

# First Sunday of Advent

## Year C

SUNDAY December 2 2012

### **Advent – we look back, we look forward, we look around.**

Today, Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December, is the first Sunday of the season of Advent and the beginning of a new year, Year C, in the liturgical calendar of the Church.

The liturgical colour for Advent, as for Lent, is purple. However, the mood generated by the readings and texts for Advent is one of devout and joyful expectation – not penance. For that reason, it is appropriate to move away from the heavy purple of Lent to lighter shades of violet for Advent. This connects the church environment with the natural world as the mauve of jacaranda and agapanthus dominates our local landscape at this time of the year.

The season of Advent serves a dual purpose. From the first Sunday of Advent until December 16<sup>th</sup>, the liturgy focuses on Christ's second coming at the end of time. The period from December 17<sup>th</sup> until Christmas Eve is the time when we prepare more directly to celebrate Christ's birth 2000 years ago. Advent is a season of preparation for Christmas – it is not the Christmas season. So we respect the integrity of Advent by reserving Christmas customs such as carols, nativity plays and putting up the Christmas crib until Christmas, or at least until after December 16<sup>th</sup>, and not allowing them to take over the distinctive character of Advent.

We are an 'in-between' people: we live in the time between Christ's incarnation at Bethlehem and his return 'in glorious majesty'. During Advent, as in every liturgy, we offer thanks and praise for the saving actions of God in the past, we celebrate the presence of the risen Christ with us today and we 'wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.' In this interim age, we have much cause for rejoicing. Salvation, redemption, the hope of eternity is ours! If we focus on re-living history, on the baby Jesus in the manger, we may miss Christ speaking to us today in our everyday lives.

In all three years of the lectionary cycle, the focus of each Sunday is clearly identifiable: on the first Sunday, the return of the Lord, on the second, John the Baptist's call to conversion; on the third, the relationship of John to Jesus; on the fourth, Mary and the events immediately preceding Christ's birth.

As we celebrate Advent and begin a new liturgical year, 'may we run forth to meet Christ so that, gathered at his right hand, we may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.' (Opening Prayer for 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent.)

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#### **St Joseph the Worker Church**

44 Imperial Parade,  
Labrador

#### **Sunday Mass**

7.00 am  
8:30 am

#### **Weekday Mass**

Monday -7.00am  
Wednesday-7.00am

#### **Guardian Angels' Church**

99 Scarborough St  
Southport

#### **Saturday**

6.00pm

#### **Sunday Mass**

7.00 am  
10.00 am

#### **Weekday Mass**

Friday - 12.30pm

#### **Reconciliation**

Saturday - 4.30pm

#### **Mary Immaculate Church**

31 Edmund Rice Drive  
Ashmore

#### **Sunday Mass**

8:30 am & 6.00pm

#### **Korean Mass**

Sunday 3.00pm  
Every last Saturday 6pm  
Tuesday 7pm

#### **Weekday Mass**

Tuesday - 9.00am  
Thursday - 5.30pm

### **Christmas Masses:**

I am about to prepare special rosters for the Christmas Masses – with people unavailable over the Christmas period it is necessary to prepare a different roster. We need ministers to supply for the following Masses:

SOUTHPORT; MONDAY 6PM; VIGIL  
MIDNIGHT MASS  
CHRISTMAS MORNING 7AM;  
CHRISTMAS MORNING 10AM;

LABRADOR: CHRISTMAS MORNING 7AM  
CHRISTMAS MORNING 8.30AM

ASHMORE: CHRISTMAS MORNING 8.30AM.

Please would you let me know if you are able to minister as an Usher, Altar Server, Reader or Minister of the Eucharist, Welcomer, Collectors. As you can see there are a large number of spaces to fill so your generosity will be greatly appreciated.

Please contact Sr Lis at the Parish Office – 5510 2222 or [lis@scp.org.au](mailto:lis@scp.org.au)

Thank you in anticipation of your generous response!

### **Break Open the Word**

The copies of 'BREAK OPEN THE WORD' have arrived. Please would you put the \$15 in an envelope (addressed to Sr Elisabeth) with your name and the church you attend on the front, and place it on the collection plate, and I will return your copy the following week. For those who have already paid your books will be in the church you attend today.



