

A family of diverse communities,
united as one in faith,
leading others to encounter Christ
so they may be empowered
to walk with us in His ways.



Committed to serve, support, worship
and connect with each other,
and the broader community,
to grow as disciples of Christ.

WEEKLY PARISH NEWSLETTER

We are a parish of the Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane incorporating the communities of:
Sacred Heart Church, 63 Maple Street, Cooroy; St Patrick's Church, 1 Church Street, Pomona; St Thomas More Church,
73 Ben Lexcen Drive, Sunshine Beach and Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, 5 Moorindil Street, Tewantin.

Parish Office Hours

Open on Monday & Tuesday 8am - 12 noon and 1pm - 4pm, Wednesday 1pm - 4pm, & Thursday 8am - 12 noon and 1pm - 2:30pm.

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year C) - 5th December 2021

Welcoming and Hospitable

These 2 words should be at the very core of who we are as a Parish and how we seek to engage with one another and the world around us. Jesus was very conscious of the importance of his mission, and at the heart of it was authentic and radical hospitality and welcome, especially to outsiders and those perceived to be unworthy, unclean, and not part of the in-crowd. Our own Vision Statement reminds us that we are a **family of diverse communities**—that is to say, one community of faith, filled with diverse people, with diverse backgrounds, cultures, experiences, and stories. There is unity in this diversity. This unity comes about, in large part, when we actively and intentionally work towards engaging with one another and all those we encounter at parish gatherings **and** in the general community, with a spirit of genuine welcome and hospitality.

So, what does a parish community that is welcoming and hospitable look like, feel like, and act like? These are the very questions that our Pastoral Council has been intensely discussing for the last year so that they can work on strategies for our parish to improve in this area. Our focus is not solely on those who are our regulars, as important as you all are, but also on what it is like for a first-time visitor, a new parishioner, a family encountering our parish for the first time through sacraments for their children, or grief (funerals), or joy (weddings), or a returning parishioner when they attend our churches. Do they feel welcome? Do they know what to do and where to go, and if not is there someone to assist them? Are they greeted warmly, spoken to, and engaged with in a friendly manner? Do they feel like they would want to return? Did someone smile at them?

Being welcoming and hospitable primarily means fulfilling our parish Mission which states that we commit to **serve, support, worship, connect, and grow**. What do these pillars mean in the context of our call to radical and authentic welcome and hospitality? We **serve** by our friendly, open, intentional, and genuine engagement with all we encounter. We **support** by our proactive and helpful

assistance with any needs people may have as we encounter them 'as they are': happy, sad, lost, peaceful, or alone. We **worship** by our heartfelt, joyful, and sincere desire to pray for and with all those who come together as a community of faith at Mass, always giving glory to our God. We **connect** by our hospitable engagement with and service of others, especially those we do not know, in the opportunities for meaningful interaction in prayerful and social settings in our parish. We **grow** by our sharing the 'discipleship journey' (of learning more about our faith and how to live it) with one another and inviting others to accompany us.

Let us visualize what this kind of Parish could look like, feel like, and act like? What would have to be true in order for this to happen? What would need to occur in our parish community, in our homes, in ourselves, and at what stages? Who would have to be involved? Where would we start? How long would it take? Asking these questions and developing the answers is thinking strategically about something we often take for granted. Don't get me wrong, we are a very welcoming parish. There is much for us to be grateful for and much we do well. However, it is so important that we always circle back to our Parish Vision, so that we never become complacent or presumptive in how we welcome and why. **This is the task of all, not just a select few.** It would be a terrible occurrence if someone were to receive a warm and friendly welcome from someone at the door of the church only to be told later that they were sitting in someone else's seat and asked to move, or that no one bothered to smile at them and introduce themselves. God forbid that such a thing ever happened among us!

So dear friends, as we enter the holiday season in preparation for Christmas, with many people visiting our region to see family or simply to have a holiday, or even if they are locals and decide that this Christmas they are going to risk the chance to walk through our doors for the first time, let us be ready. May they meet Christ in our joyful welcome.

Peace & Grace to you all, Fr Jason Middleton

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Heavenly Father, we ask your blessing upon Billie Jane Armstrong, David Barson, Clare Bird, Dougie Bruce, Jackson Burgess, Bob Burgess, Monica Carroll, Gab Carter, Joan Charman, Barbara Channon, Helen Conlin, Lyall Cowel, Margaret Doolan, Edison Dungo Sr, Marie Dunn, Kathy Franzmann, Charlotte Goeldner, John Ian Hall, Judith Harper (O'Toole), Anne Hay, Ken Hazelton, Geraldine Henry, Corey Henry, Pat Hewer, Michael Hooper, Doug Horn, Francis Jayaraj, Anne-Marie Jeffries, Pat Kennedy, Mary Jenner Kiernan, Ken Kipping, Susan Lamb, Mariette van der Leest, Andrew MacRitchie, Bernadette Maher, Des Manning, Bernie Mawn, Jack R May, Betty McKeown, Jo McNaught-Anderson, Kay Middleton, Fay Minter, Gregory Minter, Anne Parlevliet, Jan Penny, Shirley Player, Br Hugh Reilly, Max Shearer, Dean & Dianna Shurte, Jo Simmons, Grant Smith, Ken Smith, Andrea Steen, Matthew Talarico and all the sick.

PLEASE ADVISE THE OFFICE IF ANY OF THE ABOVE NAMES CAN NOW BE REMOVED.

PLEASE ALSO PRAY FOR THE DECEASED: We remember in our prayers all those who died recently especially Vinnie Grady and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Mary Mosses is very grateful to Fr Jason for introducing her "Mass Jubilate Deo" during Year B and is most appreciative of and deeply touched by the response from parishioners.



