

We must be good stewards of God's gifts to us, receiving them gratefully and cultivating them with care, lest we be the ones about whom John the Baptist speaks today, cautioning us, "Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire."

Last Call for any food donations for SVDP to make up their yearly Christmas hampers. Please bring in any food donations by Sunday 4 Dec 2022.



The Second Rite of Reconciliation - Communal Reconciliation

The second form of the sacrament of penance is a communal liturgical celebration from beginning to end. It begins with the community listening to the word of God. The homily emphasises our need for repentance and the infinite mercy of God. During the examination of conscience, the assembly reflects together on where and how they have fallen short of their baptismal commitment to follow Christ. The individual confession and absolution that follows is communal too in that the penitents approach the confessors in full view of all present. The priests stand at appropriate points around the worship space in such a way that penitents can be seen but not heard by others. Those who wish to confess their sins approach one of the priests. While no restriction is placed on the individual's confession, good manners and common sense dictate that people limit the time they spend with confessors. More time for integral confession and spiritual guidance is available at the first rite. It is a moving experience to witness fellow Christians humbling themselves by publicly approaching a confessor for forgiveness. As they do, we pray for them, that they will know the fullness of God's grace and mercy. After the confessions, the ceremony concludes with a proclamation of praise, a prayer of thanksgiving and a blessing. **These are integral to the celebration, not an optional extra!** (Liturgy lines by Elizabeth Harrington: The Second Rite of Reconciliation. Copyright-Liturgy Brisbane).

Our parish will celebrate the Second Rite of Reconciliation Wednesday 7 Dec 2022 at 7pm. There will be many priests assisting us, so please invite your family and friends for this service as we prepare ourselves to celebrate the birth of Christ.

ARISE Charismatic Prayer Group

This Wednesday, **7 December** will be the last prayer meeting for the year. At 11.30 am start, we have Anne Woodford making her debut with her music ministry and Dan Hewitt leading in the worship. The presenter is Fr Thai speaking on "Advent: preparation for Christmas". This final meeting will be a Christmas celebration. Parishioners are invited to come and be part of our celebration, if possible, to bring a plate, otherwise, just come as you are.



Healing Mass in honour of St. Peregrine, Patron Saint of cancer sufferers and helper of all in need.

This Mass is also for their care takers and members of their families and will be celebrated in Saints John & Paul Church, Willetton on **Thursday 8th December 2022 at 7PM**. There will be blessing with the Relic of St. Peregrine and Anointing of the Sick.

Please note : Mass time for Fridays will be at 9am. Growing Vine has ended for the year 2022.

DATE	CHURCH	Parish Centre
Mon 05 Dec	9:00am Mass/9:30am Rosary	7:30pm SdVP – Rm 1
Tue 06 Dec	9:00am Mass/9:30am Rosary 7:00pm Midnight Mass Rehearsal	7:00pm RCIA – Rm 3 & Hall
Wed 07 Dec	9.00am Mass/9.30am Rosary 11:00am ARISE Prayer Group 7:00pm 2nd Rite of Reconciliation	9:30am Craft Group – Rm 3 11:00am ARISE – Hall
Thu 08 Dec	9:00am Mass/9:30am Rosary 7:00pm St Peregrines' Healing Mass	
Fri, 09 Dec	9.00am Mass/ 9:30am Rosary	2.00pm Legion of Mary – Rm 2
Sat 10 Dec	9:00am Mass 9:30am Recon/Rosary 5.30pm Mass	10.30am Men's Group Bible Sharing—DWWJ 3:00pm T4C – Hall & Kitchen
Sun 11 Dec	7.30am Mass 9.00am Mass 10.30am Mass	1st Reading Is : 35: 1 – 6, 10 2nd Reading James : 5: 7 – 10 Gospel Reading Mt : 11: 2 – 11 6:00pm BBQ & Picnic 7.00pm Carols by Candlelight

MINISTRY TEAM

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Value of Scriptures in Daily Life

Responding to the recent Survey, the Parish Pastoral Council invited Dr Peter Christofides to speak to us on 'The Value of Scriptures in Daily Life.' Over 150 parishioners attended the two sessions last week with ages arranging from 10 years to 85 years of age. Dr Peter is an extremely engaging and humorous speaker who connected with the audience right away saying the Bible is our manual for daily life which we must open and read and not just rely on hearing it read in Church. The Bible does not just impart knowledge, but life itself. Some comments from parishioners were:

- I really enjoyed Dr Peter's talk
- Very inspiring and informative
- The slides were clear and concise giving us an excellent overview of the Bible with content that was simple and relatable

I am pleased I attended as he gave us a good perspective on why we have four gospels and how each one is different. Dr Peter gave us excellent tips on how to start reading the Bible. You can begin with a Gospel, the Letters or the Psalms. The Book of Proverbs for example has 31 chapters with loads of practical sayings that are relevant even today - a family can read one chapter together before meals. If you wish to make a start with daily scripture reading and need a Bible, our Piety Stall has NRSV Bibles that are easy to read or Scripture Diaries which have the mass readings for each day. Thanks to all who attended and an invitation to those who could not attend to join in future sessions like this in 2023.



RCIA & Vocation Evening - Jesus said Come and See! (John 1 :39): Have you ever thought about a vocation to priesthood, religious life or would like more information. All are welcome (male and female) to join RCIA this **Tuesday 6th December 2022 at 7PM in the St John and Paul Parish Centre** for an evening of information on potential

vocational journeys with Fr (Francis) Huy Thanh NGUYEN, Vice Rector of St Charles Seminary. Fr Francis is a priest & spiritual director with over 20 years' experience, who has happily accepted our invitation to speak on vocations and future pathways.

Carols by Candlelight in our parish Sunday 11 Dec 2022. The evening begins at 6pm with a bbq and picnic. Carols start at 7pm and Santa arrives at 8pm. Do come and enjoy the evening with other parishioners.



St Vincent De Paul – Piety Stall News

If you are looking for a Christmas present, why not consider giving to your family and friends: **God's Word 2023 – Spiritual Reflections \$20, Columban Calendars \$10**



PREP 2022 closed with the celebration of Mass.