

CHURCH CLEANING ROSTER: DECEMBER: Harry & Diana**CRYING ROOM:** Feel free to use this room during Mass. Kindly pack away toys at the end of Mass.**PIETY STALL:** If you wish to buy religious articles, books or cards please contact Fr Marlon**FIRST AID BOX:** located inside the Crying Room at the entrance to the Church.**TOILET FACILITY:** Situated at the back of the Parish house; nearest to school oval.**RCIA/RCIC:** Anyone interested in learning about becoming a Catholic please contact Fr Marlon or Julie Poett.**WEEKDAY MASSES: Wednesday 13th December 11.00am;
Friday 15th December 9.00am****WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE:**

| <u>SATURDAY</u> | 16th December | 24th December | 25th December | 30th December |
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| TAMBELLUP | 6.00PM | 4.30PM | -- | |
| BROOMEHILL | | | -- | |
| <u>SUNDAY</u> | 17th December | 24th December | 25th December | 31st December |
| KOJONUP | 8.30AM | 8.30AM | Christmas Day | |
| KATANNING | 10.30AM | 10.30AM & 8.00PM | 9.00am | |

PARISH MINISTRIES: *If you are unable to attend on your rostered date please arrange for someone to replace you. Thank you!*

| | 17th December | 24th December | 25th December | 31st December |
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| Greeter | | | | |
| Intro & Second Reader | M. Hanna | | | A. Schiano |
| First Reader | D. Bearcroft | Christmas | Roster | S. Benitez |
| Minister of the Eucharist | | | | |
| Offertory | Volunteers | | | Volunteers |
| Acolyte | Alvarro | | | |
| Altar Servers | Volunteers | | | Volunteers |

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"Inspired by our Patron Saint and guided by the Gospel teachings of Jesus, St Patrick's Parish strives to welcome and serve one another"

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PARISH PRAYER: Please refer to the overhead screen**SUNDAY 17th DECEMBER 2023 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B****First Reading: 61:1-2,10-11**

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

The word of the Lord**Responsorial Psalm: My soul rejoices in my God****Second Reading: First letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5:16-24**

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord. Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising. **The Gospel of the Lord**

Today we acknowledge the services of three Altar Servers who will be leaving St Patrick's School to attend high school in 2024. Thank you to Violet Quartermaine, Haley Smith-Marciniak and Arizxa Libres. Thank you and to all our altar servers for giving up your time to serve the Lord and our parish community. With much appreciation and every blessing for their futures!



Today we welcome through the Sacrament of Baptism Lyllah and Emeliah McGrechan daughters of Blake and Sandy. Dear Lord, we thank you for the gift of the life of these children who are to be baptised. May your blessing of peace and joy be with them and protect them all of their days. Amen



The funeral Mass for the late Mrs Wendy Norrish will be held here at St Patrick's on Thursday 21st December at 11.00am

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMETABLE

Sunday 24th December:

St Patrick's Parish Katanning 4th Sunday of Advent Sunday Mass : 10.30am

St Bernard's Parish Kojonup 4th Sunday of Advent Sunday Mass : 8.30am

St Michael's Parish Tambellup Mass : 4.30pm

St Patrick's Parish Katanning Vigil Mass : 8.00pm

Monday 25th December: Christmas Day:

St Patrick's Parish Katanning 9.00am

PARISH NEWS

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday. Gaudete is the Latin word meaning "rejoice." This Sunday is so named because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice!"



CHRISTMAS CAKE & SHERRY after Mass TODAY!

Please join in some pre-Christmas cheer next Sunday at our traditional annual get together in the Parish House Meeting Room.

Tea and Coffee will also be available.

DIOCESAN ADVENT PROGRAM - Copies of the Diocesan Advent Program "We Long For You Lord" available at the entrance of the Church. Advent is near, a time to prepare for the coming of the Lord! This program is offered as a resource for prayer, reflection and preparation during the Advent season.

Let us continue to pray for the sick members of our families and also within our Parish especially: Laline Ford and David McGuire; Also our parishioners in Kerry Lodge and Bethshan, Eileen Smith, Clara Illiano, Ted Schaefer, Bonnie Quartermaine. Please keep them in your prayers.



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 complete the "Welcome to our Parish Form" from the front entrance of the Church and return it to the Parish Office. Thank you and God bless.

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 | 3rd December | 10th December |
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| 1 st Collection | \$ 147.05 | |
| 2nd Collection | \$ 12.10 | |
| Planned Giving Envelopes | \$ 135.00 | |
| Planned Giving Direct Debit | \$ 302.00 | |
| Candles | -- | |
| Piety Stall | -- | |