The Third Sunday of Advent marks John Paul II's beloved tradition of 'Bambinelli Sunday.' ***NEXT WEEK!***

St. John Paul II began a tradition early on in his papacy where he invited the children of Rome to assemble in St. Peter's Square on the Third Sunday of Advent during his Angelus address. He asked them to bring their little statue of the baby Jesus that would be placed in their Nativity set at home. John Paul II blessed the figurines of those present and told them to assemble before the manger scene with their family in a spirit of prayer. Both Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have continued the tradition and It is a beautiful Advent tradition, one that sanctifies the home with the baby Jesus and makes his arrival in the manger scene an even more joyous event.

WEEKDAY MASSES: **WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY 9.00AM**

CHURCH CLEANING DECEMBER

Cora and Geoff

CRYING ROOM INFO:

Feel free to use this room during the Mass. Kindly pack away toys at the end of the Mass. Thank you!

RCIA / RCIC INFO:

If you know anyone interested in learning about becoming a Catholic, please contact the Parish Office .

PIETY STALL INFO:

If you wish to buy some religious articles, books, or items please contact Jenny Goodheart.

TOILET FACILITY:

is situated at the Back of the Parish House; or right side of the Church; or nearest to School Oval.

FIRST AID BOX:

is located inside the Crying Room at the Entrance of the Church. Thank you!

Monthly Roster

Special Note: If you won't be able to come on your Roster, kindly arrange for someone to replace you. Thank you so much!

Parish Ministries	*8th December*	*15th December*	*22nd December*	*29th December*
Greeter	Volunteer	M. Gairen	J. Poett	W.Norrish
Intro & Second Reader	D. Cavoli	H. Cavoli	M. Hanna	E. Kennedy
First Reader	J. Poett	A. Schiano	J. Goodheart	Piper Kennedy
Minister of the Eucharist	J.Poett Volunteer	A. Schiano B. Volunteer	M. Hanna Volunteer	J. Poett Volunteer
Offertory	Robinson family	Gairen family	Kennedy family	G. Norrish family
Acolyte	Albert	Alexis	Sam	Ted
Altar Servers	Jesse Schiano di Cola Volunteer	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers

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Parish Finance Committee (Chairperson) : **Mr Norman Flugge**
St Patrick's Catholic Primary School (Principal) : **Mr Andrew Gammon (08 98208100**

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A **8th DECEMBER 2019**

SATURDAY	7th December	14th December	21st December	29th December
TAMBELLUP		6.00PM		8.30AM
BROOMEHILL	6.00PM			
SUNDAY	8th December	15th December	22nd December	29th December
KOJONUP	8.30AM	8.30AM	8.30AM	Comm Service 8.30AM
KATANNING	10.30AM	10.30AM	10.30AM	10.30AM

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: ***JUSTICE SHALL FLOURISH IN HIS TIME, AND FULLNESS OF PEACE FOR EVER.***

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ***Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!***

First Friday of the Month (9.00 AM before theMass) : *Holy Hour* *(Parish Church)*
First Saturday of the Month (9.00 AM) : *Mass* *(Parish Church)*
Second Friday of the Month (11.00 AM) : *Mass* *(Kerry Lodge)*

Parish Prayer

Good and Loving Father, we pray for Your guidance in our Parish Community,
all of our leaders and those in positions of different ministries.
Fill them with Your wisdom, knowledge and understanding.
Guide and inspire them to unite and to serve our Parish as servant-leaders.
We pray for our aged and sick, grant them Your Peace,
that they may experience Your love and healing presence in their lives.
We pray for our parents and families, that may be inspired to serve you;
and to grow in faith, love and understanding.
Guide our youth and children that they may grow in their trust of You
and be strengthened in their faith, as they grow to maturity.
Inspire our teachers, staff and students of St Patrick's
that they may grow in love and concern.
May each of us manifest the fruits and gifts of Your Holy Spirit,
as we minister with each other. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT - TONIGHT - KATANNING TOWN SQUARE

6.00pm free sausage sizzle and drinks, children's games and local entertainment.
7.00pm Carols Service. Please bring a blanket or chair and an item of food to go in a hamper for a family in need this Christmas. A combined Churches event .

