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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT - YEAR A 30th NOVEMBER / 1st DECEMBER 2019

ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL THIS WEEKEND

On the sometimes desperate and dangerous streets of Paris in 1833, Frederic Ozanam and a group of his University friends formed a fellowship to do their best to alleviate poverty and need from the squalid living conditions of many Parisians. That fellowship became known as the St Vincent de Paul Society. Like his guiding light Jesus Christ, Ozanam became a radiant source of inspiration.

In modern day Australia, the radiance of that inspiration continues. Poverty and need manifests itself in different ways but it exists and the volunteer members of St Vincent de Paul see it every day. Today it comes in many forms: the single mother fleeing domestic abuse, the older man who has suffered elder abuse at the hands of his children, the child who has known nothing but the streets since their early teens and so on. Unlike the Parisian streets of 1833, our streets are clean and hygienic but behind the closed doors, suffering abounds.

The Surfers Paradise Conference of St Vincent de Paul operates within the boundaries of our Parish. From Main Beach to Chevron Island to the Isle of Capri to Broadbeach and out to Merrimac; our members visit people in need. By Christmas we will have visited about 500 people during the year, including adults and children. Each had been desperate enough to ring our helpline seeking assistance. All are in dire straits but some are desperately embarrassed at their circumstances and frightened as to what the future holds so ringing us was the last resort.

A number of our members are retired but just as many still work. Our members range in age from a University student right through to one of our members who has been volunteering for Vinnies for more than fifty years. Empathetic and passionate one and all. They volunteer their time to visit, attend meetings and help with special needs including our Christmas Hampers. All are from our congregation and whilst they don't consider themselves special they do live out their faith.

The ethos of the St Vincent de Paul Society is 'a hand up, and not a hand out'. We do help people in desperate need but additional support is provided on the basis that the people we visit are doing something to help themselves. We assist by providing help with managing budgets, finding cheaper accommodation and generally supporting them to improve their circumstances.

We provide help in many forms. Food in most cases but also increasingly assistance with power bills and rent, and help with medical bills. Where need be we provide: clothing, furniture, household goods and school requirements. But sometimes support comes in the form of a warm smile and a friendly chat. Loneliness and isolation are real issues, even within the affluent environment of our Parish.

As Christmas approaches, our conference is busily preparing to assist families and individuals in our Parish who might otherwise go without. We do that in the form of Hampers, which include both food and toys for children. However, we could do none of what we do without the support of Father Peter, Father Paul, the Parish staff and most particularly you, our parishioners. Without your incredible, ongoing generosity we would not be able to assist anyone. Thank you once again.

As St Vincent de Paul himself told his followers, 'There are no people so rich that they have nothing to receive, and none so poor that they have nothing to give.'

Blessings and Merry Christmas, Rob Fearnley, Conference President

Parish Census

**Each completed Parish Census form is an entry ticket
to a \$500 gift voucher - To be drawn before Christmas.
The Census will be concluded this weekend.**

“The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and protected from any harm.”
As a Parish Community we pray for a change of heart, that we respond to our grief by reaching out to one another in truth and love.



Two Invitations for our younger parishioners

Children between 5 and 12 years are invited to participate.
Teenagers and adults are invited to assist.

1. Fun Days with God—Advent Adventures

The Parish Sacramental Team will present a Holiday Activity Session on Sunday December 22 beginning at 10:15am (after 9:00am mass) and concluding at 2:30pm.

Through a day of creative activities including drama, craft and music, we aim to support the faith journey of our parish children and their developing spirituality as they explore the Gospel stories and the message of the advent season.

The activities have been prepared by Lorraine Wynne and Carole Danby who are members of the Evangelisation Brisbane Archdiocese team. We are very grateful that Lorraine will assist and guide us on December 22.

The invitation is particularly for children but parents and teenage siblings are most welcome to come along and assist.

