



7TH DECEMBER 2014
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

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

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God, as it is written in Isaiah the prophet:
 "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way"— "a voice of one calling in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.'"
 And so John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. The whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem went out to him. Confessing their sins, they were baptised by him in the Jordan River. John wore clothing made of camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptise you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit."

"This Old Testament text provides the background for the gospel reading, which is the opening passage of Mark's gospel – 'the beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ the Son of God'. It is echoed by Mark, in his quotation from 'the book of the prophet Isaiah' (His quotation, in fact, combines two other Old Testament texts with the words from Isaiah). John the Baptist appears as the 'messenger' foretold. He 'prepares a way' for the Saviour, who – in his Paschal Mystery – will lead God's people in the final Exodus of God's great plan. He will prove himself a 'Good Shepherd' to a people 'harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd' (Mt 9:36). Mark's description of the Baptist – wearing 'a garment of camel skin' and living on 'locusts and wild honey' – presents him as another Elijah: the old prophet whose witness to the unique divinity of the God of Israel made him a legendary model of the prophet's role. John's 'baptism of repentance' prepared for the coming of the Saviour; and all generations of Christians have been inspired by his humble 'Advent' witness to the one would 'baptise with the Holy Spirit' – 'I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals'."

From a homily by Fr John Thornhill, SM
<http://www.theemmausseries.com/badvent02.html>

Gathering Hymn	GA285 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Psalm Response	Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.
Recessional Hymn	GA458 Blest Be The Lord



*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.*

MASS TIMES

ST. BERNARDINE'S CHURCH

25 Vergulde Road, Regents Park



Mon 8th Dec 7.30am
Wed 10th Dec 8.00am
Sat 13th Dec 5.15pm *Reconciliation*
 6.00pm
Sun 14th Dec 7.30am, 9.00am

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

74-76 East Street, Jimboomba

Thurs 11th Dec 8.00am
Sun 14th Dec 5.30pm

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH

Corner of Stoney Camp Road and
 Mt. Lindesay Highway, Park Ridge

Sun 14th Dec 7.30am

ST. PAUL DE CHARTRES CHAPEL

12-16 Fedrick Street, Boronia Heights

Mon 8th Dec 8.00am
Tues 9th Dec 9.00am
Wed 10th Dec 9.00am
Thurs 11th Dec 8.00am
Fri 12th Dec 9.00am

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday 7th December

Second Sunday of Advent

7.30am Hospitality after Mass

~ *Our Lady of the Assumption Church*

5.30pm Hospitality after Mass

~ *St Catherine's Church*



Monday 8th December

10am-11am Prayer Group ~ *St Bernardine's Church*

Tuesday 9th December

7.00pm Flame of Love Prayer Group

~ *St Bernardine's Church*

Thursday 11th December

9.30am Craft Group ~ *Logan West Library*

Sunday 14th December

Third Sunday of Advent

10.30am Baptisms

~ *St Bernardine's Church*

Sunday 14th December

Christmas dinner after 5.30pm Mass

~ *St Catherine's Church*

Today's Readings:	Next Week's Readings:
Is 40:1-5,9-11	Is 61:1-2,10-11
Pet 3:8-14	1Thess 5:16-24
Mark 1:1-8	John 1:6-8, 19-28



Volunteer Sheets

Thank you to all volunteers who have put their name on the roster for Christmas Eve Mass and Christmas Day Mass they have all been filled .

Wednesday Mass time change

As of next week Wednesday 10th December Mass will be at 8.00am at St Bernardine's Church.

"Simbang Gabi" (Misa de Gallo)

The Catholic Filipino Australia Chaplaincy invites you to the annual Filipino tradition of "Simbang Gabi" from 7pm to 9pm on Tuesday 16th December 2014 at St Bernardine's Church. Please bring a plate of food to share.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - GIFTING TREES 'Help Complete Their Christmas'

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. It is to help families in the local area who will have an otherwise 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 13th-14th **December**. The parish has been very generous in past years, and we look forward to your generosity again. Cash donations are Welcome.

COLUMBAN CALENDARS

For those who have ordered the Columban Calendar, orders have arrived and are now available for collection from the Parish Office. Thank you.

