

# WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CATHOLIC PARISH Glen Innes

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Theme: "THE EMMANUEL—GOD WITH US"

Sunday Cycle A (Year of Matthew) Weekday Cycle 2  
22ND DECEMBER 2019

We live our faith through offering our:

TIME—TALENT—TREASURE

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Faithful to the Teaching of the Apostles

Faithful to Prayer

Faithful to the Breaking of the Bread

Alive in the Community of the Spirit

Sharing what we have with those in need

Acts 2:42-4

The PARISH: if it proves capable of self-renewal and consistent adaptivity, it continues to be: "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters: (26)

[Evangelii Gaudium §28 Pope Francis]

**31 CLUB GLEN INNES** There are a zillion vocations in the world, but Bishop Kennedy has specifically asked for Prayers for Vocations to the Priesthood: During December we continue our daily prayer for vocations. Sun 22nd—E. Holder; Mon 23rd—M. Campbell; Tues 24th—M. Willis; Wed 25th—M. Mathewson; Thurs 26th—M. Munro; Fri 27th—J. West Sat 28th—K. Newsome

## SUPPORT YOUR PRIESTS AND YOUR PARISH

**1st COLLECTION** (supports the clergy & presbytery)

BSB 082-105 Account No 001023535

**2nd COLLECTION** (supports St Patrick's Parish)

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reference with your Planned Giving Number and your name.

Last weekends Planned Giving \$626.00 from 37 envelopes, EFT \$190.00 loose money \$135.00

## PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**THE DECEASED:** Juliana Edam, Stephen Annetts, Anna Miller, Joyce Desolina Goodwin, George Noel, Vivian Chaplain, (recently deceased) also Edna & Jack Delaney, Middy & John Solomon, Thomas & Amelia Leahy, Aileen & Harry Flynn, Paula & Tony Donelan, Kerrie & Bob Davidson, Relatives & Friends of Brenda Stevens.

**THE SICK** Hazel Charles, Jill Hankinson, Pat Solomon, Rod Culbert, Daniel Owens, Simon O'Brien, Peter Hodge, Ave Pearce, Mia Henderson-Johnson, Michelle Owens, Christian Vimpany, Samantha Murphy, Ellie and Hope Spicer

## MAKING CHURCH MATTER

The Parish of St Patrick's Glen Innes and the Diocese of Armidale are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. [glen safeguarding@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:glen safeguarding@armidale.catholic.org.au) or Phone (02) 6732 5191

In the end, we are not Catholics because our leaders are flawless, but because we find the claims of Catholicism both compelling and beautiful. We are Catholics because the Church speaks of the Trinitarian God whose very nature is love; of Jesus the Lord, crucified and risen from the dead; of the Holy Spirit, who inspires the followers of Christ up and down the ages; of the sacraments, which convey the Christ-life to us; and of the saints, who are our friends in the spiritual order. This is the treasure; this is why we stay.

Monday	Parish Mass 4th week of Advent 12noon
TUESDAY	CHRISTMAS VIGIL 7.00pm CHRISTMAS NIGHT MASS 9.00pm
WEDNESDAY	SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST 9.00am
THURSDAY	Feast St STEPHEN PROTO MARTYR 12 noon.
FRIDAY	Feast St JOHN the APOSTLE 12 noon.
SATURDAY	Feast THE HOLY INNOCENTS 9.30am.
SATURDAY VIGIL	THE HOLY FAMILY 6pm
SUNDAY	THE HOLY FAMILY 8.30am



On the fourth week of Advent, we light the final purple candle to mark the final week of prayer and penance as we wait for the birth of our Saviour. This final candle, the "Angel's Candle," symbolizes peace. It reminds us of the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

**Plenary Council Delegates:** Do you feel called to express your interest in being a delegate from our Diocese for the Plenary Council in 2020 and 2021? Speak with your Parish Priest today about the details. Expressions of Interest due by 25<sup>th</sup> January, 2020.

## CHOIR SUPPORT THIS CHRISTMAS

parishioners who love to sing, and even those who can sing are asked to sit near the altar and help lead the Carols this year at the Christmas Liturgies...

**Award Winning Christmas Tree in St Ann's Chapel** thanks to St Joseph's for putting their award winning Christmas tree in the Chapel for the Christmas Season. We will take good care of it.

## St Vincent de Paul Society Annual Christmas Appeal

Theme: You Can Help End Poverty

Throughout this year our Glen Innes Vinnies has helped children and their parents with food hampers and vouchers, clothing, support paying the bills, crisis accommodation and other services. This Christmas we have set aside \$6,000.00 to support individuals and families in Glen Innes and District to provide those extras for a special Christmas meal and to forget poverty for a few hours on that special day in our Church Year. Donations can be made in the "Poor Box" at the church entrances, provided to a Conference member or dropped into the Vinnies Centre in Bourke Street.



