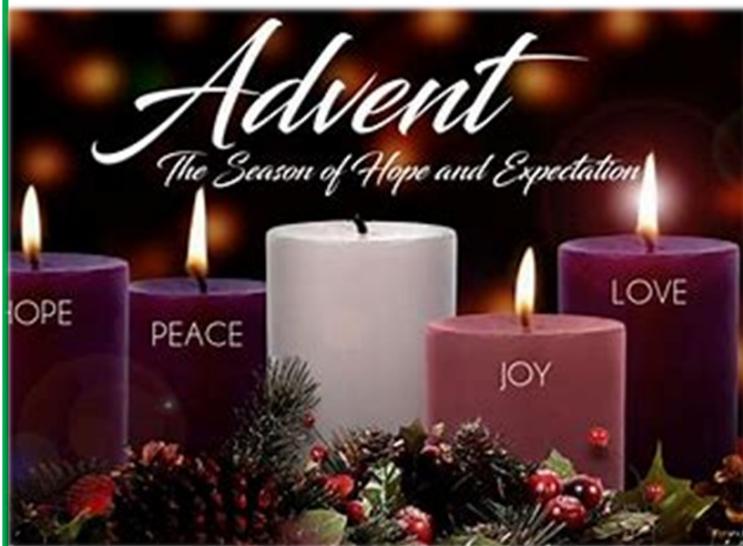


FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A

29th/30th November 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Welcome to the First Sunday of Advent.



ADVENT SEASON - SOBERING THOUGHTS

Advent tends to be swamped by Christmas music and Christmas noise. It should be a quiet time, where we step back to the fundamental experience of Israel, the experience of trustful waiting on the Lord's deliverance. It's a desert time, when we try to empty our minds of the clutter of the past and when our hearts learn from the Prophets what are the deepest needs in our lives. Advent reawakens hope and longing for a better future. Not just a secure financial future for me or you, but a future of Redemption for the entire people.

The consoling hymns of Christmas hardly engage with harsh issues like those we have mentioned. For this we need the more abrasive words of the Prophets, who often spoke up in times of crisis. Their opening words are often laced with doom, while their final words offer hope and consolation. First they try to wake us up and shake us out of our complacency,

but they generally end by affirming that all will be resolved by the power and faithfulness of God. Their language is sometimes so deep that we tend to ignore them and focus instead on things that are of little account. But let's pay special attention to the message of Isaiah, this Advent.

Taken from Association of Catholic Priests.

ST PAT'S NANANGO -Prue Clarke, APRE.

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent, a special time in the Church calendar when we prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Advent is a season of hope, peace, joy, and love — symbolised by the four candles on the Advent wreath.

This week, our staff gathered to reflect on the deeper meaning of Advent and the significance of each candle:

- **Hope** – The first candle reminds us of the hope we have in Christ.
- **Peace** – The second candle calls us to seek peace in our lives and communities.
- **Joy** – The third candle, often pink, celebrates the joy of Christ's coming.
- **Love** – The fourth candle represents God's love for all people.

Through prayer and discussion, we explored how Advent is not just about counting down to Christmas but about preparing spiritually — making room for Jesus in our hearts and lives. As we journey through these weeks, let us embrace the true meaning of the season and share its light with others.



Blessings, Father Stanley.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT		PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK	
	SATURDAY 29th November Blackbutt 5pm Liturgy SUNDAY 30th November Kumbia 8am Liturgy Nanango 8am Mass Kingaroy 10am Mass	Recently Deceased: Mary McClellan, Colleen McConville. Death Anniversaries: Mervyn Pedersen, Wayne Emms, Aileen Radburn, Christopher Young, Prayers for the sick: OLHC Parish - Amelia Cole, Greg Knaggs, Joan Cronin, Damian Wyvill, Kyle Sutherland (Perrett), Chris Stevens, Shirley Warner, Bruce McCarthy, Wendy Smith, Luke Colahan. St Mary's Parish - Denise Mann, Liz Mamczur, Ellie Spicer, Joe Smoothy, Judy Stanton, Jo Saunders, Michael Carroll, Therese Hanley, Teresa O'Sullivan, Maree Janz, Terry Burns, Juliette McCorley, Bruce McCarthy, Darren Hooper.	
First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5 Responsorial Psalm: Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord. Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14 Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia! Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44	SMCC - Mandy Sullivan - Head of College		
FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT			
Thursday 4th December Blackbutt 9am Liturgy Kumbia 5:30pm Liturgy ANOINTING MASS Friday 5th December Kingaroy 9am Mass Nanango - NO MASS	On Thursday evening, our Year 6 students celebrated their Rite of Passage at the Church with family and friends. Fr Stanley led a beautiful liturgy featuring student participation in readings, prayers, and a Welcome to Country. Ms O'Brien and Fr Stanley presented gifts and certificates, followed by speeches from the Year 6 Captains and a PowerPoint showcasing their journey from Prep. The evening concluded with cake and time to mingle.		
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT			
Saturday 6th December Blackbutt 5pm Vigil Sunday 7th December Kumbia 8am Liturgy Nanango 8am Mass Kingaroy 10am Mass	On Friday, Year 11 students returned from their Canberra and Sydney trip, tired but happy after visiting many sights. Year 10 students attended Mass at St Mary's as their final commitment for the year, where Fr Stanley reminded them that "everything that comes from Heaven is good."		
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD			
SPREAD THE WORD			
Children's Liturgy of the word will be held in St. Mary's Parish Hall this Sunday the 30th of November as it is the First Sunday in Advent. Beginning in February 2026, we will be having a Children's Liturgy of the Word on the First Sunday of each month.	ST VINCENT DE PAUL 2025 CHRISTMAS APPEAL  Collection Sundays will be: 30/11, 7/12 We would appreciate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Puddings / cakes, biscuits, jelly, tinned fruit, cordial, potato chips, bon bons and other Christmas goodies. Tinned ham, spaghetti, baked beans, beetroot, corn, etc. Tea, coffee, Milo, long life milk and custard. Cereals, pasta, rice and pasta sauces. <p>Please check 'use-by' dates on all food items!!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individually packed toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, powder, shampoo and conditioner. Alternatively please consider giving one or multiple IGA \$25 Gift cards. 		
BAPTISM CONGRATULATIONS			
	Congratulations to Elijah John Aileen Bishell who will be baptised on the 30th November . Please keep Alexi and Godparent Jasmine in your prayers.		
DATE CLAIMERS:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> South Burnett Choral presents "Sing Joy" on Saturday 6th December at 3pm in Nanango Catholic Church. <p>For more details, please see Flocknote or the Posters at your church.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Christmas Puddings / cakes, biscuits, jelly, tinned fruit, cordial, potato chips, bon bons and other Christmas goodies. Tinned ham, spaghetti, baked beans, beetroot, corn, etc. Tea, coffee, Milo, long life milk and custard. Cereals, pasta, rice and pasta sauces. <p>Please check 'use-by' dates on all food items!!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Individually packed toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, powder, shampoo and conditioner. Alternatively please consider giving one or multiple IGA \$25 Gift cards. 		
OLHC MAJELLAN CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON			
OLHC Majellan Christmas Luncheon is on Tuesday 2nd December 2025. Numbers are required for catering purposes. Please ring Cathy Scott on 0402 592 640.	<p>THANKYOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS</p>		