



14TH DECEMBER 2014
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

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

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GOSPEL REFLECTION

“John the Baptist is again our Advent guide, in today’s gospel reading from John. Because he has revived the ways of Israel’s prophets he has caused quite a stir, and the authorities of Jerusalem send interrogators who ask him to give an account of himself. His selfless response is disarmingly frank: he is not the messiah; he is not one of the old prophets come back to life; he is not the New Moses of Israel’s expectations. His role is that of a herald, ‘a voice crying in the wilderness’, that announces one who stands among the crowd, still ‘unknown’ to them. The description of his witness in this passage leaves his hearers hungry to know more of the one to whom this great figure shows such reverence – a prelude to a great theme of John’s gospel, ‘the true light’ that is going to transform a darkened world.

“Today’s liturgy can serve to remind us of today’s call to a ‘New Evangelisation’ – bringing the true joy of the light of Christ to a world in which there is so much darkness and pain. When the task seems beyond us, let us remember with the old prophet, that we are working for God’s future; let us understand with Paul that it is first and foremost the quality of our lives together that will bring people to share our faith; and let us learn from the Baptist that the effectiveness of our outreach will depend upon the unselfish commitment we have made to the Saviour and what he stands for.”

by Fr John Thornhill SM

<http://www.theemmauseries.com/badvent03.html>



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	My soul rejoices in my God.
Recessional Hymn	GA362 Sing to the Mountains

MASS TIMES

ST. BERNARDINE'S CHURCH

25 Vergulde Road, Regents Park



Mon 15th Dec 7.30am
Wed 17th Dec 8.00am
Sat 20th Dec 5.15pm Reconciliation
 6.00pm
Sun 21st Dec 7.30am, 9.00am

ST. CATHERINE'S CHURCH

74-76 East Street, Jimboomba

Thurs 18th Dec 8.00am
Sun 21st Dec 5.30pm

OUR LADY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH

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

Sun 21st Dec 7.30am

ST. PAUL DE CHARTRES CHAPEL

12-16 Fedrick Street, Boronia Heights

Mon 15th Dec 8.00am
Tues 16th Dec 9.00am
Wed 17th Dec 9.00am
Thurs 18th Dec 8.00am
Fri 19th Dec 9.00am

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK

Sunday 14th December

Third Sunday of Advent

Christmas dinner after 5.30pm Mass

~ St Catherine's Church

Monday 15th December

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

Tuesday 16th December

7.00pm-9.00pm "Simbang Gabi"

~ St Bernardine's Church

Thursday 18th December

9.30am Craft Group ~ Logan West Library

7.00pm Rite of Reconciliation ~ St Bernardine's Church

Sunday 21st December

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Baptisms 10.30am ~ St Bernardine's Church

7.30am Christmas morning tea Hospitality after
 Mass

~ St Bernardine's Church

Today's Readings:	Next Week's Readings:
Is 61:1-2,10-11	2Sam 7:1-5,8-12,14,16
1Thess 5:16-24	Rom 16:25-27
John 1:6-8, 19-28	Luke 1:26-38

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Rite of Reconciliation

7.00pm -Thursday 18th December

St Bernardine's Church

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Christmas Eve -6.00pm Children's Mass

Carols from -5.30pm

Midnight Mass- 12.00pm -Carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Day - 8.00am

St Catherine's Church

Christmas Eve- 8.00pm-Carols from 7.30pm

(No Mass Christmas Day)

Our Lady of the Assumption Church

Christmas Day - 7.30am

Evangelii Gaudium

"... no one can demand that religion should be relegated to the inner sanctum of personal life, without influence on societal and national life, without concern for the soundness of civil institutions, without a right to offer an opinion on events affecting society."

Par 183 from *Evangelii Gaudium*, Pope Francis, Nov. 24, 2013

<http://www.vatican.va/evangelii-gaudium/en/index.html#145/z>



“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.

Christmas morning tea after 7.30am Mass at St Bernardine’s Church

A reminder that next Sunday the 21st December, those attending the 7.30am Mass are invited to stay for a Christmas morning tea after Mass. A small plate of festive food to share would be welcome.

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.

