



Prayer for Rain: Almighty and eternal Father, Give your blessing of rain to our land. May your rain fall gently on our farms, our stock and our native life. Give courage, strength and hope to our farmers and graziers and their families and to our rural townspeople as we wait patiently for your providence. This prayer we make through Christ Our Lord. Amen. Thank you dear Lord for the rain we have received.

ROSTER	Sat 9th Dec	Sun 10th Dec	Sat 16th Dec	Sun 17th Dec
Welcomer	John	Eris	Anne	Tyson
1st Reader	Gerard	Christine	Beverley	Gail
2nd Reader	Felicity	Peter	Warren	Johnmae
Communion	Beverley Wayne	Rebecca Con	Gerry Marion	Con Rebecca
Servers	Thu Han Andre	Gerry	Stazio Han Thu	Xavier Byron
Musicians	Amy	Robyn	Bong	Rita
Singers	Amy	Theresa	Children's Choir	Choir
Mass set up	Gerry	David Rebecca		David Rebecca
Morning Tea		Perry		Deem Sisters
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NEWSLETTER 10TH DECEMBER 2023
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B
O PEOPLE OF SION, BEHOLD,
THE LORD WILL COME TO SAVE THE NATIONS,
AND THE LORD WILL MAKE
THE GLORY OF HIS VOICE HEARD
IN THE JOY OF YOUR HEART.

This Week's Mass Schedule

13/12/2023	Wednesday	8:00am
14/12/2023	Thursday	12:00pm
15/12/2023	Friday	8:30am
	Chelsea	10:00am
16/12/2023	Saturday	6:00pm
17/12/2023	Sunday	
	Maryborough	8:00am
	Tiaro	10:00am

1st RITE OF RECONCILIATION EVERY SATURDAY 5 - 5.30pm

Christmas Mass Times
Sunday 24th December - St. Mary's
•Carols: 6pm - Vigil Mass: 7pm.
•Carols: 11:30pm - Midnight Mass: 12am.
Monday 25th December
•Mass: 8am St. Mary's.
•Mass: 10am Sacred Heart, Tiaro.

Please Ensure Silence In The Church By Supporting Silent Prayer

READINGS
2nd Sunday of Advent - Year B (p.506 in St Pauls Missal)
•1st- Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11
•Psalm - 84 Resp. hymns page
•2nd - 2 Peter 3:8-14
•Gospel Accl. hymns page
•Gospel - Mark 1:1-8
Next weekend: 3rd Sunday of Advent - Year B (p.510)
•1st - Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11
•Psalm - Luke 1:46-50, 53-54
•2nd - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
•Gospel - John 1:6-8, 19-28

Prepare the way for the Lord

In Mark's gospel today, we see the prophecy of Isaiah ushering in John the Baptist in the desert, who calls out to the people of Judea and all of us, to 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet spoke of when he said: come out into the open desert and let God find them. A voice cries out in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. To go into the desert simply means going out of our comfort zones, to leave behind the normal props of life on which we tend to depend. Such life props we often find in our jobs, in relationships and in routine religious practices.

Dear friends, God cannot do much with us, so long as we hope and trust in these passing things as though they give meaning to our lives. When the heart is full no one can come into it, not even God. We have first to let go of what our heart is holding on to before we can embrace God. This letting go, according to John, is symbolized by a journey into the barren desert where we encounter God's divine mercy and forgiveness.

Therefore, on this second week of Advent, we pray that God grants us the discernment to use this moment of grace to rediscover our total dependence on God. God has made us for Himself, as St Augustine discovered, and our hearts are restless till they rest in God. When we realize this and make room for God in our lives, then we are on the way to true repentance after the example of John the Baptist.

Finally, dear brothers and sisters, during this Holy season of Advent, as we prepare for the coming of our Lord, let us remember that repentance simply means turning away from our old safe and putting on a new one. Therefore, our role towards the mission of Christ is not different from that of John the Baptist, like him, each one of us has been called to true repentance and to communicate the message of hope, love, freedom and peace to others, so that none of us will be left out at the coming of our saviour Jesus Christ.

Peace be with you!
Fr Lucius

Choir Practice

*Tuesday 12th December at 4pm.

*Tuesday 19th December at 4pm.

This is for Carols and Christmas Masses
All Choirs and Parishioners are invited.

