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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT - YEAR A 21ST / 22ND DECEMBER 2019

Christmas Greetings 2019

What I Do Know

I don't really know if the climate talks in Spain this month will achieve any real change, or that the price of petrol will go any higher or that the world-wide financial crisis is really over or that Australia's policies on refugees are just and effective. I don't know if the Queen will abdicate and allow Prince Charles to assume the throne, or if Kim Kardashian will ever be more popular than Elvis. I don't know if the Gold Coast will ever get a tourist cruise-ship terminal or that the dam levels will ever rise again. I don't know if Donald Trump will win a second term as President or that Brexit will achieve any real purpose. These are just some of the many uncertainties we have to live with everyday in life.

However, what I do know is that Christmas Day will be hot and Australia will win the Boxing Day cricket test. I know that we will eat and drink half our own body weight over the public holidays, and we will once again convince ourselves that we don't really mind the crowds and that we actually need everything on offer at the post-Christmas sales.

I know that Pope Francis will continue to inspire us with examples of humility and courage in the face of criticism. I know that parishioners with a true understanding of their faith will continue to minister to each other and persevere in trying to heal a sometimes broken Church.

I know that our parish churches will fill up with once-a-year worshippers and God will continue to smile upon them and our parish communities and its many members throughout 2020.

I know this because our God who gave us his only child, will not deny us anything we need in life to be happy, truly happy. Apparently it's all here for the taking. May the God of certain things and promised peace be with you and your family this Christmas and beyond.

Fr. Peter Dillon PP

***Wishing all our Parishioners and visitors the many Blessings of Christmas
and the Peace of a New Year filled with hope and love.***

From the Staff of the Parish Office, Sonya, Marylou, Pat and Cathy.

*“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.*

READINGS THIS WEEK: Isaiah 7: 10-14; Romans 1: 1-7;
Matthew 1: 18-24.

READINGS for CHRISTMAS: Isaiah 62: 1-5; Acts 13: 16-17, 22-25;
Luke 2: 1-14.

FEAST DAYS: Thurs 26th: St Stephen, first martyr;
Fri 27th: St John, apostle, evangelist.

IN OUR RELIGIOUS GOODS SHOPS: We have Calendars, statues, rosaries, crucifixes, car plaques and visors, holy cards, Baptism gifts, children’s books, prayer books and many other items available from the Religious Goods Shops located at only **St Vincent’s and Sacred Heart Churches.**

Open before and after Mass each weekend, or by appointment weekdays.



ART AND CRAFT CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Will be drawn on Sunday 22nd after 10am Mass at St Vincent’s Church. Winners will be contacted by phone to advise of their win.

ALL NIGHT ADORATION: 1st Friday Adoration at Sacred Heart Church on January 3rd 2020 will start at **7pm and finish at MIDNIGHT.** All welcome. Enquiries: Jim 0424381069 or Helen 0421935678.

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

PRAYING THE ROSARY: The statue of Our Lady will be at the home of Maria Savio for the week commencing **23rd December.** If you would like to take part please contact **Pat and Maxine Sela on 5539 9539.**

NO SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ON CHRISTMAS EVE

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

STELLA MARIS CHURCH, BROADBEACH

CHRISTMAS EVE: 5.00PM VIGIL MASS. CHRISTMAS DAY: 7.00AM & 8.30am



ST VINCENT’S CHURCH, SURFERS PARADISE

CHRISTMAS EVE: 6.00PM VIGIL MASS.

CHRISTMAS DAY: 8.00AM & 10.00AM



SACRED HEART CHURCH, CLEAR IS. WATERS

CHRISTMAS EVE: 5.00PM FAMILY MASS : 8.00PM MASS: 12MIDNIGHT MASS.

CAROLS AT 11.30PM

CHRISTMAS DAY: 9.00AM: **12NOON POLISH MASS / 4PM ITALIAN MASS.**

NO CHRISTMAS DAY EVENING MASS AT CLEAR ISLAND WATERS



THANK YOU: The 2019 Parish Census has been very well supported. A small group of volunteers have worked tirelessly on entering your details. I sincerely thank all those involved in the long hours of data entry. As a result of their efforts, Fr Peter was able to communicate a Christmas letter by email to all those who provided an email address.

On Friday the 13th Fr Peter drew the \$500 Pacific Fair voucher at the end of the morning Mass. As he put his hand in the box he said.....”I’m wanting to be directed to the right person”. When he pulled out the card the name read **SKJAERBAEK.** As this was not the easiest name to pronounce, he spelled it out and a lady in the second row directly in front of him put up her hand. Congratulations to Helen Skjaerbaek the winner of the gift voucher. It was lovely to be present and witness Helen’s delight in winning the voucher.

Parishioners can still **register or advise of changes to their information** (address/email/phone numbers) by filling in the **Registration cards** which you will find in holders in the back of each Church, or **online via the link on our Parish Website.** If you have any difficulty with this please just call the Parish Office with the information.

THANKS, FROM ST VINCENT de PAUL: A huge thank you to everyone for the wonderful response to our Christmas Appeal and also for your generosity with gifts under the tree. **PLEASE DO NOT BRING ANY MORE FOOD OR GIFTS AS THE HAMPERS HAVE BEEN PACKED AND DISTRIBUTED.** Thank you for your generosity.