PATHWAYS OF ST PAUL Join parishioners from Holy Innocents' on a 20 day Pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey, departing Monday 20th April 2015. Walk in the footsteps of St. Paul, visit the places where he lived, worked and was imprisoned. Also visit island of Patmos, where St John wrote the book of Revelation, Basilica of St John built over the tomb of "The Divine" Apostle and the "House of Mary" where it is said Mary spent the later years of her life. For Itinerary Brochure and Booking Form please contact Fr. Peter Krigovsky, admin@holyc.org.au, 02 9747-4291, or download from www.holyinnocentscroydon.org.au/news-and-events/parish-pilgrimage

FRASSATI AUSTRALIA

Each Monday of the month (except the second Monday) Frassati Australia hosts Verso L'Alto for young adults at Mary Immaculate Church, 616 Ipswich Road, Annerley. The evening begins with Mass at 7pm alternating between the Extraordinary and Ordinary Forms. Confession is available. After Mass there is Supper and a talk on a topic of catechesis in the Faith. New members are welcome. Find us on Facebook - Frassati Verso L'Alto Monday Nights .



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

This Christmas, you can give a unique and life-changing gift. By choosing a Global Gift this year, you are helping to spread the message that together, as on global family, we are making the world a better place.

A Global Gift makes a positive and real impact on the lives of the poorest and most marginalised communities around the world. You can purchase a Global Gift by free-calling us on 1800 024 413, or by choosing your gift online at www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts

“**St Gerard Majella Christmas Festival** is now on every night from 7.00pm to 10.00pm and will continue till Tuesday 23 December. Massive Lights display, free entertainment at 7.30pm, Barbecue, Café, Ice Creams and Drinks, fabulous Gift Shop and Christmas Market Stalls. Free Admission. Enquiries phone Kate on 3359 0239.”

December 17 – Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols: Come to St. Stephen's Cathedral for this wonderful traditional celebration of Christmas. The service includes readings, prayers, and carols old and new sung by four choirs – the Cathedral Choir, Schola, Chorale and the Australian Catholic University Choir. PLUS many opportunities for the congregation to sing favourite Christmas carols. Wednesday, December 17 at 7.30 pm. Cathedral car park available (Entrance Charlotte Street). Retiring collection. Enquiries: cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or 3324 3030.

Kids Corner

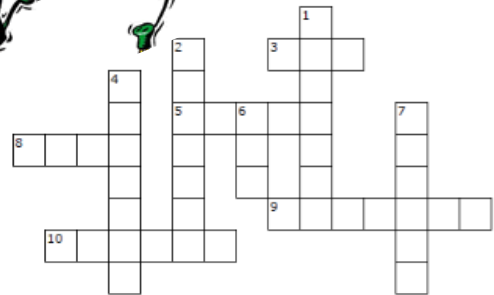
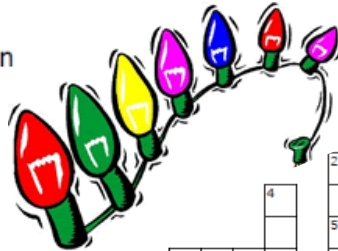
The Light of the World

There came a man who was sent from God; his name was John. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light. John 1:6, 8 (NIV)

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
r l n m s i c j a k g z q u h d b i y o v t x e w p

- ___ 1. An adult male human
A. boy B. man C. woman D. girl
- ___ 2. To be convinced that something is true
A. testify B. answer C. light D. believe
- ___ 3. To immerse in water
A. confess B. baptize C. testify D. answer
- ___ 4. The man sent from God to prepare the way for Jesus
A. Elijah B. Peter C. Thomas D. John
- ___ 5. The creator of the heavens, earth and its people
A. Levites B. John C. God D. Elijah
- ___ 6. To admit that something is true
A. confess B. light C. answer D. reply
- ___ 7. A source of illumination, such as a lamp, or a lantern
A. witness B. testify C. baptize D. light
- ___ 8. To give evidence based on personal knowledge
A. confess B. answer C. testify D. believe
- ___ 9. To reply to a question
A. witness B. answer C. confess D. baptize
- ___ 10. The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets
A. John B. Elijah C. prophet D. Christ

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CHRIST	ANSWER	MAN	JOHN	BAPTIZE
TESTIFY	LIGHT	BELIEVE	CONFESS	GOD

BETHANY	JOHN	BELIEVE	SENT	LEVITES
CHRIST	TESTIFY	NAME	GOD	WATER
JORDAN	BAPTIZE	JERUSALEM	CONFESS	PRIESTS
LIGHT	PROPHET	ELIJAH	MAN	WITNESS

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