



# St Brigid's Parish Catholic Church

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Secretary: Ms Bern Press - Mon & Tues 9.00 - 11.00am  
Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

## 29th November 2020 - First Sunday of Advent

### Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:** Kelvin London; Val Matis (nee Probst);  
**Deceased:**  
**Anniversary:** Jake Perkins; Arthur Guinery; Esmeria Ignacio; Victorino Ignacio; Benny Ebley; Ronald O'Neill; Rita Nolan; Ron Porter; Emily Press; Coral Ryan; Angela Perry; Liam Rosewarin; Gordon Baker; Adriano Llave; Joyce Wellard; Raymond Barr; James Barr; Ern Webster; Christopher Irwin; Kale Barr; Fr Stan Campbell; Michael Burraston; Noel Nelmes; Vera Forsyth; Judith Forsyth; Mary Conroy; Marjorie Fitzgibbon; Brian Conlan; Patricia McCathy; Patricia Fitzsummons; Norman Constable; Eugenia Llave; Pam Boulton; Elizabeth Murphy; Colleen Green; Mick McCarthy; Mons Clara Fisher; Molly Garrity; Gwen Taggart; Alphons Nolan; Rita Nolan; Eileen Baker; Helen & Barry Hind; All the Holy Souls.  
**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:**  
Ray Lamb of Gunnedah; Les Ward; David Sailer; Rita Looney; Bobbie Paton; Fr John Willis; Fr John McHugh; Clare Craner; Bill Gleeson; Billy Godden; Ros Turton; Gavin Sewell; Ian Gallagher; Fiona Nolan; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lucy Gigli; Father Pat O'Neill; Tom Sanderson; Colleen Hyatt; Michael McCormick; Dan O'Donnell; Marie Dalton; Jack Dunn; Colin Gallagher; Andrew Molmanus; Ivy Taylor; Joan Greentree; Rosalynn Chan; all the members of the Parish who are ill.

### Roster

5/12/2020 R: B Press  
6/12/2020 R: D Davidson & M Corbould  
C: K Sweep & C Taylor

### Coming Events

Thurs 3 Dec Mass at Eloura at 2.00pm  
Fri 4 Dec Advent Reflection Morning after 9.30am Mass at St Joseph's Centre  
Fri 11 Dec St Joseph's School Graduation Mass at 9.30am



### Coronavirus

**The following must be observed at all Masses:**

1. Please sign-in on the log-sheets every time you enter the church.
2. Sanitise your hands, observe physical distancing and sit on allocated seats
3. **No congregational singing, only Father to sing; no Sign of Peace.**
4. Printed bulletins are for single use only and must not be reused by other people
5. One single line during Holy Communion.

### Saints to Remember

**St Andrew** - Memorial - 30th  
**St Francis Xavier** - Memorial - 3rd  
**St John Damascene** - Memorial - 4th

### Memorare

Remember, Our Lady of La Salette, true Mother of Sorrows, the tears you shed for me on Calvary. Remember also the care you have always taken to keep me faithful to Christ your Son. After having done so much for your child, you will not now abandon me. Inspired by this consoling thought, I come to cast myself at your feet in spite of my infidelities and ingratitude. Do not reject my prayer, O merciful Virgin, but intercede for my conversion, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus above all things, and to console you by a holy life, that I may one day see you in heaven. Amen.  
Our Lady of La Salette reconciler of Sinners  
Pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to thee.

### The Sacred Liturgy

**Quirindi:** Vigil Mass 5.00pm  
Sunday 9.30am  
Vigil Mass Saturday 6.30pm  
**Willow Tree:** Mass at Willow Tree 8.00am  
**Carroona:** To be advised  
**Confessions:** Saturday 4.15pm to 4.45pm and after each Mass except Saturday night  
**Weekday Mass Times:**  
**St Brigid's:** Mass Monday, Tuesday, Friday & Saturday at 9.30am.  
**Werris Creek:** Mass Wednesday; Thursday at 9.30am.

### Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:

**Baptisms by arrangement with Parish Priest - any Sunday at 11.30am**  
**Rosary is said prior to Mass only when there is no Benediction**  
**No Anointing on the 3rd Sunday of the Month during Mass**

**Mass at Eloura** Thankfully after a long hiatus, there will be Mass on Thursday 3rd December at 2.00pm at Eloura. For those who wish to attend you are reminded that you must provide proof that you have had the Influenza Vaccine this year, this is the protocol for entry and or visits to the facility.