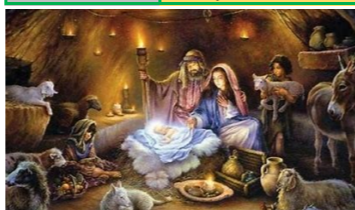
**Executive Assistant:** A vacancy exists within the Bishop's Office in Armidale for an Executive Assistant. To obtain a position description phone 6771 8700 or email [chancellor@armidale.catholic.org.au](mailto:chancellor@armidale.catholic.org.au)

MINISTRY	21 DECEMBER	22 DECEMBER
READER 1	J Grob	M Campbell
READER 2	R Withers	P Correy
PRAYERS	E Morgan	K Vimpany
COLLECTOR 1	J Henderson	B Munro
COLLECTOR 2	N Schmidt	K Muir
COLLECTOR 3	M Williams	C Dempsey
COLLECTOR 4	W McAllister	P Wright
GIFTS	A Moroney	M Matthewson
H. C MINISTER	C Hamilton	B Orvad
MINISTRY	28 DECEMBER	29 DECEMBER
READER 1	E McCarthy	P Gannon
READER 2	S Hogan	K Vimpany
PRAYERS	C Hamilton	B Orvad
COLLECTOR 1	J Adams	C Dempsey
COLLECTOR 2	A Moroney	J McPhee
COLLECTOR 3	J Henderson	P Newsome
COLLECTOR 4	E Holder	J Newsome
GIFTS	B Brennan +	Newsome Family
H. C MINISTER	P Newsome	S Orvad

## Hymns for 4th Sunday of Advent

- No. 174 What Child is This
- No. 173 O Holy Night
- No. 61 Gentle Woman
- No. 15 Come Lord Jesus

MINISTRY	Christmas Vigil	MINISTRY	Christmas Night 9:00pm
READER 1	Austin Arandale	READER 1	Bill Munro
READER 2	Chloe Arandale	READER 2	Maira Munro
PRAYERS	Clare Arandale	PRAYERS	Maureen Campbell
GIFTS	Mathewson Family	GIFTS	Tarrant Family
H. C MINISTER	J Adams & J McPhee	H. C MINISTER	Carolyn Hamilton
MINISTRY	Christmas Day 9:00am		
READER 1	Phil Correy		
READER 2	Katie Newsome		
PRAYERS	Eric Morgan		
GIFTS	Pietsch Family		
H. C MINISTER	S & B Orvad		



## Evangelii Nuntiandi - Apostolic Exhortation Pope Paul VI Dec 8 1975.

It is certainly fitting to recall this fact at a moment like the present one when it happens that not without sorrow we can hear people - whom we wish to believe are well-intentioned but who are certainly misguided in their attitude - continually claiming to love Christ but without the Church, to listen to Christ but not the Church, to belong to Christ but outside the Church.

The absurdity of this dichotomy is clearly evident in this phrase of the Gospel: "Anyone who rejects you rejects me." [44]

And how can one wish to love Christ without loving the Church, if the finest witness to Christ is that of St. Paul: "Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her"? [45]

**Cleaning the Seats!!!!** It would be good if a few keen parishioners could drop into the Church Christmas eve and dust down the pews, even in the gallery just to be ready for our Christmas Masses.... every day brings its "dust"... many thanks to Brenda doing such a good job on the Sacristy, and also Marianne Coleman and Edna Holder, and Noeline Tarrant for planning and preparation of the flowers for a worthy celebration of the Liturgy of the Nativity.

## Prayer for Rain

God of compassion, we wait and watch for your gift of rain to water the soil and make the barren land come alive again. We wait and watch for the gift of salvation to free us from hatred, greed and fear so that we may live as people of faith, hope and love. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## Prayer for Our Bishop

Heavenly Father, in these trying times when the spirit of the age threatens Christian values, give our bishop holiness of life and wisdom to direct and guide our diocesan family so that we may grow in your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

## Prayer for Pope Francis

V. Let us pray for Francis our Pope.

R. May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and may the Lord not hand him over to the power of his enemies.

V. May your hand be upon your holy servant.

R. And upon your son whom you have anointed.

**Let us pray.** O God, the Pastor and Ruler of all the faithful, look down, in your mercy, upon your servant, Francis, whom you have appointed to preside over your Church; and grant, we beseech you, that both by word and example, he may edify all those under his charge; so that, with the flock entrusted to him, he may attain life everlasting. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen