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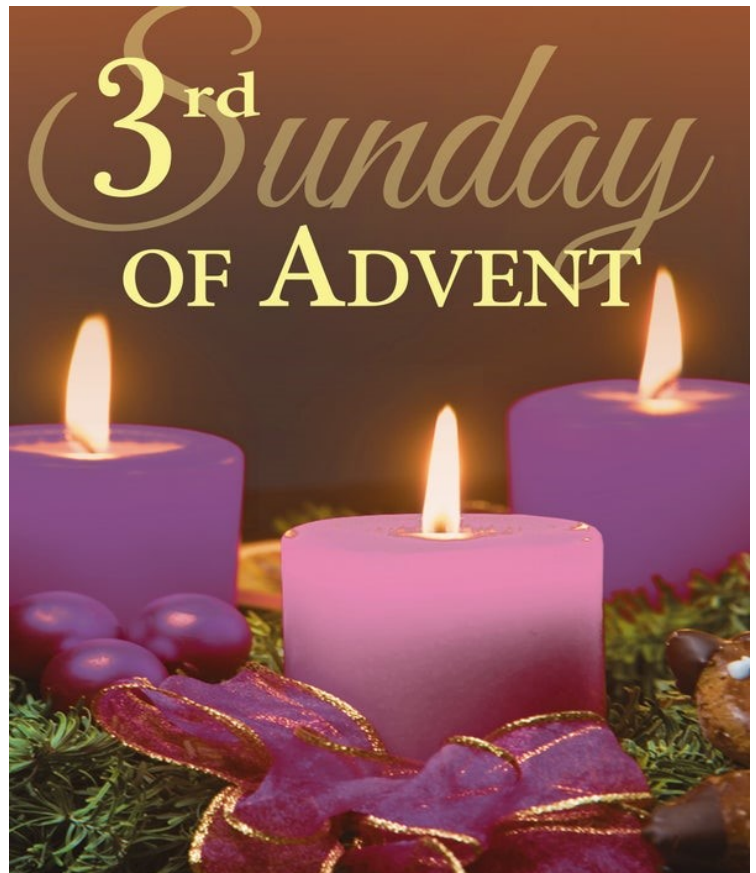
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Sacred Heart Church

7 Tabor Drive, Yeppoon

Mary Immaculate Church

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: "There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him." The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a pattern at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light. — Father John Muir ©LPi

The worshipping communities of Sacred Heart, Yeppoon & Mary Immaculate, Emu Park acknowledge the Darumbal People the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, and pay respect to their elders: past, present, and emerging.

For we too are one in land, one in spirit, one in faith, united in God's love.



LITURGIES



Date	Time	Mass
Tues 19 Dec	9:00am	Mary Immaculate
Wed 20 Dec	9:00am	Mass, Adoration & Rosary, Sacred Heart
Fri 22 Dec	9:00am	Sacred Heart
	2:00pm	Rosary
Sat 23 Dec	5:15pm	Mary Immaculate
Sun 24 Dec (4th Sun of Advent)	8:00 - 8:30am	Sacred Heart, Reconciliation
	9:00am	Sacred Heart
Sun 24 Dec (Christmas)	4:30pm	Carols, Mary Immaculate
	5:00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass, Mary Immaculate
	6:30pm	Carols, Sacred Heart
	7:00pm	Christmas Vigil Mass, Sacred Heart
Mon 25 Dec	9:00am	Sacred Heart

The Capricorn Coast Catholic Parish
CHRISTMAS MASSTIMES

4th Sunday Advent
Saturday 23 December 2023
 5:15pm Mass Mary Immaculate
Sunday 24 December 2023
 9:00am Mass Sacred Heart

Nativity of the Lord
 Children - come dressed as characters from the Nativity Scene
Sunday 24 December 2023
 4:30pm Carols Mary Immaculate
 5:00pm Mass Mary Immaculate
 6:30pm Carols Sacred Heart
 7:00pm Mass Sacred Heart

Monday 25 December 2023
 9:00am Mass Sacred Heart

Sacred Heart Church 7 Tabor Drive Yeppoon
Mary Immaculate Church 38 Archer Street Emu Park

Pray for

Baptisms:

Oaklan Dendle, Raven Glover,

The sick:

Veronica Loudon-Riley, Terry Groser, Ken Holmes, Ollie Miles, Michael Jones, Carolyn Perkins, Doreen Quinn, Anthony Withoos.

The recently deceased:

Merle Donovan, Kevin Davids, Lynette Aboud, Louise Page, Gavin Massie, Tom Harris, Richard Reed.

Those whose anniversary occurs at this time:

Dawn Abraham, Lea Alejandre, Marie Mitchell, Jack & Joan Grimes, Anton (Tony) Schick, Warren Williams, Shane Hocking, Anthony Bowman, Leo Hansby, Carmel Schick, Carmel Gormley.



WEEKEND ROSTER

This weekend - 3rd Sunday of Advent 16th & 17th December			
	5.15pm Sat Mary Immac.	9am Sunday Sacred Heart	5pm Sunday Sacred Heart
Commentator	Collette Bowman	Gordon Gauld	Mark Kennedy
First Reader	Marian Robinson	Marny Keith	Parishioner
Second Reader	Jan Jaeger	Roger McWinney	Parishioner
Next weekend - 4th Sunday of Advent 23rd & 24th December			
Commentator	Kathy Maloney	Barbara Pearson	Parishioner
First Reader	Collette Bowman	Sean Fallis	Parishioner
Second Reader	John Campbell	Warren Middleton	Parishioner

Come Holy Spirit,
 fill the hearts of your faithful,
 enkindle in them the fire of your love.
 Send forth your Spirit
 and they shall be created.
 And you shall renew the face of the earth.



Let us pray.
 O God, who instruct the hearts of the faithful
 by the light of the Holy Spirit,
 grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise,
 and ever to rejoice in your consolation.
 Through Christ, our Lord. Amen



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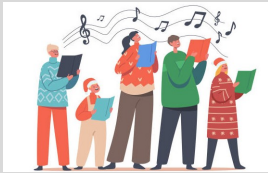
Rockhampton Musical Union will be leading Carols in the Cathedral on Sunday, 17th December from 4.30 to 5.30pm, which will be followed by the 6pm Sunday Mass and then the launch of the Lights of Christmas for 2023.

All are most welcome to attend for a spectacular lead up to Christmas.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC PRACTICE

Instrumentalists: Wed 20th Dec, 6-8pm

Singers: Thurs 21st Dec, 6-8pm



Summer Camp 2024

Ignite Summer Camp Diocesan Group

When: 10-14 January, 2024

Where: QCCC Mapleton (Sunshine Coast)

Who: Any 2024 high school students

Ignite Summer Camp is back in 2024, with four days of huge outdoor games, amazing rallies, 200 new mates and connecting with Jesus. Our diocese will be taking a group to Summer Camp, providing transport to and from the event and even providing an extra night's accommodation so we will be ready to go when the camp begins on the morning of the 11th of January. To register with our diocesan group, scan the QR code or go to <https://rok.catholic.net.au/services-agencies/pastoral-services/youth-ministry/summer-camp/>. For more details contact Mick at youth@rok.catholic.net.au or 0433 897 973.



LIVING THE GOSPEL

Gaudete!

The third Sunday of Advent was traditionally known as Gaudete Sunday. The word, gaudete, (pronounced go-day-tay) is from Latin and means Rejoice! The name was given to this Sunday because the entrance antiphon for the day is: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near. When Advent was observed as a more penitential season, this third Sunday was a break from the sombre mood and was more celebratory. The rose-coloured candle in the Advent wreath and rose-coloured vestments convey a mood of joy and celebration.



Date Claimers:

22 Feb 2024: Ordination to Priesthood of Deacon Peter Doherty

3rd & 4th February Enrollment Lent & Easter 2024: ALPHA Program

Hail Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy,
Our life our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
To thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in the valley of tears.
Turn then most gracious advocate,



Thine eyes of mercy towards us
and after this our exile, show unto us the
blessed fruit of thy womb Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!
Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
That we may be made worthy of
the promises of Christ.



THIS WEEK'S READINGS

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st Reading:

Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11

I exult for joy in the Lord.

Psalm Lk 1:

**My soul rejoices
in my God.**

2nd Reading:

1 Thess. 5:16-24

May you all be kept blameless, spirit,
soul and body, for the coming of our
Lord Jesus Christ

Gospel:

John 1:6-8,19-28

There stands among you,
unknown to you, the one who is
coming after me.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

1st Reading: 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16

Psalm: 88

2nd Reading: Romans 16:25-27

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38



Decorate our Church Christmas Tree

with photos of family & loved ones.

All are welcome to hang photos on the tree.

DATE CLAIMER: 2024 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

Wednesday 8th May 2024, 6pm - Information Evening

Friday 16th August 2024 - Confirmation Ceremony

Sunday 18th August 2024 - First Holy Communion Ceremony

CHRISTMAS APPEAL ST VINCENT DE PAUL

This weekend (16/17 December) will be the last weekend the baskets will be in the churches. However, donations can still be taken to the Vinnies shops in Yeppoon and Emu Park.



Thank you to all those who have contributed to the Vinnies Christmas hampers. Your generosity helps us to assist those in need in our community. This year, you have helped many people to have a much happier Christmas than they expected.

MESSAGE FROM FR PETER TONTI

All the Blessings of Christmas and may the little light of Christ continue to grow in you, in your Families and in your Ministries.

A deep thank you for all your thoughts and prayers. It is most encouraging to have such support from the other side of our vast country. Family support and the medics here in Perth have been exceptional and treatment is working well. I am hoping to return to the diocese after April next year ready for a delayed preseason. The sabbatical has become a most appreciated extended retreat.



Please pray for Peace in our troubled world so that Christ's Way, Truth and Life will heal the divisions of fear and hatred.

Shalom

Fr Peter Tonti

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