Anyone wishing to be part of the day (as participant or assistant) should register for our **Fun Days with God—Advent Adventures** via the link on our parish website www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au

2. The Christmas Vigil Mass Nativity Play

(Tuesday 24th December at 5pm)

If you would like to be part of our Christmas Nativity Play as a shepherd? a sheep? an angel? Mary or Joseph? then please come along to our practices to be held at Sacred Heart Church on

Tuesday 17th Dec 10:45am-12:15pm;

Thursday 19th Dec. 10:45am-12:15pm and

Monday 23rd Dec. 10:45am-12:15pm

There is no need to enrol for the nativity play; just come along to our first practice and join in.

For more details on either invitation, please email our Children's Sacramental Coordinator, Cathy Anderson:

AndersonCM@bne.catholic.net.au



ALL NIGHT ADORATION: All night adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this **First Friday from 7pm Friday 6th December to 7am Saturday 7th December at Sacred Heart Church.** All welcome. Enquiries: Jim 0424381069 or Helen 0421935678.

“Could you not watch one hour with Me?” MT 26:40

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

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I would like to thank each one of you for the incredible kindness, love and support shown to my family and myself since the unexpected passing of my dear husband Barry. You have surrounded us with love and I will be forever grateful. **With love Christeen.** Christeen is the Director of our Parish Choir.

ADVENT: The Church season of Advent marks the start of a new Church calendar year. It is also the time of preparation and expectation for Christmas. It is especially a time of waiting and preparing.

You will notice a couple of things a little different in this Advent season. Firstly, the **colour** of the season of **Advent is Purple.** The Advent Candles are lit for each week. The tone of Advent is quieter and more reflective than other times of the year and has a somewhat penitential tone to it as well.

The style and tone of the Mass changes to fit the season we are in.

The Gloria is not said or sung again (other than on a major feast-day such as Immaculate Conception – which is moved to 9th December because Sundays of Advent have a higher priority), until Christmas eve. Also, please note that the Hymn for each Sunday of Advent will be an instrumental of Christ be Our Light. We will exit to different verses of Christ be our light and another hymn, “Open the Heavens,” on alternate weekends. This emphasizes the unity of the season and highlights the tone. These Hymns will be shorter and not always with singing, again to reflect the difference of the season and our attitude of expectation and waiting. We trail off into silence as a reflection of the quieter tone of this season and the simplicity, expectation and waiting that is the meaning of this Advent time.

Holy Spirit Retreat Day - 7th December in the Parish Hospitality Centre - from **9am through to 6pm Mass.**

You are welcome to be a part of our Parish **Holy Spirit Retreat Day.**

A day for deepening our relationship with God; a time of encounter with Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit.

- The mystery of God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit!
- Who is the Holy Spirit and what does the Holy Spirit do?
- How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?
- Does God heal today and how can I be healed?
- How to make the most of the rest of my life filled with the Holy Spirit!

These are questions to ponder in our hearts, thoughts to spend time with, in prayer and contemplation. We are invited to open our hearts and our minds to the Holy Spirit becoming a part of our everyday lives.

AN INVITATION TO A PRESENTATION ON THE CAMINO WALK:

All parishioners are invited to this presentation to take place on **Sunday 8th December from 10:15am to 11:30am** in the Parish Hospitality Centre, Clear Island Waters. **PLEASE RSVP as soon as possible to the Parish Office 5572 5433.**





ART AND CRAFT CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

We begin selling the tickets in our great Christmas Raffle at all Churches this weekend. Sales will continue over the following two weekends. We have nine great prizes of \$100 cash together with great gifts.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING CASH as we don't have Eftpos facilities. The proceeds of the Raffle will go to the Parish for the benefit of all. We are grateful for your continued support.

The Joy in Loving - Mother Teresa

"It is not enough for us to say: 'I love God.' I also have to love my neighbour. In the Scriptures, St John says that you are a liar if you say you love God and you do not love your neighbour. How can you love God whom you do not see, if you do not love your neighbour whom you see, whom you touch, and beside whom you live? And he uses a very big word. 'You are a liar.' It is one of those words that is frightening to read and yet it is really true."

PARISH CENSUS UPDATE: Last weekend we commenced our first week of the 2019 parish census. Approximately 1350 people completed the form at Mass with others completing theirs online. Online link www.surfersparadiseparish.com.au If you have not completed the form please go online or fill in the registration form, located in the pews, this weekend. Time will be allocated to do this after the homily. All completed forms will be allocated a ticket in the \$500 Gift Voucher prize which will be drawn before Christmas. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation.