St Catherine's Church

Christmas dinner is planned to be held after 5.30pm Mass on the 14th December. Parishioners are asked to bring a plate to share. This is a long tradition at St Catherine's and we look forward to seeing many families staying to share a meal

Taize 2015 – call for singers and musicians

Are you a chorister, cantor or soloist? Do you play a musical instrument? If you would like to be involved in leading the music when the Taize Brothers visit Brisbane in February 2015, please contact Penny Vickers on 0417 731 511 or email pvickers74@gmail.com to express your interest. Penny would also like to offer her assistance to congregations wanting to promote the Taize visit, by attending one of their services and cantoring while others sing some Taize songs.

Catholic Leader:

* Brisbane archdiocese, parishes, schools, Church agencies count the cost and repair damage after super storm.

* Catholics around Australia celebrate Day of Solidarity with Christians of the Middle East this weekend

* Pope launches Year of Consecrated Life and urges all Catholics to thank God for gifts members of religious orders bring to Church and the world

* Archbishop Mark Coleridge talks of his hopes for Synod on the family after being elected with Bishop Eugene Hurley to attend second session

* Church joins in prayer for Test cricketer Phillip Hughes as his funeral was held in Macksville

* Bishops concerned for Aboriginal peoples threatened with closure of their remote homeland communities in Western Australia

* Church migrant and refugee agency critical of proposed immigration law changes affecting asylum seekers

* School staff scrap Secret Santa and instead donate clothes for baby about to be born to parents in immigration detention in Brisbane

* Talking point: Sr Elvera Sesta on hopes for young people

Evangelii Gaudium

"God's word, listened to and celebrated, above all in the Eucharist, nourishes and inwardly strengthens Christians, enabling them to offer an authentic witness to the Gospel in daily life."

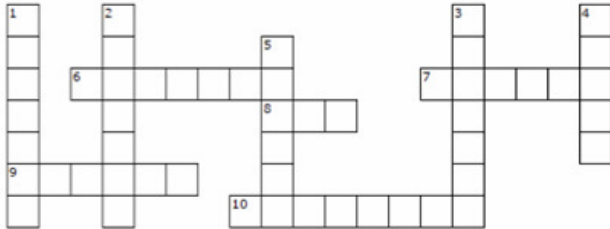
Par 174 from *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

Kids Corner

A Messenger Sent from God

It is written in Isaiah the prophet: "I will send my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way."
Mark 1:2 (NIV)

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



ACROSS

- To pardon someone who has done something wrong
- The river where John the Baptist baptized people
- To do something that is against God's law
- To confess and turn away from sin
- Having no bends or curves

DOWN

- To make things ready
- Having many bends and curves
- A person who speaks for God, or one who tells what will happen in the future
- A sweet, sticky substance made by bees
- A dry region with very few plants

- 3-25-21-25-5-6 _____
- 14-16-5-3-11-12 _____
- 21-11-12-3-11-20-21 _____
- 14-16-24-12 _____
- 10-11-15-6-22-7-25-3 _____
- 5-22-26-25-5 _____
- 1-11-17 _____
- 18-16-21-15-25-20 _____
- 20-16-19-8-21-6-21 _____
- 26-16-22-19-25 _____
- 24-16-12-25-17 _____
- 15-5-25-15-11-5-25 _____
- 14-25-21-8-21 _____
- 15-11-6-24 _____
- 21-6-5-11-22-18-24-6 _____

JESUS	JOHN	DESERT	GOSPEL	VOICE
STRAIGHT	WAY	HONEY	LOCUSTS	PREPARE
SANDALS	BAPTIZED	PATH	RIVER	JORDAN

PREPARE	REPENT	DESERT	HONEY	PROPHET
SIN	FORGIVE	CROOKED	JORDAN	STRAIGHT



V J P O I V S T C O N F E S S
 E A A M C L H M P R O P H E T
 Z K T G A G N R M X J R G C C
 S W H D I A L T E L T E F J H
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LOCUSTS	PATH	GOSPEL	VOICE	PROPHET
CALLING	HONEY	STRAIGHT	CHRIST	JOHN
REPENTANCE	PREACHING	RIVER	JESUS	DESERT
JORDAN	SANDALS	BAPTIZE	MESSENGER	CONFESS

- The river where John the Baptist baptized people
A. Nile B. Jordan C. Danube D. Amazon
- Having many bends and curves
A. smooth B. long C. crooked D. straight
- Having no bends or curves
A. long B. straight C. crooked D. smooth
- A dry region with very few plants
A. oasis B. forest C. river D. desert
- A sweet, sticky substance made by bees
A. locust B. milk C. honey D. candy
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