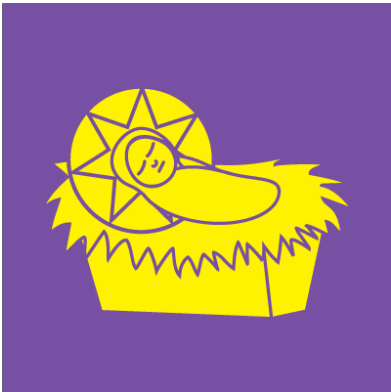


We will be preparing for Advent in this fourth Term period. As we begin with an extension of the Map of Israel – painting the map, and introducing pin map work, we will think about this small land chosen by God. We wonder why this small land was to be the birth place of a very special baby, where the Angel appeared



to Mary in Nazareth to tell her that the Holy Spirit would come down upon her and she would give birth to a baby, called Jesus and “He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High” (Luke 1:32 NRSV). We will celebrate with an Advent Procession and change the colours from green to purple – the colour for preparation.

The first year children will be introduced to the Infancy Narrative works of the Annunciation and the Adoration of the Shepherds and the Birth of Jesus. We will spend time with the first two Advent Prophecies – the Prophecy of Light and the Prophecy of the Wonderful Names.

The second year children will be introduced to the Infancy Narrative works of the Visitation and the Presentation in the Temple. They will spend time with the next two Advent Prophecies – the Prophecy of the Young Mother and the Prophecy of the Small Town.

We welcome our newcomers who have joined the Atrium on Monday afternoons. We have a small group of two who attend on Mondays from 1.30pm to 3.00pm! There are vacancies for this time, if you know of anyone who may wish to join us.

Our Monday late afternoon group is now full! This group is predominantly pre-school and Year One aged children and working with them will help us to introduce new 6 to 9 works early next year.

We are looking to introduce a Toddler Atrium/Mother Effect Group for little ones aged 0 to pre-Prep. Carrie McCormack from Mother Effect will visit us at a time to be announced to discuss the possibility of this commencing. We are very excited!

We pray for Lucy, Ari, Beau, Amelie, Katerina, and Sienna who have completed their Baptism preparation with us in term period three. We also pray for Jack, Emma and Poppy who commenced their preparation in September.

Shannon and I have completed Level 2 Part 1 formation, and, along with Auceli, commenced Level 2 Part 2 formation for the 6 to 9 year old child. Auceli, our Friday morning volunteer, has begun to attend formation with Shannon and I! We are so happy to share this wonderful work with her! We will be attending two days of formation on 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> October so, unfortunately, there will not be an Atrium session on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October.

We pray that you enjoy the recess for the Atrium during the school holidays and we will resume on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October and Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October. This term period will conclude on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November and Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November.



Thank you for all your encouragement and support, and we continue to pray for the growth of our Parish Atrium, and for more catechists and volunteers. Please visit the Parish Website for further information and articles about our Atrium - <http://www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au> and our Atrium Facebook Page - <https://www.facebook.com/Catechesis-of-the-Good-Shepherd-Tibor-and-Vera-Endrody-Atrium>

Blessings,

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