### **Christmas Vigil Mass at Mary Immaculate Church**

All school aged children in Southport parish who would like to participate in the **6pm Christmas Eve Mass** at Mary Immaculate church are invited to come along for a fun day of preparation.

**When:** Tuesday, 18th December

**Where:** The Parish Resource Centre at Ashmore

**Time:** 9am -3:00pm

Children please bring along your snack, lunch, a water bottle and lots of energy.

Parents are asked to contribute \$8 towards materials.

**All children need to register before the 9<sup>th</sup> December by completing a registration form available on-line or from our parish office** Sister Helen [helenw@scp.org.au](mailto:helenw@scp.org.au)

### **PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR-2012**

**1st & 3rd Thursday** each month Lectio Divina

Cenacles 6-7pm in the Mary Immaculate Library.

**First Sunday of each Month:** Morning Tea at the "Annex" St Joseph the Worker, Labrador after 8.30am Mass

**Each First and Third Sunday of the Month:** Charismatic Prayer Meeting, Guardian Angels Church, 11.30am

**December 7, Friday:** Parish Christmas Barbeque, Fr

Jason's farewell Guardian Angels School at 5.30pm

**December 18, Tuesday:** Advent Adventures, Activity Day for children

### **Welcome**

This weekend our parish welcomes a seminary student from Holy Spirit Seminary, Banyo who will join us for Advent .

It is hoped he will get an experience of a busy parish as it prepares for Christmas, so please make him welcome when you see him at Mass or a meeting somewhere in the parish.

He sent the following information about himself.

*My name is Dominic Daniel Orichukwu. I am from Nigeria; the fifth child in a family of six and currently, I'm undergoing formation at the Holy Spirit Seminary at Banyo. I was admitted in the seminary at the tender age of twelve. I started my formation at Immaculate Conception Seminary, Umuahia in Nigeria. After the minor seminary training and after fulfilling some other ecclesiastical requirements, my Bishop sent me to continue my formation at the Seat of Wisdom Seminary, Owerri Nigeria. I spent five years there and completed my bachelor's degrees in Philosophy from the Urban University Rome and Imo State University Owerri Nigeria. I also started my bachelors of Theology and completed the first year before my Bishop asked me to come over to Australia to conclude my studies to the Catholic priesthood. I arrived here in Australia on 25<sup>th</sup> of June 2011; and since then, I have had so many wonderful experiences and learning's. Currently I have completed my bachelors in Theology and await the commencement of my master's program in Theology by the beginning of next year. My hobbies include listening to music, reading and making friends. I am really happy to be in your midst today and to contribute to the work of evangelization. I am very positive and disposed to learn from you all and I believe it will contribute essentially in my formation to the Catholic priesthood.*

*God bless you all.*

### **Stewardship Initiative**

Following a discussion regarding how the parish may be of help to parishioners who may need short term assistance in their home with mobility equipment, information was forth coming from Australian Red Cross – Southport Branch. Red Cross offer assistance to people in times of need by providing a range of low cost mobility equipment and personal care aids for hire to help in the home environment.

If you or someone you know is in need of equipment, volunteer staff are available at Red Cross to assist with the selection of equipment required. Brochures on the equipment available and price lists are available at the back of the church or phone the Red Cross on 55710966.

### **Thank you**

The garage sale was a great success and we were blessed with brilliant weather and a generous crowd. Thanks to all the people who donated to the cause, the funds will be divided between the Hamlin Fistual Hospital and the work of the Franciscan Missionaries of Our Lady for their schools and health centres. There will be another sale late next year and we will advise the date of the Big Breakfast for early May. Judy and Kathryn would like to thank our many workers.

### **Choir for Christmas:**

The Choir will be singing at the Midnight Mass at Guardian Angels Church Southport.

We are about to start practising – if you would like to join us (no fees, no auditions, just a wish to join us), please contact Sr Lis – **5510 2222** or [lis@scp.org.au](mailto:lis@scp.org.au) so music can be arranged.

We meet each Monday night at **Mary Immaculate, Ashmore from 7 – 8.30pm**. It is a great experience and we would love you to join us.