Roster for Christmas: We kindly request the Welcomers, Readers, Communion Ministers, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Musicians and Singers to have a look into the list available near the Piety Stall and support to complete the roster for Christmas Masses.

Christmas Offering Christmas Offering envelopes are available at the main entrances. All the offerings that we receive through Christmas Offerings this year will be set aside to support the Parish Youth Group.

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Mass: 6pm St. Mary's.

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Mass: 10am Sacred Heart, Tiaro.

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Thank you!

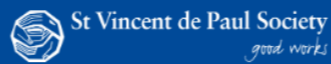
- Catholic Mission Parish Appeal - raised \$927.60.
- Christmas Bonanza and Carols, 2023 - raised \$991.50.

THE CATHOLIC LEADER

The Catholic Leader newspaper will be available only as a home delivery subscription-only newspaper from 2024. Please use the self-addressed free post subscription envelopes that are available at the entrances.

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Vinnies Christmas Appeal



The St. Vincent de Paul Society will be conducting their annual Christmas Appeal on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th. It will be a retiring collection after each Mass. Parishioners support will be very much appreciated.

◇**God's Word 2024**
is now available for \$15.

◇**Columban Art Calendar 2024**
is now selling for \$10.

◇**Christmas Cards:**
A new collection is now available.

Some notes and links on Advent

Four Gifts for You This Advent
<https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/four-gifts-for-you-this-advent.html>

Saying Yes to God

<https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/saying-yes-to-god.html>

Advent Prayers: Catholic Advent Prayers for 2023

<https://litedliturgybrisbane.weebly.com/advent-prayers-catholic-advent-prayers-for-the-2023-advent-season.html>

An Advent Story – Episode 1: Preparing Hearts

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/articles/an-advent-story-episode-1-preparing-hearts/>

ENTRANCE: ADVENT CHANT

TWILIGHT, THEN DARKNESS, NIGHT FALLS AND CANDLES GLOW.
GENTLY SURROUNDING US, A NEW BIRTH OF HOPE.

WATCHING, WAITING, AWAK'NING A NEW BIRTH OF HOPE.
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CHRIST PREPARE THE WAY

There was a man of God whose name was John.
He came to speak for the Light.
The voice of one in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord."

Refrain:

Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord.

Mountains and hills shall be brought to the ground,
The winding paths be straightened
And all on earth shall see His face;
Prepare the way of the Lord. R./

He's the lamb of God and you must follow Him
Who takes the sin of the world,
For He has come to give you life.
Prepare the way of the Lord.

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PSALM RESPONSE: (SAID)

LORD, LET US SEE YOUR KINDNESS,
AND GRANT US YOUR SALVATION .

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

COMMUNION: SUMMONED BY LOVE

Be still and know I am God.
Listen to me and see.
You're not alone in your journey.
Trust in yourself and trust in me.

Refrain:

Summoned by you, summoned by love we come.
We are gathering to celebrate your Word, O Lord.
Summoned by you, summoned by love we come.
Our lives we give in offering to you.

Be not afraid of the night.
Darkness shall not prevail.
My light will guide and make clear your way.
Tender and strong your heart will stay.

Go now in faith and in peace.
Your life will be my sign.
Know deep within I am with you now,
Now and until the end of time.

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THANKSGIVING: PRAYER FOR PEACE

Peace before us, peace behind us,
Peace under our feet.
Peace within us, peace over us,
Let all around us be peace. *(Repeat)*

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RECESSIONAL:

LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH

Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father,
we are family;
Let us walk with each other
in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me,
let this be the moment now.
With every step I take,
let this be my solemn vow:
To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
and let it begin with me.

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INVITATION TO SUNDAY MORNING TEA

Each Sunday after the 8am Mass we host a morning tea. Please join us. Meet and talk to your fellow parishioners.



Please remember in your prayers:

Those in ill health: Margaret Twomey, Betty Hove, Brian Hodges, Brenda Dreger, Evelyn Keys, Carmel Bird, Gregory Massingham, David Brettell, Anna Pecar and Ame Cox.

The Recently Deceased: Philomena Grimwade, Patricia Thackeray and Mick Gesler.

Anniversary of Death: Angelina Edomobi, Patrick Berrell, Arthur & Eileen Walker, Leo & Ellen Clancy and Coyne Cordie.