.**

*(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

1. I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem. *(R.)*
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

*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 the 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.

## Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.*

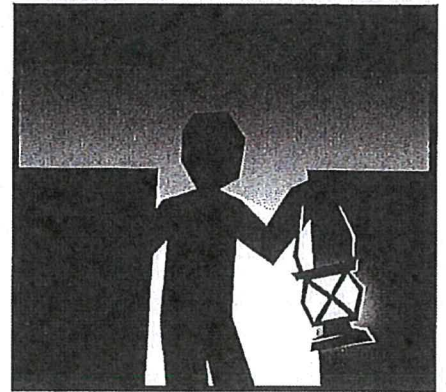
*Alleluia!*

## Gospel Mt 24:37-44

*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, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, 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 the 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.'



## Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

Our Lord loved to unfurl the scroll of the Prophet Isaiah in his local synagogue. The poetic image of swords being hammered into ploughshares reverberated into his renouncing violence against the Roman occupying army in his own time. When will this picture come true for all human beings for all time?

Only God knows! We don't know any more than we know when a burglar might target our home. But our ignorance of God's timetable is no excuse for being fatalistic and sleepy. We have our own span of life providing the timetable for our own contribution to the hammering of swords into ploughshares.

Recent Popes, especially St John Paul II, have taken up this theme for our times, teaching more restrictive criteria for using armed force, even dropping the term 'just war' to very small print in the Catechism.

We could pause for a moment to pray to be awake to our opportunities to shape society in the light of the vision of Isaiah and the practice of Jesus the Prince of Peace.

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# ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



*Christ in community ...  
the heart of our faith*



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**Recently Deceased:** Annie (Therese) Stent,  
Brian Phillips , Mr. Nicola Nicolaci

**Anniversaries:** Alvin Wright, Doreen Townsend,  
Tess Love, Dominic Trapani, Angel Trapani

## **Readers & Commentators** 3 & 4 December 2022

6pm	M. Johnson	T. Chandler
8am	F. Smullen	L. Billings
11am	TBC	J-M Mupenda

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY**

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside Aboriginal Australians in truth and justice.

**Mass Intentions for November ...** these will be prayed for at Masses during the month of November.

There are yellow envelopes on the table at the back of the church and piety store area for you to write your intentions. Please hand to the Office.



## **2022 SENIORS CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

**Tuesday November 29**

We will commence with an anointing Mass at 11am. The luncheon will follow in the MPJC at 12 noon.



RSVP by Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November to the Parish Office on 5821 2633 or [shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

A new weekly Adoration time has been added, in addition to the current times..

Monday 1.45—2.45pm  
Thursday 7.00—8.00pm and  
Friday 5.00—6.00pm



**SERRA CLUB MAS: 7.15pm, Friday December 2,**  
Followed by a cuppa in the MPJC.  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held from 5pm until the beginning of Mass.

## **REMEMBRANCE BOOK**

For the month of November the Remembrance book will be on the table in the Piety Store entrance of the Church. You are invited to enter the names of your loved ones at any time throughout the month. Our special Remembrance book for babies is also located in this entrance near the beautiful enclosed Remembrance Garden.

## **PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES FOR COLLECTION AT THE BACK OF CHURCH**

Thank you for your continued financial support through our Planned Giving Programme. With your financial commitment, our Parish can be more and do more. NEW ENVELOPE PACKS are now available for your collection at the back of the Church. These packs commence on Dec 4, 2022. We are very pleased with our NEW LOGO which our Planned Giving Team have designed for our new theme.



**New rosters are being compiled to take effect in January next year.** We are looking for new

- Lectors / Commentators
- Greeters / Ushers,
- Ministers of Communion,
- Communion to the Sick and Housebound,
- Offertory procession
- Counters

Training and formation will be provided. To volunteer please contact the Parish office on 5821 2633 or email [shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au](mailto:shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au)

### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 11am **PRAYING WITH CHILDREN**

Saturday 8.30am *Syro Malabar Rite*, Sunday 5.30pm *Syro Malabar Rite*

**Rosary**— The Rosary is prayed in the Marian Chapel after weekday Masses and after the 8am Mass on Sunday.

### Holy Hour with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Mondays 1.45pm to 2.45pm, Thursdays 7pm to 8pm, Fridays 5pm to 6pm

### Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.10am

**Reconciliation** Saturday 9.45am to 10.30am (in the Church)



## The Sacrament of Baptism for older children

**Would you like your child to be Baptised? Is your child at primary school, in Year 3 or higher?** Children will be Baptised prior to the Sacramental program beginning and complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by celebrating the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist at the end of the program. The Sacramental Program is held once a year and starts in term 1.

