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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

2nd / 3rd December 2017 – YEAR B

"RECONCILIATION." THE SACRAMENT OF PENANCE.

Reconciliation is such a special sacrament. It is well attended in this parish. In order to minister to all people who wish to celebrate reconciliation, we ask that each person makes a full examination of conscience prior to the sacrament and name the sins briefly, without extensive background. In the sacrament there is not enough time for an extensive life history. If someone feels they have a lot to deal with, please contact the office and make an appointment for a longer time with the priest.

Reconciliation is advisable every two months, in order to give the penitent time to address the issues raised in the previous celebration of the sacrament.

In the early days of the Church, the primary (and only) sacramental means of forgiveness of sin was the sacrament of Baptism. In Baptism, (which is still the first and the entry-point for all other sacraments), the believer is initiated and welcomed into the life of the Christian community and, even more dramatically, is 'immersed' into Christ's life, death and resurrection. The Baptised person is 'conformed' to Christ (that is, made part of Christ's life and character) and is reborn and "washed clean" of past sins. Since Baptism is an action of permanently connecting us to the life of Christ it is a **one-off action**. We do not re-baptise a person.

A dilemma occurred, because, when someone sinned again, they could not be re-baptised. So, what would become of them? In the early days of the church, a person who sinned could be publicly enrolled into the "order of penitents" and would have to perform some onerous penance. At the end of the penance they would be publicly welcomed back into communion. As one could imagine, this was a very difficult, very public and often impractical penance.

Another alternative developed, with communities of religious priests, (monks), whom people would visit for Spiritual direction. A person who had sinned would confess their sin and the monk would give them an action to do to 'make recompense,' based on the seriousness of the sin. This has now grown up to be the **sacrament of penance**. In Penance we hear the Word of forgiveness and encounter in a tangible way the forgiving and reconciling love of God and we experience healing in our relationship with the church community in a respectful and totally confidential ceremony.

There are three specific Rites of Reconciliation, adapted for different circumstances.

The **First Rite of Reconciliation is celebrated in a special room or space set aside**. The penitent comes forward and either kneels or sits behind a screen, to allow for privacy and anonymity if they prefer, or they are welcome to come and sit in a seat facing the priest.

The **Second Rite of reconciliation is a more communal liturgy**. It usually resembles the more public rituals like the Mass. There is usually a reading, Gospel, homily and formal 'examination of conscience.' This often reminds us of areas we are not living as we should. Then people come forward, as in first rite, to a priest, one by one and confess particular sins and receive individual absolution. The people then re-gather for a final prayer and a hymn.

The **Third Rite is very much like the second except there is no individual confession**.

The priest gives a 'general absolution' The Vatican has clarified that the **Third Rite is to be used only for emergencies, (Like on the 'Titanic', where it would be impossible to hear individual confessions, so the priest gives a general absolution to all). It not permitted for ordinary usage.**

Even when the third rite was used more frequently, there was always the

obligation for a person to confess any serious sins to a priest at the next opportunity.

Fr Paul Kelly

READINGS FOR THIS WEEKEND:

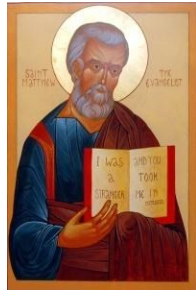
First Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64: 1, 3-8
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Mark 13: 33-37

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

2nd Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 63: 16-17; 64: 1, 3-8
1 Corinthians 1: 3-9
Mark 13: 33-37

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK:

Monday 4th Dec: St John Damascene, priest, doctor
Wednesday 6th Dec: St Nicholas, bishop
Thursday 7th Dec: St Ambrose, bishop, doctor
Friday 8th Dec: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday 9th Dec: St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin, hermit



VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA 10am Wednesday 13th Dec Parish Hospitality Centre

thank
you

A special morning tea for all volunteers.
This means YOU in every ministry
in our parish!

Please come and join in the fun and laughter over a cuppa and enjoy some beautiful food.

RSVP 8th December for catering purposes to the Parish Office 5572 5433

CHRISTMAS MASS ROSTERS Thank you to all the people who have volunteered their help for the Christmas Masses. A copy of the roster will be available in all churches this weekend. If you need to change or cancel your commitment then please phone Helen on 5572 5433.