Bishop Gerard's CatholicCare Christmas Appeal "People Helping People"

A reminder if you haven't already done so, to please return your donation envelope and place it in the offertory basket. This year's appeal is for the valuable services of the St Vincent de Paul Society. Donations of$2 or more are tax deductible.

Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2019

To help us gather our thoughts and prepare for the wonderful feast of Christmas, an Advent and Christmas Daily Reflection booklet, called "The Way", is now available.

These booklets can be used privately or as part of our informal Parish Advent discussion group and may be borrowed or purchased at $3.00 each for your own personal copy. If anyone is interested in taking part in an informal discussion of prayer, fellowship, a cuppa and a chat, we will meet in the Parish Meeting Room, every Wednesday during Advent, commencing **4 December at 6.00pm.**

For further details please see Emily Kennedy or Jenny Goodheart.

Gaudete Sunday Celebration! Gaudete (Latin) - Rejoice!

NEXT SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER - 3rd WEEK OF ADVENT

This is the day to celebrate and rejoice that our Advent season, where we prepare our hearts and our homes for the coming of Christ at Christmas, is more than halfway over—Christmas is close at hand—so we're having a party after Mass!

It is also "Bambinelli" Sunday—bring along your baby Jesus from your home Nativity Set, and Fr Gerome will bless all the baby Jesuses after Mass. Don't forget to dress up! Wear something pink, something floral, or something handsome—it is a party after all.

For lunch, please bring a plate of your favourite food to share!

Take the enclose flyer home and place it on your fridge as a reminder!

St Patrick's Parish Safeguarding Officers details:

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Next Week Readings: Third Sunday of Advent Year A - 15th December 2019: First Reading: (Prophet Isaiah 35:1-6,10) Second Reading: (letter of St James 5:7-10); Gospel: (Matthew 11:2-11).

Parish News:

Thank you to everyone who attended the Annual General Meeting last Sunday and thank you to our Pastoral Parish Council Committee in giving their time and efforts for our Parish and in support of Fr Gerome—Patrick Kennedy, John Paul Collins, Andrew Gammon, Emily Kennedy, Jenny Goodheart, Marie Hanna, Debra Bearcroft and Anu Jacob; and welcome to Julie Poett, returning to the committee!

Columban Calendars ($9), "The Way" Advent booklets ($3) and Christmas Cards/gifts available for purchase.

Sunday 15th December—Gaudete Sunday Party (flyer enclosed)

Sunday 22nd December—Christmas Cake and Sherry Morning Tea

CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE - $2.00 per ticket or 3 tickets for $5.00

There are five Sundays in December and as per usual arrangement on Sunday 29th December Tambellup will have the 8.30am Mass, Katanning the 10.30am Mass and Kojonup will have 8.30am Communion Service.

Let's continue to pray for the sick members of our families and also within our Parish especially:

Nancy Laurino; and in a special way Laline Ford and David McGuire.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome to our Parish. We pray you will find peace and comfort in our Parish and with our God. Please join us in fellowship and community events. Please fill up the **'Welcome to our Parish Form'** from the front entrance of the Church and return it to the Parish Office asap. Thank you very much and God bless!

Finance News:

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME

The ability to budget can only come about through the 'generous financial support of members of the Parish who make a pledge through the "Planned Giving Programme."
Like all families, everyone's pledge is important and commitment to the financial well-being of St Patrick's Parish is **VITAL.** If you would like to join or know more about the programme please contact the Parish Office or Mr Peter Kerin.

COLLECTIONS	17th November	24th November
1st Collection	$ 276.90	$ 217.45
2nd Collection	$ 68.80	$ 57.30
Planned Giving	$ 320.00	$ 685.00
Piety	$ --	$ --
Candles	$ 29.35	$ --