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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the Third Sunday of Advent.

Joy in the Lord

"Be strong and do not fear! Here is your God."

Today is called Rejoicing Sunday. Today the candle on the Advent Wreath is pink, not purple as on the other three Sundays of Advent. It is meant to express our joy at the nearness of Christ's birthday.

Some people seem to be happy by nature; others mournful by nature. Here is the story of a priest who always preached mournful sermons. He was asked by his parish priest to preach about St. Joseph instead, as he was a cheerful man. The following Sunday the priest spoke about Joseph who happened to be a carpenter and as a result spent a lot of his time making coffins and here we go again with sad, sad tales.

Here are three impressions about happiness. First, that happiness is right here and now. We convince ourselves that life will be better when we get married, have a baby, then another. Then we are frustrated that the kids are not old enough and we will be more content when they are. After that we are frustrated that we have teenagers to deal with. We will certainly be happy when they are out of that stage. We tell ourselves that our life will be complete when our spouse gets his or her act together. The truth is there is no better time to be happy than right now.

Second, 'If you are happy, let your face know.'

Maybe we could begin to be more joyful by taking a peek in the mirror and asking ourselves: does my face look like the face of someone who has heard

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the good news of the Gospel, namely that I am loved unconditionally by God?

Third, joy will come to us if we set about actively trying to create it for others. If I go about my life demanding that others carry me rather than seeking to carry them; feeding off others rather than feeding them; demanding that others meet my needs rather than trying to meet theirs, joy will never find me no matter how hard I party or try to crank up good cheer.

Taken from the Catholic Association of Priests

Blessings, Father Stanley.

End of school year blessings.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all the staff, students, parents/carers of St. Marys Catholic College Kingaroy and St. Pats Nanango. Stay safe on the roads and and enjoy a happy and blessed Christmas with family and friends.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SATURDAY 13th December
 Blackbutt 5pm Liturgy
 Kumbia 6pm Vigil
SUNDAY 14th December
 Nanango 8am Mass
 Kingaroy 10am Mass

First Reading:

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10

Responsorial Psalm:

Lord come and save us.

Second Reading:

James 5:7-10

Gospel Acclamation:



Alleluia, Alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring good news to the poor.

Alleluia!

Gospel:

Matthew 11:2-11

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT

Thursday 18th December	Blackbutt	9am	Liturgy
	Kumbia	5:30pm	Liturgy
Friday 19th December	Kingaroy	9am	Mass
	Nanango	12pm	Mass

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday 20th December	Blackbutt	5pm	Vigil
Sunday 21st December	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass
	Kumbia	4:30pm	Vigil

FACEBOOK AND WEBSITE

Look us up on our newly updated Facebook Page and check out our website - <https://kingaroynanangocatholic.org.au>

CHRISTMAS DAY MINISTRIES FOR OLHC NANANGO

We are looking for volunteers for the Christmas Day Ministries in Nanango. If you are able to assist, could you please add your name to the form at the back of the church.



The Parish Office will be closed from C.O.B Monday 23rd December 2024 and will reopen on Friday 5th January 2025.

FOR EMERGENCIES

Please leave a message on 07 41625121

or send an email to

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PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Death Anniversaries: Gabrielle (Gay) Kelly, Norma Eyres, Pat McNamara, Dallas Sercombe, George Do Rozario, Cecelia Young, Mary Carew, Margaret Fowke.

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.

CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to Rita and Graham Barron who celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on the 18th of December. We wish you many more years of happiness. May God continue to bless you.

WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH

On Friday, we joyfully welcome David and Caitlyn Cassidy as they are fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

On Sunday, we welcome Samantha Cook with joy as she is also fully initiated into the Catholic Church.

The Initiation of Adults is a beautiful process provided by the Roman Catholic Church for those who wish to respond to God's call and become Catholic. Through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), candidates receive a foundational understanding of Catholicism and grow in their faith journey. This gradual process takes place within the loving support of the parish community.

CHRISTMAS VIGIL AND DAY - INVITATION TO CHILDREN

Children are invited to come along and participate in the Vigil on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Contact Anna Patroni or the Parish Office if your children are interested.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS RESOURCES FOR CHILDREN



To help include children in your family in the celebration of Christmas, the Children and Families Team at Archdiocesan Ministries have created resources that you might like to use to help them along the journey. You can find resources at:

tinyurl.com/AdventWithKids