In 2023 Sacrament of Baptism preparation is being held late January with children being Baptised in February 2023.

Please contact Laura **before December 4, 2022 to enroll or for more information** by phone 5821 2633 (Wed 9am-2pm) or email [sacramental.coord@bigpond.com](mailto:sacramental.coord@bigpond.com)



### Coming on-time... going on-cue

"Advent is a special time of hope and waiting for the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. It is a time of becoming more aware of God's presence in our lives. It is also a time of preparing ourselves more deeply in the practices of our faith as we prepare to celebrate Christmas.

For the four weeks of Advent this year, St Brendan's parish has the theme... "Coming on-time... going on-cue."

The Mass is a life-giving celebration and not something we do out of duty. Our intention is to deepen our prayer at Mass and strengthen our motivation. We have sadly noticed that we are getting worse as a parish at "coming on-time... going on-cue." People are arriving late and leaving early. This does not encourage communal prayer and is distracting for others. We understand that there are times when arriving on-time for Mass is beyond your control and leaving early might be essential. However, it should not be the norm.

The Mass is divided into four parts. Each part is significant. We will explore these parts in light of the Gospels through Advent.

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent- The Introductory Rites- "Stay Awake."

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent- The Liturgy of the Word- "A voice cries in the wilderness."

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent- The Liturgy of the Eucharist- "He will prepare your way before you."

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent- The Concluding Rites- "Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us.'"

A blessed Advent to you all.  
God bless, Fr Joe and Fr Jackson

The Caroline Chisholm Society is a charity based in Melbourne and Shepparton.

The charity supports underprivileged pregnant mother's, as well as new mums.

For more information or to support their work, please visit [www.caroline.org.au](http://www.caroline.org.au)



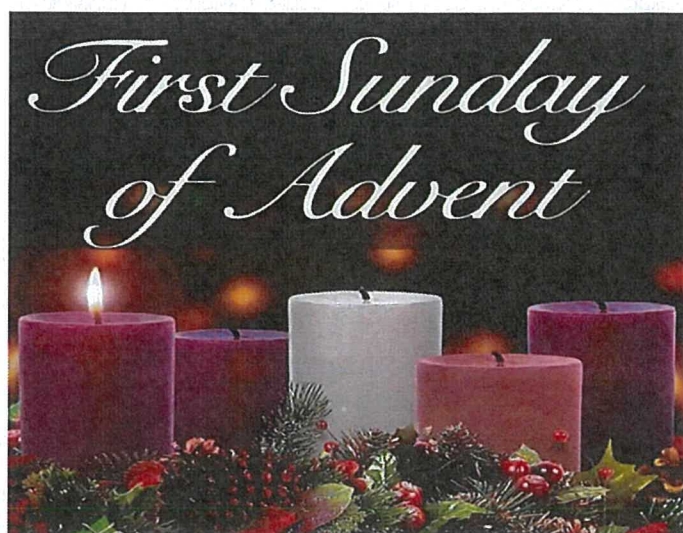
### Altar Society Christmas Lunch

Friday 2nd  
December, 12:30pm

SAM Cafe  
Shepparton

All past and present member's welcome

RSVP to Andrea  
0407 096 440



## L'ARCHE RAFFLE

\$2 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5  
Drawn: Friday December 16 at 4pm  
at 8 Duncan Court, Shepparton

Tickets available at all St Brendan's Masses  
on the weekends of December 3/4 and 10/11.

- 1st prize \$600 petrol voucher
- 2nd prize \$350 jewellery pendant
- 3rd prize \$155 home appliance package
- 4th prize Christmas basket
- 5th prize Toy basket
- 6th prize Pampering basket
- 7th prize Garden basket
- 8th prize Toy basket
- 9th prize Baby basket
- 10th prize Wellbeing basket



## FOOD FOR FAITH

This week and for the next few weeks, Fr Joe and Fr Jackson will be focusing on explaining the liturgy of the Mass.



There is so much depth to the words and gestures of the Mass, which we often miss.

The flow and structure of the Mass is also very important, to fully involve ourselves in the mass, to full participate and to understand more of the journey the Mass takes us on.

This series of talks by Bishop Mark Coleridge take us through each part of the Mass.

Bishop Mark explains with passion, and great understanding the meaning behind and within the Mass.

Please take the time to watch these clips , just one at a time and soak in Bishops Coleridge's passion for the Mass.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2R-Q5CWRUAQ>

## Advent Activity

November 27th

1pm-3pm

Mons Peter Jeffery Centre

## Christmas Card Making

Some materials provided.

