



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YR B**  
**24TH DECEMBER, 2023**

Readings: 2 Sam 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

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**Mary is a true hearer of the Word of God**

We see the fulfilment of God's unfolding plan of redemption in the events leading up to the Incarnation, the birth of the Messiah King. The new era of salvation begins with the miraculous conception of Jesus in the womb of Mary. This child to be born is conceived by the gracious action of the Holy Spirit upon Mary, who finds favour with God (Luke 1:28). This child will be "great" and "Son of the Most High" and "King," and his name shall be called "Jesus" (Luke 1:31-32), which means "the Lord saves." "He will save his people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). The angel repeats to Mary, the daughter of the house of David, the promise made to King David: "The Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there will be no end" (2 Samuel 7:12-16, Isaiah 9:6-7, Luke 1:32-33).

How does Mary respond to the word of God delivered by the angel Gabriel? She knows she is hearing something beyond human capability. It will surely take a miracle which surpasses all that God has done previously. Her question, "how shall this be, since I have no husband" is not prompted by doubt or skepticism, but by wonderment! She is a true hearer of the Word and she immediately responds with faith and trust.

Mary's prompt response of "yes" to the divine message is a model of faith for all believers. Mary believed God's promises even when they seemed impossible. She was full of grace because she trusted that what God said was true and would be fulfilled. She was willing and eager to do God's will, even if it seemed difficult or costly. Mary is the "mother of God" because God becomes incarnate when he takes on flesh in her womb. When we pray the Nicene Creed we state our confession of faith in this great mystery: "For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man".

What is the key that unlocks the power and grace of God's kingdom in our personal lives? Faith and obedience for sure! God gives us grace and he expects us to respond with the same willing obedience and heartfelt trust as Mary did. When God commands he also gives the help and means to respond. We can either yield to his grace or resist and go our own way.

*This reflection is from One Bread, One Body courtesy of Presentation Ministries © 2023.*



*St Joseph’s Church  
P.O. Box 369  
177 Currie Street  
Nambour*

*St. Joseph’s Parish Mass Times*  
*Monday 8:00am , Wednesday 10:00am, Friday 8:00am,  
Saturday 6:00pm, Sunday 8:00am*  
*Reconciliation*  
*Wednesday 9:30, Saturday 4:30pm*

*St John Bosco Church Kenilworth Mass Time  
Third Sunday of the month 10:00am*  
*St Augustine’s Church Palmwoods Mass Time  
Third Sunday of the Month 5:30pm*



*St John Bosco Church  
21 Anne Street  
Kenilworth*

**Saturday 23 December**

4:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass @ St Joseph's

**Sunday 24 December***FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT*

8:00am Mass @ St Joseph's

**Sunday 24 December****Christmas Eve**

4:00pm Mass @

St Augustine's Church,

Palmwoods

7:00pm **Christmas Eve**

Mass @ St Joseph's

**Monday 25 December****Christmas Day**

8:00am Mass @ St Joseph's

10:30am Mass @

St John Bosco

Church, Kenilworth

**Friday 29 December**8:00am Mass & Welcome  
to Fr Jim Smith**Saturday 30 December**

4:30pm Reconciliation

6:00pm Mass

**Sunday 31 December***THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH*

8:00am Mass @ St Josephs Church

**Please pray for the Sick and needy** and all the sick and needy and their families, particularly Yvonne & Bob Reid, Aiden Doyle and Doreen Brennan and all those affected by any illness or virus, locally and globally, and their loved ones, and also those remaining in the Parish Journal for the Sick.



**Mass on Demand** is available 24/7 on <https://www.youtube.com/user/cathnews>. Please advise the Parish office when you or your loved ones are well enough to be removed from the prayers.

**Please pray for those who are seriously ill or suffering in hospital including** Tita Marshall, Neal McIntyre, Tom Mathews, Peter Madue, Glenda Kassulke, Dave Pitt, Diane Price, Noeline Herdy Ferguson, Grant Allen (Kenilworth), Olivia McNamee (12 yr old), Jim McLeod, Maree Kruger, Val Chatterton, Baby Koa Pegler, Bruce Power, Marie Gannon, along with all those who work and serve in hospitals, in any capacity.