## **Today we welcome into our Parish Family**

**Matilda Dickson daughter of Scott & Arian Dickson**

**Robert James Elger son of Clinton Elger & Emma Sinclair**

**Jack Boston Greenhill son of Jeffrey & Kathryn Greenhill**

## **YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THOSE WHO HAVE JOURNEYED TO THE FATHER.**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Bert Liddy.

**ANNIVERSARY:** Ray Holland.

**ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED:** Lyn-Marie Tuivasa, Fay James, Marc Ramirez, Elena Sercombe, Julie Watkins, Neil Cormick, Chris Strasznski, Patricia Gledhill, Martin Cafferty, Judy Crane, Brian Smith, Phillip Jones, Teddy Greenhalgh, Joe Salas, Patricia Davitt, Garry O'Connell, Belinda Boucher-Smith, Bob Amos, Alice Ferrero, Pamela May, Graham Patterson, Paul Millgate, Christine Wheldon, George Owens, Jacob Redman, Isla Dodge, Ken Knowles, Jacinta Crohan, Margaret Young, Sheila Grieve, Ray Jarrett, Carmel Donnelly, Anne Volp, Bill Farmer, Pricilla Bussac, Andrew McCurdy, Nicole Elliott, Lisa Magill, Marie Hancock, Michael Hammond, Brent Pratt, Carol Little, Joan Martin, Vickie Hall, Teresa Taylor, Angela Taylor, Gie Ubaldo, Mary Ng, Frank Bosmans, Tim Howard, Brian Kerwin, Bernadette Towson, Terry Buggy, Tracy Howard, Kitty Ferguson McGeown, Michael Skinner.

**Lord Grant your people your protection and grace. Give them health of mind and body. Amen.**

### **Parish Christmas BBQ-Farewell to Fr Jason**

**5.30 pm Friday 7th December** at Guardian Angels School.

Cost: Hamburger \$4, Sausage \$1, Soft Drink \$1, Beer \$3, Wine \$2

**PLEASE WEAR YOUR PARISH NAME BADGE** to the Parish Christmas BBQ next Friday.

### **ZERO GRAVITY 2013: "THE BRAVE"**

A dynamic Catholic summer camp for teenagers in Grade 8 -12 in 2013

Run by Emmanuel Youth Outreach (EYO)

### **Thursday 10 – Sunday 13 January 2013**

QCCC Tamborine, 255 Beacon Rd, North Tamborine.

Join with 200 teenagers and youth leaders for four huge days with inspiring speakers, awesome music from Emmanuel Worship, crazy outdoor activities and plenty of opportunities to discover more about your faith and what it all means. Registration \$285 (family rate \$245) **before 12 December**, plus optional transport.

See full info and download the brochure at [www.eyouth.com.au](http://www.eyouth.com.au) or contact Luke Plant on (07) 3217 5199, email [luke@eyouth.com.au](mailto:luke@eyouth.com.au).

### **Little Blue Books**

The little blue books for Advent have arrived! This year the booklet contains six minute reflections on the Sunday gospels of Year C. Available at all three churches. Cost \$5 each.

### **CWL**

The members of the CWL would like to thank all those who supported our Trading Table last week. A special thank you to the ladies of the craft group.

### **Thank you for the cards**

To all the parishioners who gave old Christmas cards to be re-cycled into gift tags for the Christmas tree.

**CHRISTMAS EVE 6PM MASS AT ASHMORE.** At this special Mass the children will need some helpers! We would like six adults to be ushers before Mass and during Communion. Another seven adults will be needed as special ministers. Helpers will be needed on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 11am to arrange extra chairs and prepare Mary Immaculate church for Mass. **Please contact Sister Helen [helenw@scp.org.au](mailto:helenw@scp.org.au) to volunteer for Christmas Eve at Ashmore.**

### **Novena & Mass– St Joseph The Worker Labrador**

There is a Novena at 6pm followed by Mass on the first Wednesday of each month, however in Dec the Mass will be on the **second Wednesday 12th Dec at 7pm.**

### **St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal – how you can help!**

Our Christmas Appeal is launched this weekend! In our Parish area 230 families who have very little will receive special Christmas hampers donated so generously and lovingly by Parishioners' gifts of money, toys, clothing and food. Your joy at Christmas will be much deeper because you have helped to bring the hope and happiness of Christmas to families who are "doing it tough" at this time of year. We pack and deliver the hampers on Friday/Saturday 21/22 December.