Please bring used Christmas cards or other decorations you may have.

Nibbles provided

Katie

Cards given to residents of a local nursing home

## Advent is upon us, is now

If you are interested in joining one of our Advent groups, we meet

- 11.00am Mondays at Ave Maria
- 7.30pm Tuesdays at 8 Norton Avenue, Shepparton.

Contact Anthony on 58212633.

Tues & Thurs or email [anthonypastoral@bigpond.com](mailto:anthonypastoral@bigpond.com)



Our Parish PPC gathered last week for the AGM and our November meeting.

The new look team started with an audit, we looked at what we are doing well and areas where we need to give more time and energy.

There are actions that we will need to take to ensure everyone is supported in our Parish.

We will ask for parishioners to join PPC in the new year, so please consider if you have the time and energy to give to your Parish.

2023 DR AUS  
Divine Renovation Australasia Conference  
10-12 FEBRUARY 2023 • SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Register today at  
[divinerenovation.org/draus2023](http://divinerenovation.org/draus2023)



## Divine Renovation Conference in February 2023

Do you want to see your parish come alive, but you're unsure where to begin? Are you already in the renewal journey, but are looking to get connected with a community of parish leaders for inspiration, encouragement, and fellowship?

Wherever you are in the parish renewal journey, the 2023 Divine Renovation Australasia Conference will be a unique and inspiring experience for anyone who wishes to move their parish from maintenance to mission.

The conference will be held from 10 – 12th February 2023 at Marist Catholic College in Penhurst, NSW.

Registration early bird offer from 17th November to 30th November.

For further information and to register:

<https://divinerenovation.org/draus2023/>



## ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Monday from the 28th Nov 2022  
1:45 - 2:45 PM  
Marian Chapel

For enquiries,  
please message Jobelle - 0406734553

For more information  
please contact

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Come & join us

# Misa de Gallo

## Dawn Masses

In commemoration of the birth of Jesus Christ, we  
come to a nine-day series of Masses in spiritual  
preparation for

# Christmas

St. Brendan's Church  
16-24 December 2022

6:00am

121 Knight St. Shepparton



# COME, LET US GO ...

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Reflection and Prayer for Advent 2022 with Sunday readings and the Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council Preparation and Consultation Plan 2022-2023.

# SIGN OF THE CROSS.

Come, Lord Jesus! Rev. 22:20

## FROM THE READINGS \_\_\_\_\_

**First Reading:** 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 Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.'

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### **Gospel:**

Jesus said ... "So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming ... Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

*Matthew 24:42-44*

## **Prayer and Reflection I**

- **Read** the scripture passages aloud or silently.
- **Reflect and pray**, stopping to ponder any 'stand out' words or phrases. *10 mins*
- **Respond** *10-15 mins*

Individuals: Write or sit quietly with your reflections.

Groups: Share your responses and listen to others (*2-3 mins each*).

- o What stands out for you?
- o What do you want to take with you?

## FROM THE SANDHURST MISSION AND PASTORAL COUNCIL PREPARATION AND CONSULTATION PLAN 2022 - 2023

- **I dream of a “missionary option”,** that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelisation of today’s world, rather than for her self preservation. SMPC page 1.
- **A synodal Church is a Church which listens,** which realises that listening is more than simply hearing. SMPC page 3.
- **The establishment of a Diocesan Pastoral Council, to be called the Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council,** was a key recommendation in the 2020 Go Forth Review of the Diocese. This Council will support synodal governance in the Diocese through a structure that builds co-responsibility and discernment in leadership and decision making. It will strengthen our capacity to operate in a strategic and collaborative way, by drawing on the best possible advice of lay people and clergy for pursuing the Church’s mission. SMPC page 6.
- **All the baptised share responsibility for the mission** and for structures that facilitate the living out of the mission entrusted to the Church. A key learning from the listening and dialogue phase of the Plenary Council of Australia and the Synod on Synodality is that the people of God are seeking inclusion and opportunities to exercise co-responsibility for governance and leadership of the pastoral life of the Diocese. Establishing a Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council is a significant commitment by our Diocese to create a structure that supports synodal governance, leadership and decision making. As steps are taken to establish these structures, it is also important to inform, prepare and consult the people of God along the way. SMPC page 8.