**Please pray for all Parishioners & Friends in residential or home care and those who care for them including** all those in the Parish Prayer petition book. Especially Margaret Cody, Elvira Quinn, Edna Veronica May.

**The Prayer petition book** is present at masses where the larger list of names of the sick, seriously ill and residential people are placed. The petitions will be updated regularly and present at all masses.

**Please pray for the holy souls in Purgatory**, especially deceased relatives and friends.

**Anniversaries:** Remember in your prayers Malcolm Pearce 9/1, Terence Hopkinson 31/12, Leo Juratowitch 24/12, Jan Pearson 2/1/22, Fr. Frank Heffernan 23/12/1996, Robbie Keegan 18/12/22, Mark Turner 17/12/22, George & Florence Kenyon, Raymond (Tom) Leslie McDougall 03.12.2022, Jason Kunkel 28/11, Dorothea Cornish 24/11, Hilda Pulache 19/11, and all those whose Anniversary occurs at this time and we pray for all their families and loved ones.

**Deceased:**

*Please pray for the repose of the souls of* all the recently departed especially John McGoldrick, Lachlan James Robbins 29 years old (Grandson of Joan & Barry Pobjoy) Joseph Clutterbuck (Mackay), Sesto Porcellini (Peter & Jennifer's father/inlaw) Please also pray for loved ones in their grieving.

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## PARISH WEEKLY DIARY

**Sundays:**

6:00am TV Mass at Home ch10

**Tuesdays:**

9:15am Tai Chi

*(recess from 21/11/23—20/2/2024)*

Ryan Room

Enquiries 0427 690 072

**Fridays:**

6:00pm RICA - Ryan Room

**ST JOHN BOSCO CHURCH KENILWORTH****Thursdays:**

9:30am Christian Meditation

**Sundays:**

9:00am Lay Led Liturgy of the word with Communion

**Third Sundays:**

10:00am Mass

**Fifth Sundays:**

9:00am Ecumenical Service



**ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NAMBOUR  
CHRISTMAS MASS  
TIMES**

<p>ST JOSEPH'S CHURCH 177 CURRIE ST NAMBOUR</p> <p>ST JOHN BOSCO CHURCH 21 ANNE ST KENILWORTH</p> <p>ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH 13 HILL ST PALMWOODS</p> <p>WWW.NAMBOURCATHOLICS.NET PHONE: (07) 5441 1034</p>	<p><b>SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER</b></p> <p>CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00PM MASS @ ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, PALMWOODS</p> <p>7:00PM MASS @ ST JOSEPH'S NAMBOUR</p> <p><b>MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER</b></p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY 8:00AM MASS @ ST JOSEPH'S NAMBOUR</p> <p>10:30AM MASS @ ST JOHN BOSCO CHURCH KENILWORTH</p>
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**St Joseph's Conference NAMBOUR****List of Raffle Winners  
17 December 2023**

*First Prize* Ted Hannan  
*Second Prize* Tom Ryan  
*Third Prize* Marlene Jackson  
*Fourth Prize* Dean Adams  
*Fifth Prize* Joe Rolston  
*Sixth Prize* Lyn Tyrrell  
*Seventh Prize* Kate Bourassa

Our Conference thanks you all most sincerely for your generous support this year.

Your donations assist us to help those in need in our community.

We wish you all the blessings of Christmas.

*Annette Baker (President)*

## 2024 Parish Study Program

1. On line learning with 'Transformed Catholics' Program
2. Group studies using DVD and workbook
3. Parish Book Club
4. Arete Residential and on line training - for 2025

Sign in to any, or all of the studies via:

- The QR Code opposite
- The link: [bit.ly/CFStudygroup](https://bit.ly/CFStudygroup)
- The sign up page at the Church - The Parish Office will then register you

(please include your email address when you sign in)

Your early sign up will help gauge likely interest across the programs and allow more detailed information to be sent to you

Funding gratefully provided through the 'Catholic Foundation' Grants Program.