TO THE PARISH PRIESTS AND COMMUNITY LEADERS OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE:

In recent days there has appeared in various parts of the Archdiocese and beyond a brochure concerning the proposed legislation on the seal of the sacrament of penance. **It is anonymous and has not been produced or distributed with my approval.** Whatever its

good intentions, it personalises the issue against the Premier in a way that is inaccurate and unhelpful - and which may also be counterproductive. There are other more constructive ways of making the Church's position known and responding to the proposed legislation. **Therefore, I ask that the brochure not be circulated in any church or chapel of the Archdiocese of Brisbane. Archbishop of Brisbane, The Most Reverend Mark Coleridge.**

SACRED HEART COLUMBARIUM AND MEMORIAL BOOK:

It always surprises me to hear from parishioners that they did not know the parish has a **Columbarium**. (Niche for ashes of deceased). The Columbarium was established in 2005 and is located directly behind Sacred Heart Church overlooking the lake. Over the past 14 years approximately 650 niches have been reserved by parishioners for themselves or their loved ones. Currently there are 105 single niches and 20 double niches available.

The **Memorial Book** is located against rear wall of the church. It is a lovely way to remember a loved one by placing a plaque for someone who is buried in another location.

For all enquiries including pricing and making an appointment phone **55725433 after the 6th of January 2020**. Have a joyful Christmas and a blessed New Year. **Sonya Slater.**



A VOCATION VIEW: "As your models in suffering hardships and in patience, friend, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the

Lord." (James 5:10) A vocation is responding to the call of God.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER \$2.00 each

RECENTLY DECEASED: Josephine Elizabeth Dowd, Willie Brankin (Nth Ire), Anthony Malouf, Desmond Castle, William Willbrandt, Glenice Garrity, Colin Randazzo, Albina Vah, Giuseppe (Joe) Iulianetti, Don Bale.

ANNIVERSARIES: Barry Arderne, Trevor Jones, John Brian McCabe, Alf Symonds, Ada Teresa Bradshaw, Maureen Fitzgerald, Imelda Rundell, Percy Felsman, Carmen De Celis, Marcelino Lapid, Maurice & Monica Cass, Remo Vos, Bill & Norma Heather, Dolly Tan, Norah & Harold Ragan, Alec Edwards, Dolly Dyer.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Lionel Cunynghame, Rosslyn Wallis, Jabour Haddad, Yvonne Lofthouse, Maureen Murphy, Helen Bohringer, Abina Salmann, Peter Walsh, Frank Conway, Jean Di Benedetto, Bernadette Gleeson, Patricia Bridge Wienand, Damian Callinan, Arthur Haddad, Rosemary Wales, Peter Allsopp, Yvonne 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, 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.

THE GOLD COAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY NEWS: Jean and all the Library Team wish our readers, generous benefactors and friends all the **Blessings of the Christ Child**, for you and your dear ones!

Our Christmas display contains:

- **CD's of Christmas Music** for prayers and singing as you prepare celebrations.
- **DVD's and books** of the Nativity Story and lots of lovely children's books to help you share the story with little ones and recapture the magic for yourself. Discover my personal fave, "**Wombat Divine**"!
- **For adults** we offer "**Meditation for the Season**" by Thomas Merton and the Theology of Christmas in "**Cradle of Redeeming Love**" and "**The Birth of the Messiah**".

CATHEDRAL GUIDES & WELCOMERS: Cathedral Guides & Welcomers invite you to an information session on **Thursday 7 February 2020 at 10.30am** to discover the delights of volunteering with the Cathedral Guides & Welcomers. The meeting will be held in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre. If you enjoy meeting people; love your Cathedral and revel in good art and juicy history, the rewards of becoming a volunteer with the Cathedral Guides and Welcomers is beyond measure. A comprehensive training program is offered. Please contact **3324 3030** or email deveryc@bne.catholic.net.au, by **Friday 25 January 2019**.

THE JOY IN LOVING - MOTHER TERESA

"Everything starts from prayer. Without asking God for love, we cannot possess love and still less are we able to give it to others. Just as people today are speaking so much about the poor but they do not know or talk to the poor, we too cannot talk so much about prayer and yet not know how to pray."

PARISH MASSES and RECONCILIATION TIMES

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
23RD DECEMBER	24TH DECEMBER	25TH DECEMBER	19TH DECEMBER	20TH DECEMBER	21ST DECEMBER
7.00am ST VINCENT'S	9.00AM SACRED HEART 5PM FAMILY MASS 8PM EVENING MASS 12MIDNIGHT MASS	7AM STELLA MARIS 8AM ST VINCENTS 8.30AM STELLA MARIS 9AM SACRED HEART 10AM ST VINCENT'S 12NOON POLISH SH 4PM ITALIAN SH	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 PLEASE ADHERE TO THESE TIMES TO ALLOW THE PRIEST TO PREPARE FOR MASS
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

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, 5th January, 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) **In Recess until 2020**

BOOK CLUB: In Recess until 2020.

BRIDGE: Mondays 12 noon & Wednesdays 1pm PHC Cheryl **5538 8821.** **In Recess until 2020**

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. **Returns 21/1/20**

YOGA: Tuesday 10:45am \$10/Per Session. Returns 7/1/20

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

In Recess until 3rd January 2020

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 In Recess till 2020

BENEDICTION: 1st Fri 3rd January 7:30am St Vincent's Church

ST VINCENT DE PAUL: Monetary Donations Phone 13 18 12

CHILDREN'S LITURGY: Sacred Heart 9am: In Recess till 2020

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION: Tuesdays 10am Resumes 4/02/2020
& 6pm Resumes 14 /01/20 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: 2nd Sunday of each month 10:30am PHC Contact: Norm Harding 0421 125 575. **Next 9 February 2020**

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 3rd January to Midnight Friday 3rd January.

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: 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