Cuppas at our Churches

Many of you have been asking, "when can we go back to having cuppas after our Masses?". The answer is "As soon as we have enough volunteers who have been trained to form the teams to lead this." We had advertised about this months ago (for many weeks), and had some response, but not enough.

Now is your chance to let us know you are interested to support this important welcoming ministry. We need all those who are willing to help to **undergo the brief Covid Safe service of food and drinks training** required by the Government. This is **easy and free**, you simply have to register for it through TAFE at: <https://go.tafeqld.edu.au/covid-safe.html> It takes no more than 20 minutes to do the course on-line.

We need a minimum of two teams of two per scheduled Mass to start up this ministry again. That will ensure that each team is not on every weekend.

Let the parish office know what Mass you are willing to serve at and provide us with your training certificate so that we can form the teams to provide cuppas after every weekend Mass that has enough volunteers. If you are not yet a registered volunteer with the parish we will also require you to register with us. However, please note that you DO NOT require a blue card or police check for this ministry. Once teams are identified they will be trained and be encouraged to roster themselves and self manage moving forward. Our expectation is that all parish cuppas after Mass are **provided in an open and visible location** (not in rooms or halls), where all are encouraged and made welcome to join in.

Please call or email the parish office today to indicate your availability.



DATE CLAIMER

**POMONA CHURCH
100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS
26TH MARCH 2022**

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL
CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

This weekend Vinnies will holding its Annual Christmas Appeal. The theme of the appeal is "Every baby should be born with hope for the future". We do our best to realise this for the needy companions we walk with. Your donations will go far in helping us work towards this aim. There will be envelopes distributed before and after the Masses this weekend for collection after Mass or brought back the following week. Alternatively the envelopes can be posted (a stamp being necessary). Thank you.



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PARISH DIARY

**WEEKEND MASSES
BOOKINGS RECOMMENDED**

Bookings open 4 weeks in advance.

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**FOR ACCESSING OUR LIVE-STREAMED MASS GO TO:
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MONDAY 6TH DEC

Monday of the 2nd Week of Advent
Parish Office 8am to 12 Noon & 1pm to 4pm

8:30am Mass — Pomona

9:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation — Pomona

TUESDAY 7TH DEC

St Ambrose
Parish Office 8am to 12 Noon & 1pm to 4pm

3:00pm Musicians/Singers Practice, Tewantin Church

5:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation — Tewantin

5:30pm MASS - Tewantin

WEDNESDAY 8TH DEC

Immaculate Conception of the BVM
Parish Office 1pm to 4pm

NO MASS TODAY

THURSDAY 9TH DEC

Thursday of the 2nd Week of Advent
Parish Office 8am to 12 Noon & 1pm to 2.30pm

8:30am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion - Tewantin

FRIDAY 10TH DEC

Friday of the 3rd Week of Advent
Parish Office closed

NO MASS TODAY

SATURDAY 11TH DEC

Saturday of the 2nd Week of Advent

Third Sunday of Advent

4:00pm MASS—Pomona

**6:15pm MASS—Tewantin
LIVE-STREAMED**

SUNDAY 12TH DEC

Third Sunday of Advent

8:00am MASS—Sunshine Beach

10:30am MASS—Tewantin



HAMPERS FOR CHRISTMAS

Advent begins this week and president Geoff Lee and members of the local conference of St

Vincent de Paul are busy preparing Christmas hampers to make sure everyone has a joyful Christmas. If you would like to help you can bring along some Christmas treats like puddings, custards, tinned hams, bon bons and serviettes - anything to make a great Christmas meal for those who are doing it tough at this time. Donations can be put in the blue Vinnies bins at the back of the churches during weekend Masses in December. Assistance is also required with the hamper preparation as follows: (All of these sessions are taking place at the St Thomas More Catholic Primary School – Champagnat Centre)

FRIDAY 10th December 10 am to 2 pm (gift wrapping)

WEDNESDAY 15th December 8 am to midday (hamper filling)

THURSDAY 16th December 8 am to midday (hamper wrapping)

FRIDAY 17th December 8 am to midday (hamper delivery)

If people wish to help please contact Petra on 0490 957 265 to find out more or to book in and help, that would be appreciated.

VOLUNTEERS STILL REQUIRED TO ASSIST WITH MOWING OF PARISH GROUNDS—TEWANTIN

We have sought volunteers to assist with mowing at Tewanin in our newsletter for the last couple of weeks but, as yet, have not received any interest from any additional parishioners to assist with this task.

We will now be seeking to engage contractors to do this work as the lawns at Tewanin will very quickly get out of hand if they are not maintained at this time of year and we do not want to burn out our existing dedicated gardening team who do much more all year around. Mowing can be done on days other than the gardening day (Thursdays).

If you can assist as a volunteer with the mowing please make yourself known to Ray McEwan or Kevin Franks or contact the parish office.

CHRISTMAS SERVICE TIMES



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES FRIDAY 24TH DEC

SUNSHINE BEACH 5:30pm
St Thomas More School (Champagnat Centre)

TEWANTIN 5:30pm & 8pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church

POMONA 8pm
St Patricks Church

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES SATURDAY 25TH DEC

SUNSHINE BEACH 8am
St Thomas More School (Champagnat Centre)

TEWANTIN 10am
Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church

SUNDAY MASSES 26TH DEC

SUNSHINE BEACH St Thomas More School 8am
TEWANTIN Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church 10:30am
COOROY Sacred Heart Church 4pm

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