Sr Helen's Liturgy class have made many of the gift tags on the trees - take a gift tag home and purchase a gift to make Christmas special for that child. Please place gifts (not wrapped - toys, food treats, clothes, etc) into the Gift Bins under the trees at the churches. Gifts for Mum and Dad, older teenagers and our elderly people in need are also welcome!

We will distribute Appeal envelopes at Mass today - you can return the envelopes with your gift to our Vincentians, or they can be placed on the plate, handed in to the office or posted to us. Tax receipts are issued as requested.

Thank you, and Blessings from our two Conferences to you and your families this Christmas.

### **Confirmation and First Eucharist 2013**

Our parish will celebrate Confirmation on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2013** in Mary Immaculate church Ashmore. Children will receive their First Eucharist on **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May**. Parents wishing to prepare their children for Confirmation and First Eucharist next year are encouraged to bring their children to Mass on Sundays. The children are invited to join in Children's Liturgy of the Word every Sunday during school terms. The annual enrolment ritual for Confirmation and First Eucharist will be at 8.30am Mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at Mary Immaculate church. Families are asked to make these three important dates in their 2013 planner.

Sister Helen

# HYMNS

Capo 2: (D) E (Bm7) C#m7 (F#m) G#m (G) A (A7) B7 (D) E

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

## **O COME O COME EMAMANUEL**

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear.

### **Refrain:**

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall  
Come to you O Israel.**

O come, O wisdom, from on high,  
Who orders all things mightily;  
To us a path of knowledge show,  
And teach us in her ways to go. **R**

O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
Who to your tribes on Sinai's height  
In ancient times once gave the law,  
In cloud, and majesty and awe. **R**

## **LIGHTING OF ADVENT CANDLE**

My Soul in Stillness Waits 280

Refrain

For you, O Lord, my soul in still - ness  
waits, tru - ly my hope is in you.

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

To you O Lord I lift my soul

## **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia! alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**You are the joy of every human heart,**  
**King of all nations. Lord Jesus, come!**  
**Alleluia, alleluia! alleluia! Alleluia**

## **GIFTS PROCESSION**

### **THERE IS A LONGING**

#### **Refrain:**

**There is a longing in our hearts,  
O Lord,  
For you to reveal your self to us.  
There is a longing in our heart for love  
we only find in you, our God.**

For justice, for freedom, for mercy:  
Hear our prayer.  
In sorrow, in grief: be near, hear our  
prayer, O God.

## **HOLY HOLY HOLY**

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts,  
Heaven and earth are full of your  
glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Bless'd is he who comes in the name  
of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

## **MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION:**

Save us Saviour of the world  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

## **AMEN**

Amen, Amen, Amen

## **LAMB OF GOD**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sins  
of the world, grant us peace.

## **COMMUNION PROCESSION**

### **Refrain:**

**Christ be our light!**  
**Shine in our hearts.**  
**Shine through the darkness.**  
**Christ, be our light!**  
**Shine in your church gathered  
today.**

Longing for peace, our world is  
troubled.

Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.  
Make us your living voice. **R**

Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for  
others,  
Shared until all are fed. **R**

Longing for shelter, many are  
homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering  
others.  
Walls made of living stone. **R**

Many the gifts, many the people,  
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
Making your kingdom come. **R**

## **WAIT FOR THE LORD**

Wait for the Lord, Whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!  
**(Refrain repeated)**

## **RECESSIONAL ADVENT LITANY**

Word of justice, Alleluia,  
Come to dwell here. Maranatha!

Word of mercy, Alleluia,  
Live among us. Maranatha!

Word of power, Alleluia,  
Live within us. Maranatha!

Word of freedom, Alleluia!  
Save your people Maranatha!

**THE WORD OF THE LORD FOR  
NEXT SUNDAY**  
**Baruch 5:1-9**  
**Philippians 1:3-6,8-11**  
**Luke 3:1-6**

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## ***Prayer***

**Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me the  
joy and love and peace it is right to bring to  
the manger of my Lord. Raise in me, too,  
sober reverence for the God who acted there,  
hearty gratitude for the life begun there, and  
spirited resolution to serve the Father and  
Son.**

DEAR God  
Help me to  
unwrap  
Your presence  
in our midst.

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