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Led by Fred de Waard.

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Trevor & Judy Smith.

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Rosanna Tumelty.

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#### Servers

Maureen Murphy.

#### Children's Liturgy

Jocelyn Lysaght.

#### Sacramental Program

Rosanna Tumelty.

#### Baptism Ministry

Rosanna Tumelty.

#### Ecumenical Ministry

Joan Pobjoy.

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Rosanna Tumelty

& Adrian Eldridge.

#### Helping Hands

Kate Bourassa & Jan Imarisio.

#### Youth Minister

To be confirmed

Contact all Ministry Coordinators  
 C/- Parish Office 54411034



St Joseph's Church Nambour has set up an account for fundraising funds for the 2024 Parish Study Groups. Please support, it will be a great Christmas gift to the Parish, either by dropping off containers at the depot or the Parish.

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*This week we celebrate and congratulate the following for the celebration of significant events in their lives.*

*Joan Brady celebrated her 96th day of Birth.*

*Jim and Kate Bourassa celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary.*

*And not to forget Barry and Joan Pobjoy celebrate their shared day of birth on Christmas Eve.*

*May the good Lord bless you all and carry you in his loving arms, along with all people, gentlemen, ladies, teenagers and children, who are celebrating significant events in their lives.*

### THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

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Three wise Eastern men got a calling  
 Not sure where they were to go  
 Just look up and follow the light  
 Is the entirety of what they were told.

So they hastily packed their belongings  
 Took some provisions along with them  
 Day and night guided by the light  
 It was the Star of Bethlehem.

Following paths they'd never been on  
 Across rivers, deserts and plains  
 Through daytime heat and night time cold  
 Sandstorms, lightning and rain.

Till they all met up with each other  
 Instantly knowing they were on the same path  
 Without a word being spoken  
 They all understood it in their heart.

Each of them had brought a precious gift  
 Without being asked or told  
 To present to the newborn baby Jesus  
 One had frankincense, one myrrh, one gold.

Mary and Joseph were on the run  
 As their unborn Son was in danger  
 With nowhere to give birth to him  
 He was delivered in a manger.

Day and night there was an afterglow  
 A navigator that guided them  
 From yesterday, into tomorrow  
 It is the Star of Bethlehem.

## Fr F.V. Hefferan Bursary & Awards 2024.



The Executive Committee for the Fr F.V. Hefferan Bursary & Awards wish to advise the 2024 round for applications will be a fallow year.

The 2025 round will be promoted in September 2024 with applications opening in November 2024.

**COUNTERS: This week:** Group 4: M. Jackson, B. & M. Barker, T. Leahy, K. Grundy, V. Richmond  
**Next week:** Group 1: E. Lawrence, T. McCorley, D. Kelly, T. Keegan, M. Murphy, D. Cuskelly

### Planned Giving Last week:

Envelopes: \$1404.25  
 Loose: \$1114.65

## ST JOSEPH'S USUAL MONTHLY DIARY

### 1st Monday:

- ◆ 5:30pm Monday Liturgy Meeting (TBC)

### 1st Wednesday:

- ◆ 10:00am Anointing Mass
- ◆ 10:30am Seniors Gathering & M/tea—new Parishioners welcome
- ◆ 6:00pm Leadership meetings bi monthly

### 1st Friday:

- ◆ 8:30am—6:00pm 10 Hour Eucharistic Adoration Followed by Benediction concluding at 6:30pm

### 1st Saturday:

- ◆ 8:30am Baptism Preparation
- ◆ 11:00am Mass Marion Movement Combined Cenacle SSCoast—all welcome

### 3rd Sunday:

- ◆ 10:00am Mass at Kenilworth
- ◆ 5:30pm Mass at Palmwoods

### 5th Sunday:

- ◆ 9:00am Ecumenical Service at Kenilworth

### Last Monday-bi-monthly

- ◆ 5:15pm Helping Hands Next meeting tbc

### Last Friday:

- ◆ 6:00pm St Joseph's Men's Group



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