



8TH DECEMBER 2013
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

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 Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Park Ridge
 St. Catherine's Church, Jimboomba

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Gospel Reflection

'John the Baptist's message was: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand." In fact, this is exactly the same message that Jesus will proclaim at the beginning of his public life (Mark 1:15). The word for *repent* here means much more than just being sorry for past misdeeds. The Greek verb *metanoete* means having a radical change in one's thinking. It means seeing the world in a completely different way and taking on board a whole new set of values.

'Linked with this call is the proclamation, "The kingdom of heaven is close at hand." John in announcing the nearness of the Kingdom is pointing to Jesus, who is the divine incarnation of the Kingdom. In his human person he images perfectly his unseen Father and calls us to follow him in the same Way. As he will say later, he IS in fact THE Way. To live in him, through him and with him is to reach the ultimate goal of our existence - perfect union with the Father. All of this is included in this simpler proclamation of John, to be repeated later by Jesus himself.'

Excerpt from a commentary by Fr Frank Doyle SJ



The name of Jesus is the glory of preachers, because the shining splendour of that name causes God's word to be proclaimed and heard.

Gathering Hymn	GA285 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Psalm Response	Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.
Recessional Hymn	GA458 Blest Be The Lord

MASS TIMES

ST. BERNARDINE'S CHURCH

25 Vergulde Road, Regents Park



Fri 13th Dec 7.30am
Sat 14th Dec 5.15pm Reconciliation
 6.00pm
Sun 15th Dec 7.30am, 9.00am

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

74-76 East Street, Jimboomba

Tues 10th Dec 7.50am
Sun 15th Dec 5.30pm

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Sun 15th Dec 8.00am

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Tues 10th Dec 9.00 am
Wed 11th Dec 9.00 am
Thurs 12th Dec 9.00 am
Fri 13th Dec 9.00 am

(Friday only— Hostel Community Hall)

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday 8th December

Second Sunday of Advent

10.30am Baptism Preparation

~ St Bernardine's Church

Monday 9th December

9.30am Prayer Group ~ St Bernardine's Church

Tuesday 10th December

6.30pm Liturgy Team Gathering ~ Pariah Office

Thursday 12th December

9.30am Craft Group ~ Logan West Library

7pm Mass of Anointing ~ St Bernardine's Church

Saturday 14th December

8.00am Working Bee ~ St Catherine's Church

Sunday 15th December

Third Sunday of Advent

8.00am Hospitality after Mass - farewell for

Fr Adrian ~ Our Lady of the Assumption Church

10.30am Baptisms ~ St Bernardine's Church

5.30pm Christmas Dinner after Mass

- farewell for Fr Francis and Fr Adrian

~ St Catherine's Church



Today's Readings:	Next Week's Readings:
Is 11:1-10	Is 35:1-6, 10
Rom 15:4-9	James 5:7-10
Mt 3:1-12	Mt 11:2-11

LOGAN DEANERY FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 14th December 2013

9.30am - 2.30pm

St Francis College, 64 Julie St, Crestmead

Everyone is invited to attend and share in the Family Fun Day! This event is for people of all ages and from all parishes within the Logan Deanery.

Backyard Cricket Match (Parish vs Parish), Touch Footy, Children's Games, Face Painting. Live entertainment including: Choirs, Singers, Dancers and DJs from within our Deanery. BYO chair, blanket, esky etc.

Please see the noticeboard for more details, or pick up a flyer.

CHRISTMAS MASSES AT ST BERNARDINE'S CHURCH

VOLUNTEER SHEETS

Thank you to the Mass Coordinators and Ministers who put their names on the sheets last weekend.

There are still vacancies on the rosters:

Christmas Eve 6.30pm: 1 Minister of Communion

Christmas Eve 9.00pm: Mass Coordinator

Christmas Day 7.30am: Reader for General Intercessions

Christmas Day 9.00am: 2 Ministers of Communion

If you can help, please put your name in the vacant space on the sheets at the back of the church. Thank you.

Farewell to Fr Francis and Fr Adrian

Envelopes are available this weekend at each church for those who would like to contribute to a cash gift for Fr Francis and Fr Adrian. Please place gift envelopes in one of the collection bowls. These gifts will be presented to Fr Francis and Fr Adrian at the Christmas Eve Masses at St Bernardine's Church.

Farewells for Fr Francis & Fr Adrian:

15th December:

Our Lady of the Assumption Church after 8am Mass
- Fr Adrian

St Catherine's Church
after 5.30pm Mass
- Fr Francis & Fr Adrian

22nd December:

Our Lady of the Assumption Church after 8am Mass
- Fr Francis

St Bernardine's Church
after 9am Mass
- Fr Francis & Fr Adrian
Please bring a small plate of food to share.

PARISH NOTICES

Mass of Anointing

At 7pm on Thursday 12th December, Fr Francis will offer a Mass with anointing for the sick at St Bernardine's Church.

St Catherine's Church - Mass and Reconciliation

On Tuesday 17th December, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be given during the

7.50am Mass to those in need of it. This Sacrament is especially for those facing illness in its many forms, and those of older age. Please spread the word to parishioners who may benefit from this healing anointing.

Following Mass, Fr Adrian will be available for individual reconciliation.

"Simbang Gabi" (Misa de Gallo)

The Catholic Filipino Australia Chaplaincy of Brisbane invites you to the annual Filipino tradition of "Simbang Gabi" at 6.30pm on Tuesday 17th Dec at St Bernardine's Church. Please bring a plate of food to share.

St Catherine's Church, Jimboomba

14th December: Working Bee
8am

Please come and help us clean up in and around the church for Christmas. Many hands make light work.

15th December: Christmas Dinner & Farewell Fr Francis and Fr Adrian after Mass. Bring a plate to share. Please come and make this an extra special night.

Christmas Eve Nativity Play

Parents of children who would like to take part in the Nativity Play are asked to contact Carmel Betts at Mass on Sunday.

St Vincent de Paul Society - Gifting Trees

It's a tradition at St Bernardine's and Our Lady of the Assumption Churches for a Christmas Gifting Tree to be placed in the church by the St Vincent de Paul Society. The gifts help families in the local area who would otherwise have a bleak Christmas.

If you would like to participate, please take a tag from the tree, buy and wrap your gift,

re-attach the tag, and place your gift under the tree by Sunday **15th December.**

The parish has been very generous in past years, and we look forward to your generosity again. Cash donations are welcome.

OTHER NOTICES

The Truth Justice and Healing Council is engaging with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse on behalf of the Catholic Church in Australia.

CEO, Francis Sullivan, can be contacted on 02 6234 8900 or visit the website:

www.tjhcouncil.org.au.

Sign onto the newsletter for weekly updates on the work of the Council and the Royal Commission.

Lectio Divina

The Catholic Diocese of Broken Bay has been producing lectio divina reflections for Advent and Lent since 2009, distributing over 70,000 each season to individuals and communities across Australia and beyond.

This year, the Diocese is pleased to announce the release of **lectio divina – the App**, a new and accessible way to prayerfully reflect on the Scriptures in preparation for the joyful arrival of the Christ child.

Lectio divina App is available free worldwide for both Apple and Android devices - just search for lectio divina, lectio, dbb, or broken bay, and look for the purple 'LD.'

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Kids Corner

Ready for the Christ of Christmas

In those days John the Baptist came, preaching in the wilderness of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." Matthew 3:1 (NIV)

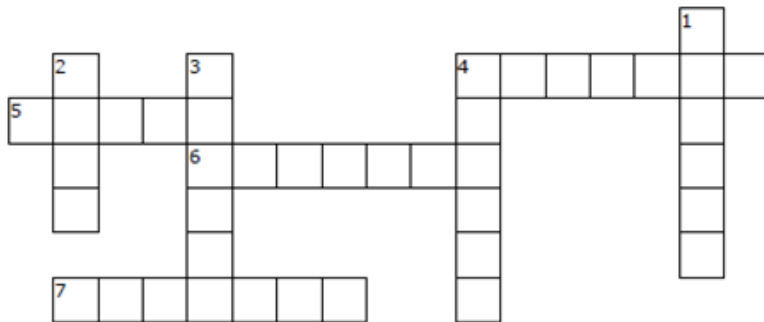
From the words provided for each clue, provide the letter of the word which best matches the clue.

- The sounds that are made when people speak or sing
A. REPENT B. PREPARE C. PROPHET D. VOICE
- One who speaks for God, or tells what will happen in the future
A. REPENT B. BAPTIZE C. PROPHET D. DESERT
- To get ready for something that is going to happen
A. JOHN B. PREACH C. VOICE D. PREPARE
- The man who preached that Jesus was coming
A. PREACH B. PROPHET C. BAPTIZE D. JOHN
- To be sorry for something bad you have done and make a change
A. REPENT B. JOHN C. VOICE D. PROPHET
- To deliver a sermon
A. PREACH B. DESERT C. JOHN D. VOICE
- An area where there is little rain and not many plants
A. PREACH B. DESERT C. PREPARE D. REPENT
- What John did to people in the Jordan River
A. BAPTIZE B. VOICE C. PROPHET D. PREPARE
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A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

- 16-18-5-1-3-8 _____
- 2-1-16-20-9-26-5 _____
- 16-1-20-8-19 _____
- 4-5-19-5-18-20 _____
- 19-20-18-1-9-7-8-20 _____
- 12-15-3-21-19-20-19 _____
- 16-18-5-16-1-18-5 _____
- 8-15-14-5-25 _____

BAPTIZE	PREPARE	STRAIGHT	LOCUSTS
PATHS	HONEY	PREACH	DESERT



VOICE	PREPARE	DESERT	PROPHET
REPENT	JOHN	PREACH	BAPTIZE

W L U Z M H V J O J Q V Q S U
 I Y V S L O G N K M D B H A K
 K C T X T N M R H K Y T E X X
 C I X J T E Z Y J T A E S L E
 P N N Y Y Y A S L P P T R Z T
 R B M G J W I L D G S U E S Q
 E D A H D H A I R U X G P T C
 P Z O P Y O U S C E N U E R F
 A T O Q T W M O H I N J N A F
 R Z S G N I L O H L R L T I M
 E Z J N P O Z C P N E P Y G P
 E S P O A E A E H M N N Z H C
 L O R D H E M T A F T Q X T Y
 J W K K R N J C U Y C T Q T U
 I X E P F N M H L D Z D E N I

ACROSS

- One who speaks for God, or tells what will happen in the future
- The sounds that are made when people speak or sing
- To get ready for something that is going to happen
- What John did to people in the Jordan River

DOWN

- An area where there is little rain and not many plants
- The man who preached that Jesus was coming
- To be sorry for something bad you have done and make a change
- To deliver a sermon



JOHN THE BAPTIST
Matthew 3

LORD	PREPARE	KINGDOM	JOHN	HAIR
BAPTIZE	STRAIGHT	PATHS	PREACHING	WILD
REPENT	LOCUSTS	HONEY	CAMEL	BELT

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