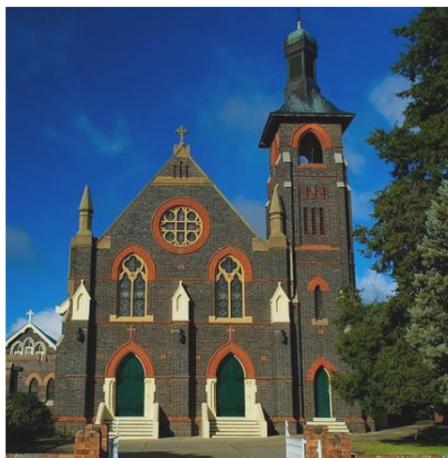


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Sharing what we have with those in need

Acts 2:42-4

28th November 2021

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
LITURGY THIS WEEK**

[Fr Gleeson is on Annual Retreat this week]

Monday Week: 1 Advent Mass 12noon.

Tuesday: Feast of St Andrew Apostle 9.30am

Wednesday: **HOLY HOUR 9am, to 10am.**

Thursday: No parish Mass.

Friday: Memorial St Francis Xavier 9.30am

SATURDAY Vigil Mass for 2nd Sunday in Advent

SUNDAY 8:30am & 11:00am **2nd Sunday in Advent**

PLEASE PRAY FOR: THE DECEASED: Bishop Bill Wright and Shirley Burke, (*recently deceased*)

THE SICK: Christopher Willis, Julie Greentree, Bonnie Day, Vonnice Heffernan, Peter Hodge, Faith Coyen, Ava Pearce John Barr, Helen Ryan & Edmond Hanrahan.

Entrance Antiphon: To you, I lift up my soul, O my God. In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame. Nor let my enemies exult over me; and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its increase.

"A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; It must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor" – Pope Francis (Laudato Si 49. 2015)

**OUR CHURCH is open for Private
Prayer each day.**

Come spend time with the Lord in the quiet,
Light a Candle and bring loved ones before the Lord.
Make our Church a House of Prayer.

ADVENT

*New liturgical year begins:
Sunday cycle C, weekday cycle 2*

**Advent & Christmas:
From Promise To Fulfilment**

The origins of Advent and Christmas

The present pattern of a four week Advent season followed by a Christmas season spanning the feasts of Jesus' birth and baptism disguises a long and complex history. In spite of intensive efforts by liturgical scholars a definitive account of the origins of the Advent season and the feasts of Christmas and the Epiphany has proved elusive.



Advent

The season of Advent is peculiar to the Western church. It has no counterpart in the East. Outside of Rome it may have arisen as a three or six week period of preparation for baptism on the feast of the Epiphany. Administering baptism on this day would have appealed at a time when the baptism of Jesus was the primary "epiphany" being celebrated (along with other revelations of Jesus' identity such as the visit of the Magi, the wedding feast at Cana and the transfiguration).

When the birth of Christ came to be observed in Rome on 25th December in the fourth century, Christmas was taken to be the beginning of the year. Thus Advent, once it took shape, served as the conclusion of the year. It was characterised by an emphasis on Christ's coming in glory at the end of time rather than on preparation for his nativity. Certainly in the time of Gregory the Great (590-604) Advent was eschatological rather than incarnational. It was Gregory who shortened the season from six weeks to four.

Eventually a four week season became universal in the Western church that combined three themes: spiritual discipline (arising from preparation for baptism or from Ember Days), preparation for Christmas (originating in places such as North Italy before being adopted in Rome), and the last times. It was only in the 10th century with the merger of Roman and Frankish liturgical traditions that Advent came to be understood as the beginning of the church's year. By the time liturgical books came to be standardised in the 12th and 13th centuries a four week Advent season focussed on John the Baptist and on the Parousia was established as the norm.

<https://www.catholicaustralia.com.au/the-sacraments/advent>

Faith grows Strong in Prayer

Look for **HOLY HOUR EACH WEEK IN OUR PARISH**
Come prayer awhile in the Eucharistic Presence
When a Parish Prays great things happen under Grace.
Special booklets are available and we pray the Rosary together.

**GRATITUDE IN ABUNDANCE for all those
who worked hard for the Sesquicentenary celebration**

**Last week. Oddly enough the rain of the day seemed to
make it a better celebration,**

**The yard looked wonderful, and the community spirit of
the representatives of the parish was energised.**

**SESSQUICENTENNIAL YEAR COMES TO A
CLOSE**

And so time passes and our year of markings of the 150th Anniversary of our Parish is coming to a close.... Time to move into the **NEW YEAR of St LUKE** and to begin the 151st Year of strong Catholic faith and life in our town in region.

At the beginning of the Year Fr Gleeson asked the Finance Committee and the Pastoral Council to combine and form one **SESSQUICENTENARY COMMITTEE...** our Patrons joined us as well as some other hard working parishioners but it is now time to rebuild afresh.

IN January and February we have the opportunity to establish a **New Active Energetic and Apostolic Pastoral Council...** it begins with a survey of who best fits the bill in the opinion of the active faithful in the Parish. We then draw up the list and present it to the people who then vote for the best people for the Ministry of Pastoral Service. Then we invite the people so named and voted to accept the Commission to serve as Pastoral Councillors and workers in building up the St Patrick's Community of Faith and Life. Ex Officio is the Principal of the School.... The Pastoral Council is not a governing body but a **PASTORAL MINISTRY OF SERVICE AND LOVE FOR THE PARISH.** We are Catholic Church not the local Council or Football Club. Much more down the track. Please begin praying for a good Strong committed Pastoral Council for 2022. In good time the Interim Pastoral Council over past years will be thanked and commended highly for surviving **COVID and many other obstacles**

CATHOLIC MISSION COLLECTION 2021:

A big thanks to the parishioners who contributed to the Catholic Missions Sunday. We raised **\$450.00.** Considering **COVID** and the **ESQUICENTENARY Celebrations** etc we did very well.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION &
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

Will be celebrated at the Vigil Mass 6pm... Mia Watson will be Confirmed and Any Watson will make his First Holy Communion.

Please pray for these young parishioners and their family... they have been waiting along time for this...since early August.

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2021 will be held

on Wednesday 8th December 2021 6pm in St Patrick's Parish Church.

END OF YEAR SCHOOL MASS

Tuesday 7th December 11.40am in School Hall (due to Covid restrictions still applying in Church!!!).



PRAYER FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

O Christ, our Teacher, You invite Your faithful people to make disciples in Your name and to announce good news to the poor. We thank You for the gift of Catholic schools, where the message of Your life, death, and resurrection is proclaimed, Christian community is experienced, service to our brothers and sisters is modelled, and worship of You is cultivated. Increase our zeal for ensuring that all children and families can benefit from a high quality Catholic education, and that Catholic schools grow in their ability to nurture the soul of our nation.

We ask this through the intercession of Our Lady, Mother of Catholic Schools. **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. **Amen**