Christmas Eve - Children's play Children are invited to participate in the 6pm Christmas Eve Mass at Sacred Heart Church. There will be a meeting and practice on Tuesday 5th December at 10am in Sacred Heart Church. We look forward to seeing any budding actors, singers and extras!
Helen ph. 5572 5433

FATIMA DAY: Come to Marian Valley on Wednesday the 13th of December and celebrate Fatima Day. The bus will pickup at 7 Lind Ave, Palm Beach, 7.45am, then pickup at Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters, at 8.15am. This will be our final trip to the Marian Valley for 2017. The cost for the bus is \$20 return. Please book your seat early with Paula 0402 930918 or 5582 7950 or Madeline on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SURFERS PARADISE CONFERENCE will be conducting the annual Christmas Appeal at all Masses this weekend. Your support is invaluable at this time of year to assist in bringing a joyful Christmas to the poor and needy in our Parish. Thank you

WORLD STREET STORE DAY will be held on 10th December 12noon-3pm St Vincent's Church Car Park Homelessness is a global issue <http://www.thestreetstore.org/event/wssd-712th-street-store-surfers-paradise-gold-coast-australia/>

CHILDREN'S CHOIR FOR CHRISTMAS EVE MASS 6PM SACRED HEART:

Practice for the Children's Choir will take place on **Monday 4th December at 9am** in Sacred Heart Church. All children are welcome to come along and sing their hearts out with all the Christmas Carols. This will be a thirty minute session.

CHERISH LIFE QLD is open to people of all faith backgrounds. The common bond of our members is the regard for human life from conception to natural death. The next meeting of our Gold Coast branch will be on Tuesday 5 December, 6.30pm. 39-49 McLaren Road Nerang (Parish Centre at St Brigid's Nerang). The theme of this meeting will include euthanasia. With the 'Assisted Dying' bill now legalised in Victoria, there will be a push to make this uniform throughout the country. Dr Michael Pearcey will discuss medical aspects and a relevant dvd will be shown.

COMMUNION MINISTERS TO THE NURSING HOMES:

We are needing more **Ministers to take Communion** to our parishioners who are in Nursing Homes. Your usual commitment would be once per month. At the moment our most pressing needs are for **Merrimac Park Private Care on a Wednesday afternoon at 1.30pm** and **Hillview House on a Friday at 10.30am**. All training will be given and you will be in the company of another person at all times.

Please phone 55725433.

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Rachel & Kemal Coutinho of Broadbeach Waters for the week of Monday 4th December. If you wish to take part please contact Maxine or Pat Sela on 5539 9539.

VOLUNTEER HOSPITAL PASTORAL CARERS: Expressions of interest for training as a volunteer hospital pastoral carer are being sought for training in 2018.

Centacare Pastoral Ministries offers scholarships for training in return for a one morning per week commitment for a minimum two year period. Pastoral care teams in hospitals are highly valued by patients, staff and management. Pastoral care is a very rewarding volunteer role and if you would like to know more contact judy.norris@bne.centacare.net.au (Ph: 3324 3193) or look for the brochures available in your parish. Expressions of Interest close **15 January 2018**.

THE GOLD COAST CITY CHOIR extends a warm welcome to you to attend one of our Christmas concerts for 2017. Our program this year is a Cantata by Joseph M Martin and some other Advent music, and is being performed on the following dates:

* **Sunday 3rd Dec 3pm:** Robina Anglican Church, Robina Town Centre Drive Robina.

* **Friday 8th Dec 7.30pm:** St Peter's Church, Nerang St Southport.

* **Sunday 10th Dec 2pm (QLD time):** Twin Towns Uniting

OUR OF GRACE: Will be held at **Calvary Church**, Santa Monica Road, Miami from 12noon to 1pm on **Friday 8th December** to honour the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. All welcome

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD:

In a Montessori class, there is far more interaction than one would see in a traditional classroom where the children are silent by decree rather than by choice. This profound concentration is the result of a long inner growth at the Atrium. We always need more volunteers to help us with the catechesis – if you are interested please contact the Parish Office ph 55 725433 or atrium.surfers@bne.catholic.net.au

THE CATHOLIC LEADER: *Keeping faith with you*

Pope Francis' historic visit to Myanmar.

Syrian refugee ordained to serve in Brisbane, with wife and young sons by his side.

Brisbane has new parish to care for one of state's fastest-growing regions

Thriving parish in another growth area prepares new college for Gold Coast.

THE GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY: "The Bells of Advent ring" and our thoughts turn to Christmas plans. In the summer edition of "Australian Catholics" a challenge was issued to live our 2017 Advent and Christmas in response to the Papal Encyclical **LAUDATO SI**. Twelve practical ways to honour our Creator, creation and one another. A real Christmas tree, solar lights, presence (sic), family and Nativity are just a few.

ART AND CRAFT NEWS: The **CHRISTMAS RAFFLE** continues this weekend giving you the opportunity to win one or more of the **10 WONDERFUL PRIZES**. Prizes will be chosen in order of tickets drawn. The draw will take place on **Sunday 17th December at St Vincent's Church after the 10am Mass.**

Please note the change of venue! Prizes can be collected from the Parish Hospitality Centre **Monday 18th December** at 4:30pm. Proceeds will help Parish Resources. Thank you for your support.

TRAVELLING TO ITALY? WANT TO LEARN ITALIAN?

7 Week Course. Absolute beginners. **Tuesdays 6.30pm** or **Fridays 10am** to be held at Dante Alighieri Society, 18 Fairway Dr, Clear Island Waters, just behind the Italo-Australian Club. If you are interested please phone **Giovanna 5539 5528** or **Rita 5527 0797**. www.dantegoldcoast.com.au

A VOCATION VIEW:

It's Advent; almost Christmas! A Season of dreams comes true.

Be on guard. The Lord may call you to follow Him.

VENIRE FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS

Join us for our very last Venire at the Parish for the year! We're going to have a great feast, recap the year and share with one another our hopes for the year to come. Thursday 7th of December 6-8:30pm in the Hospitality Centre. Please RSVP to Steph 0411 669 876. All are welcome .

DEANERY END OF YEAR PARTY!

We're calling all our youth groups to come together one last time for the year, for an amazing event we are theming "VINTAGE PROM" Head to an op shop or look through your parents wardrobe for a retro outfit as we celebrate the end of year with an amazing **PARTY!** It's going to be a great night of dancing with an epic DJ, free food and praise and worship. Friday 15th December, St Mary's Parish Coomera 6 – 9:30pm Please RSVP Steph 0411669876
Open to high schoolers and young adults.

COFFEE CULTURE CAFÉ Please note change of hours!

From Monday 4th December the hours will be **8am to 12noon**. **The Café will be closed from Monday 11th December** until it re-opens at **7am - 3.30pm Tuesday 23rd January** when the new School Term commences. For Catering in 2018 please **phone Divina at the Café on 0435721258**.

divinaQ YOGA Thursday 6am - Vinyasa Flow & Friday 6am Gentle Hatha For more information contact divinaQ@wixsite.com/yoga or find us on **Facebook.com/divinaQ**

FR MAC'S PUDDINGS are available now at all Churches. Buy now before they run out.

RELIGIOUS GOODS: See the new range of Nativity Sets, 2018 Calendars, Little Blue Books, Daily Mass Books, Year B Sunday Mass Books in the Piety Shops at the Churches.

SEMINARIAN PLACEMENT My name is William Aupito Iuliano. I am currently in my third year of seminary formation at Holy Spirit Seminary, a student for the Brisbane Archdiocese which means I am a seminarian for you. I'm looking forward to meeting you and being a part of the Surfers Paradise Parish. I enjoy long walks on the beach and sleeping. Besides my average enjoyments, I do appreciate parish life, for it was from parish ministry that I first felt my call to priesthood. Advent is a great season of anticipation and hope and I look forward to spending it with you all. I would love to get to meet you and hear your story. William.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Marge O'Connor, Celena McGovern, Tess Brake, Walter John Walsh, Fadoul Kazzi, Ralph McIver (Sydney), Paul Melanie, Bettina Stewart (nee Dunn),

ANNIVERSARIES: John Bounds, Tomislav Grguric, Helen Therese Sharp, Owen Louis Ryan, Beth Green, Fabian McCarthy,

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Dianne Lovelock, Carmen Buttigieg, Dr Alex Sharah, Tony Wienand, Janina Kraus, Terry Scott, Dillon Butler, Therese Lloyd, Brian Lloyd, Mary Busuttill, Pat Thomson, Margaret Needham, Chris Farrell, Sheryl Higgins, Elaine Neethling (Capetown SA), Leah Mackay, Rosemary Jamieson, Miriam Bousettel, Ryan Lloyd, Joanne Burge, Monica Bailey, John O'Leary, Sarah Clancy, Rosa Maria Santos, James Daly (Capetown), Shaun Van de Reede, Murray Downes (NZ), Bob Francis, Michelle Krijnen (NZ), Fr John Milliken, Anne Zappa, Jooy & Madison, Tony Bui, Betty Hillesheim, Michael Dwyer, Joan Maher, Michelle Macdonald, MaryAnn Boehme, Angelina Elsey, Bernadette Lewis, Gerald Theron (Capetown), David Conway, Janora Senders, Francee Beckman, Imelda Rundell, Joanne Mooney, Baby Savannah Mary Ayoub, Margaret Borg, Peter Borg, Edwin Ware, Nalin Sena, Kevin McCormack, Rachel Raines, John Ashby, Paul Kiely, David Weldon, Dr Michael Tracey, Joyce & Daniel Farrugia, Ray Balkin.

PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY 4th December	TUESDAY 5th December	WEDNESDAY 6th December	THURSDAY 7th December	FRIDAY 8th December	SATURDAY 9th December
7am ST VINCENT'S	9am SACRED HEART Next Anointing Mass Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 10am	9am STELLA MARIS	9am STELLA MARIS	7am ST VINCENT'S 9am SACRED HEART	RECONCILIATION 4.15pm STELLA MARIS 5.00pm SACRED HEART 5.15pm ST VINCENT'S
NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES	STELLA MARIS CHURCH SACRED HEART ST VINCENT'S CHURCH	Saturday Evening 5pm Saturday Evening 6pm Saturday Evening 6pm	AND AND AND	Sunday 7am & 8.30am Sunday 9am & 6pm Sunday 8am & 10am	

MIGRANT CHAPLAINS / COMMUNITIES:

Polish: Sunday 12noon Sacred Heart Church
Fr Bernard Bednarz C/- 3252 2200

Italian: Sunday 4.00pm Sacred Heart Church
Fr Michele Cagna CS 0432110468—Pastoral Support and
General Information - Connie 5575 8882

Filipino: Next Mass is **3rd December at 12noon** at Guardian
Angels Church, Scarborough St, Southport. Will continue at
Southport each 1st Sunday. MaryAnn Boehme 0416331233

Hispanic: 1st & 3rd Sundays 5—7pm St Vincent's Church
Fr Ignacio Gutierrez 0481118521 e: paterignacio@yahoo.com

Maronite Rite: Saturday 7.15pm Sacred Heart 3394 4994
Maroun's Church, Brisbane.

GROUPS:

ART & CRAFT: Each Wednesday 9am to 12noon in PHC

BOOK CLUB: In recess until February 2018

BRIDGE: Mondays at 12noon Parish Hospitality Centre

SPCL: Tuesday **6th February 2018**

FRIENDSHIP DAY 15th February 2018

CHOIR PRACTICE: 8.30am Saturdays SH

PLAYGROUP: Wednesdays 9.30am Casey Hall, Fairway
Drive, Clear Island Waters. Parish Office 5572 5433.
In recess until 24th January 2018

YOGA: Tuesday 10.45am \$10/Session. Parish Hospitality

divinaQ: Thursday & Friday 6am on the Lawn next to Sacred
Heart Church.

ZUMBA GOLD: Friday 9.15am Casey Hall. Beginners and
Intermediate. Susana Pozzi 0421 607 397

FOR MORE PARISH GROUPS, PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE

Baptisms: Contact Parish Office 5572 5433 to register your interest.

Marriages: (Min 6mths notice required). Phone 5572 5433

Benediction: 1st Friday 7.30am St Vincent's Church

Children's Liturgy:

Sacred Heart Church: Sunday 9am Mass (during School Term only)

Stella Maris Church: 8.30am Mass every 2nd Sunday of the Month
(during school term only).

Christian Meditation: Tuesday 10am & 6pm (Youth Room)
Pam Egtberts 0428 090 703

Couples For Christ Foundation for Family and Life:

Please phone **Butch 0424 583 169** or **Mini 0424 583 168**

Exposition:

St Vincent's Church: Monday & Friday 6am, Thurs 9.45am

Sacred Heart Church: Tues 9.30am, Friday 7pm-9pm

1st Friday - 8pm Friday 5th January to 7am Sat 6th January.

Carmelite Spirituality: 3rd Sunday of each month 10.30am PHC,
CIW Contact: Norm Harding 0421 125 575.

Rosary: St Vincent's Church: Sunday 7.15am and

Monday & Friday 6.25am

Sacred Heart Church: Tuesday & Friday 8.25am before Mass

Stella Maris Church: Wednesday 8.25am, before Mass

Venire Youth Mass: 6.00pm Sunday—Date to be advised

CONTACT FORM FOR ALL PARISH MINISTRIES

FAMILY NAME: _____ OTHER NAMES: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PH: _____ MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____

WHAT ARE YOU INTERESTED IN RIGHT NOW?

Registering in parish sacrament enquiry youth Prayer request

Roster availability Other: _____ To commence parish planned giving program

**PLEASE PLACE THIS COMPLETED FORM ON THE COLLECTION PLATE, OR CONTACT THE PARISH
OFFICE ON 5572 5433 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.**