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Glarry & Rudi Camara, for the week commencing **2nd December**. If you would like to take part please contact **Pat and Maxine Sela** on **5539 9539**.

READINGS THIS WEEK: First Sun of Advent: Year A: Isaiah 2: 1-5; Romans 13: 1-14; Matthew 24: 37-44.

READINGS NEXT WEEK: Isaiah 11: 1-10; Romans 15: 4-9; Matthew 3: 1-12.

FEASTDAYS: Tues 2nd Dec: St Francis Xavier, priest;

THE GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY NEWS: Grab a bargain at our '**Donation for a Book Deal**' special on Religious books at Sacred Heart. Thanks to the 'Legacy' of the Caloundra Parish Library and excess books from our Library, we can offer a great range of spiritual reading which can be yours for a donation of whatever you can give! You may well find your special book for Advent reading right here! Once again we thank you for your ongoing and generous support!

Attention Parishioners at **Stella Maris** and **Sacred Heart!** The popular **Read and Return Book Trolleys** in these Churches have been re-stocked with fresh books - so please take a look when you visit the Church this Advent.

HOLLAND PARK MT GRAVATT PARISH: Invites applications for the part time position of **Parish Office Coordinator**, 28 hours per week over 4 days. The role encompasses Administration duties and Financial coordination, as well as project management of Property upgrades and maintenance.

Applications close 6 December. To apply please email your application with your resume to herdj@bne.catholic.net.au with "Office Coordinator" in the subject. If you have any questions please contact HR Coordinator, **James Herd** on **07 3324 3331**.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS now available at the Sacred Heart and St Vincent's Religious Goods Shops, **price \$9**.

This year's 98th edition contains traditional religious paintings and liturgical information. A free online audio visual of the calendar artwork can be found at www.columban.org.au/2020artguide

The Piety Stall also has **CHRISTMAS CARDS** and many inspirational gifts for the **Giving Season**. Call in and purchase your gifts for family and friends.

- Nerang parishioners celebrate silver anniversary of St Brigid's Church and school on the Gold Coast.
- St Stephen's Cathedral commemorates 30 years since its renovation and dedication on December 4.
- 93-year-old Jindalee parishioner Dorothy Russell's parish 'housekeeping' is close to award winning.
- Catholic Health Australia welcomes government's \$537 million boost to increase home care and to get young people out of residential care

THE CATHOLIC LEADER \$2.00

RECENTLY DECEASED: Peter Heffernan, Joan Stewart, Therese Lees, Darren Lemon, Giacomo 'Jack' Ulliana, Eric Moloney (Twba), John Landrigan, Raymond Arthur Miles.

ANNIVERSARIES: Patricia Thomson, Fabian McCarthy.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Abina Jean Salmann, Peter Walsh, Frank Conway, Jean Di Benedetto, Bernadette Gleeson, Patricia Bridge Wienand, Damian Callinan, Arthur Haddad, Rosemary Wales, Peter Allsopp, Yvonne Lofthouse, Catarina Campesi, Louis Couch, Steve Wayt, Pat Sulzberger, Judith Salvestrin, Denise Kuhne, Duncan Dawson, Rachel Raines, Hugh Tighe, Barry Moray, Frok Kolaj, Caitlin Webster, Peter Capolupo, Jenny Johnson, Kurt Hilleshiem, Miriam Busitel, Judy Marshall, Tony Seymour, Stephen Kynaston, Katrina Gallagher, Sarah Clancy, Rachel, Young-Pil, Michael Tracey, Joanne Mooney, Tricia Baumann, Joanne Parkes, Cecilia Calligan, Norm Harding, Paul Kiely, Maria Trosic, Lucy Liwag, Tony McLeod, Ron Perry, Aileen Van Zijl, Marianne Vanek, Monica Bailey, Margaret Borg, Michelle MacDonald, Mark Miller, Julianne Conway, Peter O'Brien, John Stowers, Kim Parkes, Gus Reeves, Savannah Mary Ayoub, Frank Lyons, John & Molly Robinson, Mary Kerr, Eileen McCarthy.

PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY 2ND DECEMBER	TUESDAY 3RD DECEMBER	WEDNESDAY 4TH DECEMBER	THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER	FRIDAY 6TH DECEMBER	SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	9.00AM SACRED HEART	9.00am STELLA MARIS	9am STELLA MARIS	7.00am ST VINCENT'S 9.00am SACRED HEART	RECONCILIATION 4.15-4.45pm STELLA MARIS 5.15-5.45pm ST VINCENT'S 5.00-5.40pm SACRED HEART
NORMAL SUNDAY MASS TIMES	STELLA MARIS CHURCH Saturday Evening 5.00pm AND Sunday 7.00am & 8.30am SACRED HEART CHURCH Saturday Evening 6.00pm AND Sunday 9.00am & 6.00pm ST VINCENT'S CHURCH Saturday Evening 6.00pm AND Sunday 8.00am & 10.00am				

PLEASE ADHERE TO THESE TIMES
TO ALLOW THE PRIEST TO
PREPARE FOR MASS

MIGRANT COMMUNITIES MASS TIMES & CHAPLAINS :

Polish: Sunday 12 noon Sacred Heart Church

Please phone - **3252 2200** for inquiries.

Italian: Sunday 4:00pm Sacred Heart Church

Fr Angelo Cagna CS **0423 648 736** Pastoral Support and
General Information - Connie **5575 8882**

Filipino: Next Mass, 1st December, 12noon at Guardian

Angels Church, Scarborough St, Southport. Will be at
Southport **each 1st Sunday.** MaryAnn Boehme **0416 331 233**

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

C/- St Maroun's Parish, Greenslopes.

ART & CRAFT: Wednesdays 8.30am-12.30pm in the Parish
Hospitality Centre (PHC)

BOOK CLUB: In abeyance until 2020.

BRIDGE: Mondays 12 noon & Wednesdays 1pm PHC
Cheryl **5538 8821.**

CHOIR PRACTICE: Saturdays 8:30am SH Church

FRIENDSHIP DAY: Next 20th February 2020.

SPCL: Next meeting Tuesday 4th February 2020

SENIORS EXERCISE TO MUSIC: 9am Tuesday Casey Hall
with Rochelle **0438 333 308** \$8 per session.

YOGA: Each Tuesday 10:45am \$10/Per Session.

ZUMBA GOLD: Fridays 9:15am Casey Hall. Beginners and
Intermediate. Susana Mobile: **0421 607 397** \$12 session.

FOR MORE PARISH GROUPS,
PLEASE REFER TO OUR WEBSITE

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

WEDDINGS: The Catholic Church requires 6 months notice. Please
call the Parish Office on **5572 5433.**

CARE & CONCERN: Medical Transport - 0474 211 908

BENEDICTION: 1st Fri 6th December 7:30am St Vincent's Church

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Monetary Donations Phone 13 18 12

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sacred Heart 9am: 24th November.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Tuesdays 10am Resumes 4/2/2020
& 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

CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY: 3rd Sunday of each month 10:30am
PHC Contact: Norm Harding 0421 125 575. **Next 21 December**

EXPOSITION: St Vincent's Church 5.45am on Monday and
Friday: Thursdays from 9am-11am.

Sacred Heart Church: **Tuesdays 9:30am; Fridays 7pm-9pm;**
1st Friday 7pm 6th December to 7.00am Sat 7th December.

ROSARY: St Vincent's Church: Sundays 7:15am, and Monday
and Friday at 6.25am; Sacred Heart Church: **Tuesdays & Fridays**
8:25am before Mass; Stella Maris Church: **Wednesdays 8:25am**
before Mass.

MARIAN VALLEY: Please come and join us at the Marian Valley
for Fatima Day on Friday 13th of December 2019. For all Marian
Valley Bus Trips please phone: Paula on **0402 930 918** or
5582 7950 or Madeline on **0405 252 367** or **5529 1573.**

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