**Christmas Raffle** is a \$50.00 IGA Voucher Please write your own tickets, use both sides of the ticket book, and place money in the tin provided. **GOOD LUCK.**

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.

**Advent Reflection Morning** Friday 4th December in St Josephs Centre following 9.30am Mass. Please come, if you haven't been before as it is an opportunity to listen and share, only if you wish of course — no demands. By attending you are supporting your fellow parishioners so hope to see you there. No RSVP required — just come. Morning tea and a chat will follow the hour of reflection. Orders have been placed but have 2 or 3 spare if anyone missed out ordering. Contact Bern or Pat \$5.00 each.

### Christmas Mass Timetable

**Christmas Eve Werris Creek** - Mass at 5.00pm  
**Christmas Eve St Brigid's** - Mass at 6.00pm  
**Christmas Eve St Brigid's** - Mass at 7.30pm  
**Christmas Day Willow Tree** - Mass at 8.00am  
**Christmas Day St Brigid's** - Mass at 9.30am  
**Christmas Day Werris Creek** - Mass at 9.00am

*Advent Week One*  
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Romans 15:13, NIV



**Confessions at St Brigid's on Saturday Evenings** - 4.15pm - 4.45pm

Due to COVID-19 and St Brigid's only able to cater for 64 people safely socially distancing. You will need to book for Mass over Christmas. The Mass times are listed on the bulletin, but you must register to which mass you will be attending. There are sheets at the back of the Church with the times allocated, please write down which mass you will be attending. Please advise family and friends.

Planned Giving \$283.00 + \$60.00 = \$343.00

First Collection \$318.20

**CWL Christmas Cards & Columban Calendars** - \$10.00 each and are available at the back of the Church.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Lord, show us your mercy and love,  
and grant us your salvation. Alleluia.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

WELCOME AND THANK YOU

Today we welcome Fr Chris Monaghan CP as our reflection writer. Fr Chris is President of Yarra Theological Union, University of Divinity, where he teaches both Old and New Testament. In his reflection, he will consider briefly each of the Scripture readings set down for the Sunday.

We are very grateful and thank Fr Brendan Byrne SJ, of the Jesuit College of Spirituality, University of Divinity, for his insightful reflections on the Gospels over the past three years.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## THE CALL TO CONVERSION

As Advent begins, we set out once again to prepare our hearts for the great feast of God's humble presence among us. Expectation and complacency, longing and listlessness, can all be found in our hearts as we prepare for Christmas. Today's readings speak of our need for God's presence and our thankful response of faithfulness.

The reading from Isaiah is a passionate plea for renewal and change. The people have been left to their own devices for too long. If God would only tear open the heavens and come down, the mountains would melt before God's presence. Isaiah hopes that the hearts of the people of Israel should also melt so that God the great potter, could once more mould, shape, and breathe life into their hearts.

Paul's perspective is one of thanksgiving for the gifts that have already been given as the community waits for the Lord's return. Such gifts are given to sustain us as we wait for the moment when Jesus will finally be revealed in glory.

It is one thing to be grateful for blessings and gifts received but the Gospel calls us to take the next step of using these gifts faithfully. The parable of the master who leaves his servants in charge during his absence is as relevant today as in the days of Mark. It is important to note that each of the servants is entrusted with a task to be faithfully completed. As Advent begins each one of us is given the task of preparing our hearts and lives to welcome the Lord.

**Christopher Monaghan CP**



# THE SAVING WORD

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT / B

29 NOVEMBER 2020

**FIRST READING** Isa 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

*Oh, that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.*

You, Lord, yourself are our Father. Our Redeemer is your ancient name. Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways and harden our hearts against fearing you? Return, for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your inheritance. Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down — at your Presence the mountains would melt. No ear has heard, no eye has seen any god but you act like this for those who trust him. You guide those who act with integrity and keep your ways in mind. You were angry when we were sinners; we had long been rebels against you. We were all like men unclean, all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing. We have all withered like leaves and our sins blew us away like the wind. No one invoked your name or roused himself to catch hold of you. For you hid your face from us and gave us up to the power of our sins. And yet, Lord, you are our Father; we the clay, you the potter, we are all the work of your hand.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 79:2-3, 15-19. R. v. 4

**R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us;/ shine forth from your cherubim throne./ O Lord, rouse up your might./ O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore;/ look down from heaven and see./ Visit this vine and protect it./ the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**



3. May your hand be on the man you have chosen./ the man you have given your strength./ And we shall never forsake you again:/ give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Cor 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

*The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.*

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

■ **The word of the Lord.**