### Prayer and Reflection II

- **Read** the paragraphs from the SMPC Preparation and Consultation Plan, aloud or silently.
- **Reflect and pray,** considering
  - What stands out for you?
  - Any Advent scripture insights that shine additional light on these words.
  - Ways in which your insights may relate to
    - a) your family    b) your parish    c) our Diocese?
- **Express a hope for the future.**





# PRAYER

FOR THE SANDHURST MISSION AND PASTORAL COUNCIL

**In this time of Advent, we turn to Mary,**  
our Mother of Good Counsel  
and patroness of our Diocese,  
as we seek to become a more missionary and pastoral Church:  
people of faith, hope and love for our world.

**May we be led**  
by the same wisdom and courage sent by the Holy Spirit  
to guide her along unfamiliar paths  
and through challenging decisions.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

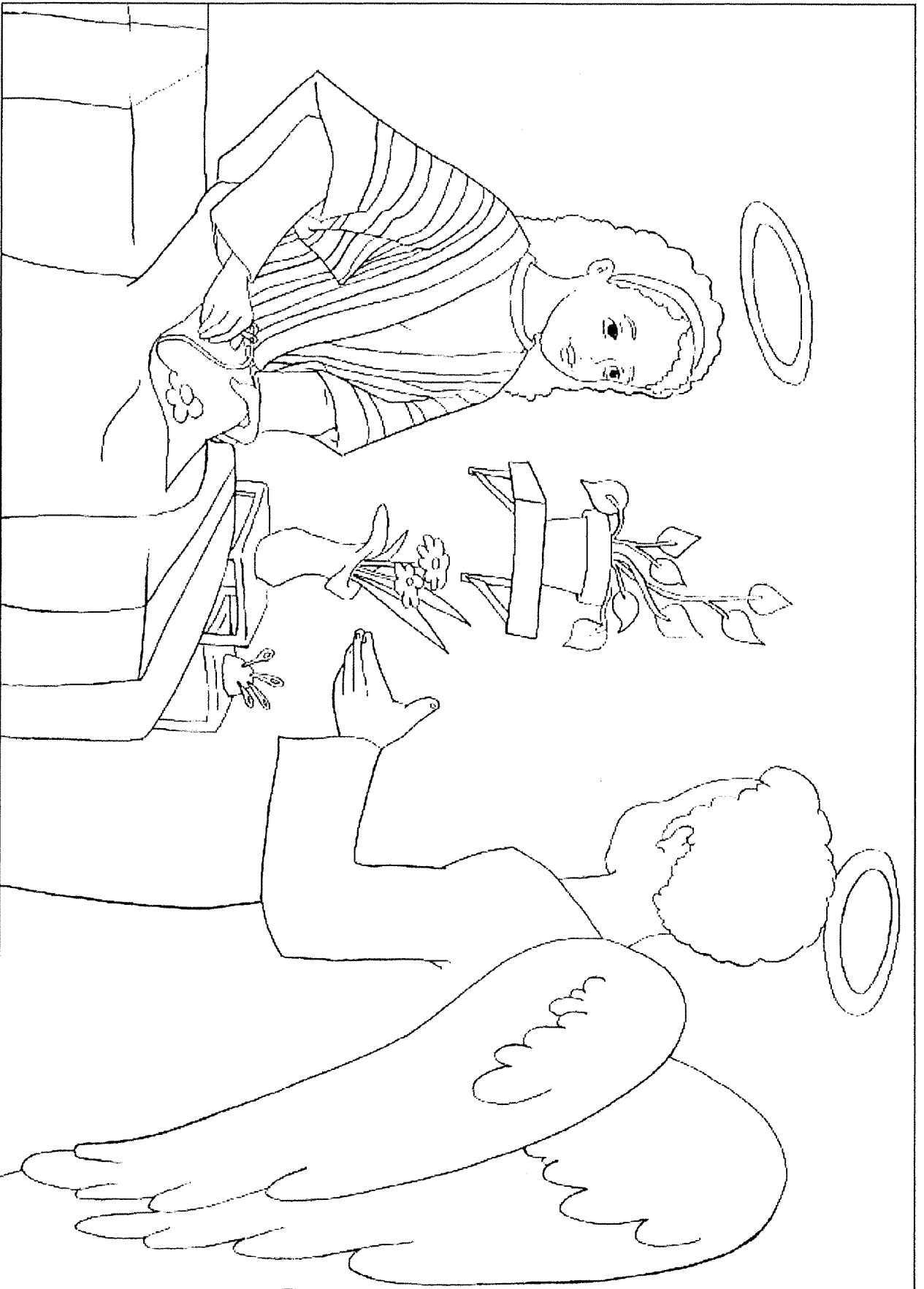
**Our Lady of Good Counsel, pray for us. Amen.**

*Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Council (SMPC) Preparation and Consultation Plan, page 6.*



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The Angel Gabriel tells Mary that she will have a very special baby